

# EWHURST BOWLING CENTRE NEWS

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Contributions for the November issue to Sheena Hall by October 26<sup>th</sup> please.

## OUTDOOR BOWLS

### Club Captain's Report

By the time you read this the 2024 Club Competition Finals day's will have been played, so congratulations to all who reached the various Finals and especially those who won (but not forgetting the effort of the Runners up).

There is only a few weeks to the Final Fling (Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September) and handover day to the Short Mat section on the 21<sup>st</sup> Sept. A list is on the Noticeboard for those who can help on that day (morning) with the tidy up the clubhouse and green.



On the playing side we are continuing to have mixed results in our Friendlies - don't forget to put your name down on the availability sheets on the Noticeboard for the last few still to be played. Up until now we have only cancelled one fixture due to lack of players but had to reduce the number of triples scheduled on several others, so many thanks to those members who regularly make themselves available and hope next season a few more of our members commit to playing in them.

In the meantime, don't forget to put Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November in your diaries which is the date of the AGM.

Doug Lock

### From your Club Secretary

#### Car Park

Most of you will have noticed that the potholes in the car park have been repaired. Long time coming but the Ewhurst Parish Council who own the public car park have been thanked for getting the work done.

#### Guilford & Woking League

This "Old Codgers" league is nearing completion and with 2 matches to go we could come 6<sup>th</sup> which means that we will not feature in the league finals day. It really depends on our results of course, but other teams around us will play their part. As manager I take full responsibility for our performance and offer my resignation, where have you heard that before!!! Any volunteers? Sadly, Albury had to withdraw from the league as they could not guarantee to get a full side out every week.

#### Knaphill Triples League

It does not look as though we will win our zone this year, having won it last year, Albury look to be the favourites with a couple of matches still to play.

## Member's Forums

We have had a few informal gatherings this season which have given all members a chance to raise ideas for the club. We may have one more before the end of the season.

The possibility of sponsorship was mentioned at the last forum and a few enquiries have been made to financial planning companies and a travel agent but with no success. You will no doubt have seen some banners around some bowling clubs advertising sponsors and we have investigated the rules relating to the display of banners for sponsors. There are planning rules for displays outside the boundary of clubs which are quite strict but are slightly easier inside. Even so there are still restrictions and planning permission must be obtained from the borough council which even for pre-planning advice costs money.

If any of you know of any company, particularly local, who might be interested in sponsoring us pop along and have a chat to them.

## Short Mat Club

Many of you will have seen short mat being played twice a week in our season so please be aware and observe the usual etiquette when they are playing. Good to see the clubhouse being utilised.

Val Sloman is the new chair of their committee, her late husband Nigel was captain of our club for many years so we wish her every success in her role.

## Diary Note

Our AGM will be held this year on Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30pm.

Roger Newman

One of our new bowlers has written an article about his early weeks with the club for the local Parish magazine and is happy for it to be included in our newsletter – thank you John.

## **THE MYSTERIES OF LAWN BOWLS REVEALED**

JOHN WHITE HAS TAKEN UP A NEW SPORT

*“Is that shot, Skip?” “Well played, we’re holding three.” A conversation like that would have been totally meaningless to me only a few weeks ago. ‘Chalking a toucher’ and ‘Marking the Jack in the Ditch’ would be like a foreign language. And why are pairs played with four, rinks with two and triples with three? Well, at least the last one makes sense! I’m also led to believe that Australian Pairs does not require antipodean ancestry.*

*Even in my late 70s, I have found that it is not too late to learn something new and begin to make sense of a new sport. At the very least, I have got my backside out of the chair, away from the computer and tv and managed some exercise.*

*In case you have not realised, I have recently joined Ewhurst Bowling Club. After some persuasion from a friend – and my wife - I went to the club’s Open Day in mid-May to get a taste for the game. I soon realised that it is not as easy as it might look – but I suppose that is part of the challenge. Anyway, I was hooked enough to go along to the Monday afternoon coaching sessions along with a dozen or so other ‘newbies’. We initially learnt about placing the mat, throwing and centring the ‘jack’ to the desired length, etiquette on the rink and, most importantly, we found out that the bowls are not in fact perfectly round. They all have a ‘bias’. So to get near the ‘jack’ a bowl must be delivered so that it curves (in the direction of its bias) hopefully to finish close to the ‘jack’.*

*The game can be rewarding as well as frustrating. I seem to be able to bowl more accurately than just a few weeks ago. My delivery is smoother (most of the time) and I have learnt to improve my stance; but I have a long way to go especially as my muscles and joints are not as good as they used to be. I am still a youngster compared to some of the playing members – at least one of whom is over 90. Equally, there are many members who are quite a bit younger. You don't have to be retired to play bowls.*

*I should mention the 'off rink' amenities; the club house includes facilities for tea, coffee and refreshments and a licenced bar - preferably for use after play and not before!*

*We're a friendly lot and, if you live locally, I am sure there's a least one person you know already who is a member. If not, come along anyway – you will be made most welcome as I have found over the last couple of months.*

*The club has its own website if you want to know more – [ewhurstbowls.co.uk](http://ewhurstbowls.co.uk). We look forward to seeing you whatever your age or ability.*

## SHORT MAT

**If you intend to play this coming season and haven't paid your subscription yet,  
please complete the form at the end of the newsletter.**

### From the Chair

Firstly, I would like to thank my willing volunteers for running our summer roll ups. Even though the season was shorter than normal, it was a great success thanks to David Lipman and Graham Prall for the Wednesday morning and Bjorg Lewis and David Gillings for the Thursday evenings. Everybody enjoyed the bowling and the company. I hope next year we will be able to continue and even look to put on an extra morning.



As September is fast approaching and our last Bank Holiday before Christmas is now over, we look forward to the short mat season which begins on 23<sup>rd</sup> September. I look forward to seeing you all at our rollups on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday - you can play mornings, afternoons or evenings in our friendly clubhouse. Everybody is welcome so please encourage our newer bowlers to enjoy the experience as we were all beginner's once.

Please look at the notice boards and sign up for SHAB, Wey Valley and our own competitions. You will get a wealth of experience and fun from playing in different venues and realise just how excellent our facilities are.

Here's to another successful short mat bowling season.

*Val Sloman*

## Committee Meetings

The minutes of Committee Meetings will no longer be on our website but will be put on the notice board in the club house. Minutes of your Committee's meetings include a report from the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer along with reports from the other members on the work they are doing. **Draft** minutes of the AGM will also be on the notice board.

These items are for reading in the clubhouse and **must not** be removed from the building.

Your Committee are always willing to talk with members about any concerns they may have.

## Course for Beginners

This year's 6-week course will run on Thursday mornings from 9.30 to 11.30 beginning on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The cost is £12 which is collected on week two.

If any members know of someone who might be interested in joining the course, please ask them to contact me.

*Margaret Weeden*

## Competition Schedule 2024 – 2025

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October - Wednesday Morning League begins.  
(This will run for 24 weeks, excluding 25<sup>th</sup> December & January 1<sup>st</sup>)

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November - Friday Evening Triples begins.  
(Nov 8, 22, Dec 6, 20, Jan 3, 17, 31, Feb 14, 28, March 14)

November through to March - preliminary rounds of Mixed Pairs and Open Pairs Competitions

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Star Cup Competition

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January – Teams of 5 Competition

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Drawn Pairs Preliminaries

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March – Novice Bowlers Competition

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Singles Preliminaries

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Finals Day

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June - Annual Presentation Lunch

## Aussie Pairs

Subject to enough interest, we are proposing to schedule two Aussie Pairs competitions during the forthcoming season.

The first competition will take place fortnightly over six Tuesday **afternoons** 2pm – 4pm, October & December; the second six Tuesday **evenings** 7pm – 9pm, January & March 2025, giving competitors a choice of playing times.

Each competition will be restricted to 12 players.

A notice for the Tuesday afternoon sessions will be put on the notice board at the beginning of the season.

*David Kempson & Margaret Weeden*

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

Thanks to the efforts of your social committee and the support of members who attend our events, we have been able to distribute £1500 from our profits, with cheques for £500 going to Marie Curie, to Ewhurst Bowls Club, and to Ewhurst Short Mat Bowls Club. These impressive amounts were enhanced by the substantial funds raised through the Bridge Tea event – a worthwhile venture but not one that can be repeated every year due to the work involved.

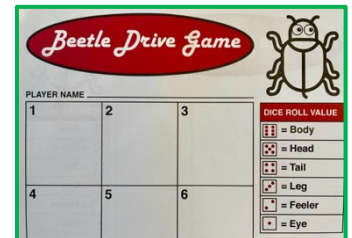
During the present financial year, we will continue to support these three causes: however, during 2025/26 our charity of choice will be the Air Ambulance Kent, Surrey, Sussex.

### Future Events

We do of course, need you to come to some or all of the events planned! The Social Committee aims to provide enjoyable (and sometimes competitive) activities for members of both clubs so that new friendships can be fostered, and old friendships renewed.

By the time this newsletter appears, you may have attended our Beetle Drive on Tuesday 27th August at 3pm.

We plan to have a '[Blingo](#)' afternoon session (amateur Bingo) and our ever-popular [Kurling](#) will be in early October - the dates of both events will be advertised soon.



Our [Big Quiz](#) will take place on 30th November, hosted by master quiz man Roger Dobbing: our thanks to him.

There will be an [Open Bar night](#) for members of both clubs on Friday 13th December, with free mince pies and our fun golf putting game.

We look forward to seeing both old and new faces at any of these events!

*Your Social Committee*

# Ewhurst Short Mat Bowling Club

## Application for Membership Renewal 2024

Subscriptions for 2024

Full Membership £60 Social Membership £10

Name: ..... Full/Social £ .....

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Under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) I give my consent that the club can hold my personal details for the sole use of the Bowls Club.

Signature (and also print your name)

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Please note below any change of postal address, phone number or email details if not already recorded on the membership list.

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Send this form and your cheque (payable to 'Ewhurst Short Mat Bowls Club') to the treasurer, Michael White, Rubino, Cranleigh Road, Ewhurst GU6 7RN.

**OR** pin it on the noticeboard addressed to Michael White

**OR** pay by online bank transfer to the 'Ewhurst Short Mat Bowls Club'

account number: 41182660

sort code: 30 98 97 – remember to include your name for reference.