

EWHURST BOWLING CENTRE NEWS

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In the past few days we have all been saddened by the news that Keith Garland, truly one of our club's biggest personalities, has passed away. The memorial service will take place on Tuesday April 26th at 2.30 in Dunsfold Church.

"Older" members of the club will also remember Alan Ruthford who passed away some weeks ago. Our sympathy goes out to his wife and family.

Short Mat

From your chairman...

Social Committee

No club is complete without its social side and the events at Ewhurst are organised by a small dedicated social committee. Roger Dobbing has chaired this committee for over 10 years and has decided to give somebody else a chance!! Big, big thanks to Roger for all his time and effort.

He is a hard act to follow but we need a volunteer from either club to take over the running of the social committee, so if you think you might like the job please talk to Roger and he will tell you what is involved and hopefully talk you into it! If we don't have a chairman then we will not have social events.

Long Service Achievement!

Many congratulations to Peggy and Roger Mason who recently celebrated their Diamond

Wedding anniversary, 60 years of married bliss!!

Outdoor Bowling for Short Mat Members

Spring is here, birds are nesting and it will soon be the outdoor season - so if any of you or your friends want to try bowling outdoors please get in touch with Jackie Rubie or Richard Tabor and they will let you know how best to get started.

On Monday 25th and Wednesday 27th April at 2pm there will be coaching sessions for Short Mat players who would like to play outdoors. Club coaches Hilary Mitchell and John Greenwood are willing to give individual coaching for beginners, short mat players or anyone else who feels they would like a "refresher". Please contact them directly.

Handover Day

Handover day to the Outdoor Club is Saturday 16th April. We need as many people as possible to help make the club clean and tidy for the outdoor guys from 9:30am onwards.

Competitions and Leagues

One Mat League

This is played between 2 teams from Ewhurst, Shalford, Blackheath and Comptons. It was won this year by Comptons with Ewhurst Red second. So congratulations to Comptons and thanks from all participants to David Kempson who organised the fixtures throughout the season. Next season we will be trying to get at least one more club and possibly two to compete in this league and we will then be back to using all 3 mats on a Tuesday evening.

Friday Triples League

Six teams competing this year and the league was won by the Old Swingers who were Roger Newman, Hilary Mitchell, Mavis Kempson, Margaret Weeden and the biggest swinger of them all, captain Jo Newman.

Wednesday League

Played, believe it or not, every Wednesday morning, 19 different members took part but not all every week. There were three who managed to play all 20 weeks (Terry Harper, Brenda Cunningham and Margaret Weeden). The winner of Tom Sutton Cup this year with 34 points is Terry Harper so congratulations to him.

Finals Day – April 9th

Many supporters turned up to watch the bowling. Thanks to all of you for coming. All competitors that I spoke to really enjoyed the audience, it helps to make the occasion very special.

New Bowlers Cup, presented to the club by Nigel Sloman, was contested at the group stage on the 20th February and the standard of bowling that I witnessed in the morning was excellent and I am told equally so in the afternoon. Nobody won all their matches so the winners of each group were decided on shot difference. Indeed in the afternoon the results were so close that there had to be a one end play off. Congratulations to Mike Wells and Liz Hodge who contested the final, Liz prevailing in close encounter, so New Bowlers Cup goes to Liz Hodge.

As ever, thanks go to Alan Goldsmith for his organisation before and during the group stages and to those who supported and marked on the day.

Club Singles

Malcolm Wright, Roger Newman, Pauline Shipway and Roger Dobbing all won their groups earlier in the season. Roger N managed to beat Malcolm in one semi final and Pauline beat Roger D in the other. The final swayed to and fro but Roger eventually won with Pauline needing 3 shots to draw on the last end but only managing 2, an exciting finish.

Drawn Pairs

The semi finals were between Alan Goldsmith and Roger Newman against Margaret Weeden and Di Bradley, Alan and Roger winning this one. Unfortunately the pairing of Mike White and Dave Burge could not take part owing to Dave having a close family illness, so Jo Reynolds and Roger Dobbing had a bye to the final. Jo and Roger won in an exciting final.

Mixed Pairs

The mixed pairs final was between June Ives and Roger Dobbing against Val and Nigel Sloman. This was an eagerly anticipated contest between four of the best bowlers in the club, all members of the Eagles squad. Val and Nigel eventually prevailed in a close contest.

Big thanks again to Alan Goldsmith for his smooth organisation throughout the afternoon.

He also found time to play and umpire the singles final. Also thanks to those who helped and marked on the day.

Surrey, SHAB, Wey Valley Leagues and Friendlies

Surrey

I am delighted to be able to tell you that both David Kempson and I have been awarded our Surrey badges. The badge is awarded to those who have played at least 12 times for a Surrey side. We follow in the footsteps of many great Ewhurst bowlers who have played for Surrey as can be seen from the honours board. The Surrey results can be seen on the Surrey Short Mat web site.

SHAB

Eagles

The Eagles were relegated from Division 1 last year and only just failed to gain promotion back this year, finishing 3rd in Division 2. Thanks go to Nigel Sloman for captaining the squad.

Falcons

This team found life tough, particularly in away games. In the end they finished 5th so stay in Division 2 next year. Ken Mitchell captained the squad for the first time this year and did an excellent job which seemed to inspire his own bowling as he played better as the season progressed.

Kestrels

Tony Richardson has been captain of the Kestrels for some while and wants to give someone else a chance to do the job! I know we have not selected the teams for SHAB next season but if anyone fancies captaining the Kestrels please let Tony or me know. Many, many thanks to Tony for his time and efforts.

The Kestrels came very close to gaining promotion this year from Division 3, a great effort on their part, winning all their games after Christmas. It may well yet prove to be the case that they are promoted as one of the teams in Division 2 is almost certainly leaving the league.

Wey Valley Leagues

Monday Friendly League

We had the best season for some time finishing 4th with same points as Merrow and Lyne. The league was won by Cobham who we managed to beat twice.

Wednesday Woking League

Ewhurst came 8th out of 14 teams so finished comfortably mid table.

Thursday Charity League

Our side found it tough in this league and came close to the bottom this year.

Magpies Friendlies

Great news from the Magpies match against Woking Park. A 'Hot Shot' was achieved by Mike White, Joyce Spath, Brenda Cunningham and Jackie Wright. Well done to all of them. Magpies have played 20, won 3, drawn 1 and lost 16 this season. Many thanks to Jackie Wright and Pauline Shipway for organising the matches, quite a task playing 20 games in the season.

SHAB Teams for 2016/17

This is by way of a reminder that there is a list on the board for those who wish to play in SHAB matches next season. Please put your names down even if you have not played in these matches before as we wish to keep three Ewhurst teams in the leagues. Squads will be chosen in time for SHAB registration.

Summer League at Ripley

Ripley Short Mat Club are starting a league on Monday evenings during the summer starting Monday 25th April at 7:15pm and we have committed to enter a team. They are aiming for 8 clubs of 4 players playing most but not all Monday evenings. Can I please ask for someone to organise this. It is a good way of keeping your eye in particularly if you do not play outdoors during the summer. We have enough members interested in this league now so thanks to those who put their names forward.

Short Mat Lunch and Presentations

The club lunch and presentation of trophies will take place on May 26th at the Polo Club in Ewhurst. Please arrive around 12:30 onwards for 1:00pm sit down. The cost will be £26.50 for the waitress-served 3-course meal including

gratuities. Details, including an application form were mailed out recently. If you would like to attend and have not yet responded, the menu and form are at the end of this newsletter.

Final Fling Rollups

Friday 15th April is the final fling day and lists are on the board for the afternoon and evening rollups. Only 24 members can take part in each session and they are almost full. Don't forget to bring nibbles for half time and afterwards. I would like a volunteer to run the afternoon session please.

Annual General Meeting

The draft minutes of last year's AGM and this year's agenda for this year will be sent to you separately. The AGM is to be held on Thursday 2nd June, 7:30 for 8:00pm. This is an important meeting for the governance of the club and we hope to see you all there.

The nominations paper is on the board for anyone wishing to stand for the committee positions. The current committee members are willing to stand again with the exception of our match secretary. Hilary Mitchell has been Match Secretary for three years now and has done a marvellous job (two teams haven't turned up to play us and no team has gone away when we should have been at home!!). Hilary will be organising next season's fixtures but we need someone to take over from her after the AGM. As you can appreciate, this is an important position so if you would like to take on this job please talk to Hilary and she will tell you what is involved.

Please also submit any other business items to the secretary by the 30th April.

Just a Thought

There is apparently a vacuum cleaner museum in Wisconsin USA and a lady leaving the museum was heard to say to the queue entering "Don't bother to go in there it sucks" True!!

- Roger Newman

Outdoor Bowls

Opening Drive – Mon 18th April at 2pm

Yes it's finally arrived and I wish everybody a good season of bowls. Just to remind everybody that Bowls Direct will be setting up their stand from 4 – 5.30, so please make use of them for all your bowls equipment purchases.

- Nigel Sloman

Club Competitions 2016

I am disappointed with the number of bowlers who have entered club competitions this year being down on last year. These competitions are open to all bowlers no matter of ability, so give it a go, why not try the "101". Because of an influx of new bowlers I have decided to extend the closing date until 21st April with the draw being held at 9.30am on Friday 22nd April at the clubhouse with the club captain but to which you are all most welcome to attend

Applications can be given to me on the Opening Drive. If you require further information please give me a ring on 01483 272513

- Nigel Sloman

Bring-a-Friend Day: 14th May

This is an annual event so if you have any friends, family, or neighbours that you feel may be interested in having a go at bowls then please bring/send them along on Saturday 14th May at 2.00pm. All we ask is that they wear flat soled shoes.

U3A Course

Just a reminder that the annual U3A "Bowls for Beginners (green)" course will be starting on Thursday 23rd May at 2.00pm so if you know any U3A members who maybe interested just send them along.

Subscriptions

Have you paid your subs? A number of you haven't and the new season is fast approaching, and I need your money (not me personally but the club - it costs money to prepare the green for

the new season). Please refer to the January newsletter for the renewal form.

- Nigel Sloman

Bowls Wear

Anyone wishing to order maroon waistcoats, cardigans or reversible fleeces, please contact Jo Bullen by 22nd April. 01403 822891

Dishwasher – Beware!

Our dishwasher should be used more often but should only be used by members who have been shown how to operate it.

If you would like instruction on how to use the dishwasher please ring Jo Bullen on 01403 822891.

Two Wood Singles Saturday – 21st May 2016

The day will start at 10am and the dress will be GREYS. Entrants will play off in two groups to reach a Final at about 4pm.

The groups will play alternately three games of 14 ends. The members of the group not playing will be asked to mark and generally to assist. After the Final there will be a Cream Tea and a Presentation to the Winner and Finalist.

Please bring your own lunch.

The Entry Fee for the competition is £2 (you may already have paid with your other competition fees). A small charge of £2 for the tea will be payable at the door.

If you have not already entered please add your names to a list which will be placed on the notice board and pay your entry fee at the door. We need an entry of 24.

- Dick Starbuck

Match Applications

I shall again be sending out an email each month to all full members attaching a list of friendly matches for you to select from and return the list to me. Malcolm and Doug will be putting the league match teams up on the board. Please support as many matches as you can and especially away and weekend games.

Enjoy your bowling!

- Dick Starbuck



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Complete Car Maintenance have been trading here in Ewhurst since 1992. Over 2012-2013 we remodelled and re-built our workshops and offices, investing in the newest, highly recommended pieces of machinery and tools. The CCM team is headed up by Stuart White (business owner), who excels at all levels of car maintenance. Stuart won top technician 2010 and is still heavily involved in the competition, keeping up to date with breaking technology from all aspects of car maintenance. His boundless enthusiasm for every aspect of life at CCM certainly keeps every one on their toes. Between the growing number of technicians and other staff members, there is always somebody here who can help however big or small your problem may be.

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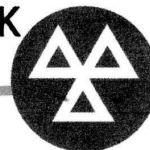
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This year's club lunch and cup presentations are again at the Polo Club. Please fill in the attached menu choices and return the slip at the bottom to Mike White as indicated.

Ewhurst Short Mat Bowls Club Lunch at the Polo Club 26th May 12:15 for 1:00

Menu Starters

- A Soup
Homemade seasonal soup of the day

- B Terrine
Pork and Chestnut Terrine
Studded with green peppercorns and wrapped in short crust pastry, with apricot and ginger chutney

- C Trio of Fish
Smoked salmon, Norwegian prawns in Marie rose sauce and a Mediterranean prawn, served with beetroot relish.

- D Deep fried Normandy cheese
Normandy cheese panned in breadcrumb, served with cognac apple chutney

- E Homemade Fish Cake
Trio of fish bound with creamy mash potato, sautéed and served with a meaux mustard sauce

All the above served with freshly baked bread

Mains

- F Stilton and Sage Chicken Parcel
Chicken breast filled with stilton and wrapped with pancetta, served with a creamy mushroom sauce.

- G Pork Schnitzel
Fillet of pork, pan fried in a light bread crumb, served with a Zigeuner sauce. (Spicy tomato, paprika and garlic)

- H Fillet of Trout
Lemon and Basil Pan Roasted Trout, served on a bed of seared cherry tomatoes, red and yellow peppers and fresh basil.

- I Aubergine Stack
Seared Aubergine layered with a Mediterranean ratatouille, topped with a cheddar and parmesan crumb

All the above served with a chef's selection of vegetables & new potatoes

Desserts

- J Homemade lemon torte

- K Cheese and biscuits

- L Bruleed rice pudding served with homemade strawberry compote

Freshly brewed coffee & mints

£26.50 per person (includes gratuity)

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Cheques should be made payable to Ewhurst Short Mat Bowls Club and sent to Mike White at Tangmere, Cranleigh, Ewhurst, Surrey, GU6 7RN or placed on the board in an envelope marked for his attention.

Responses by **15th May** please.