

EWHURST BOWLING CENTRE NEWS



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Outdoor Bowls

Captain's Comments

We are about two-thirds the way through the season and have played 46 Friendly matches, if I have counted correctly. We have won 19, lost 11 and the rest have been cancelled.

Winning is nice but it should not be conditional to the enjoyment of the game. These are friendly games by name and nature and open to all members, regardless of experience. It is by playing in these games that experience is built.

About half the cancellations have been weather related and the other half due to lack of players. We have only had to cancel one match because we could not get players but we have had to reduce the number of rinks that we can play on in some matches.

The match selections for August are now on the notice board and you will see that we are short of players in a number of matches. Please check the board and put your name down for the games where we need players.

Availability Lists and Match Selections

The availability lists go on the notice board at the beginning of the month for the following

month. For example, the lists for September will be posted on the board on 1 August. The match selections for the month are posted on the board about eight days before the beginning of the month. The match selections for September will be on the board on 22 August.

The availability lists have to be taken down for the match selections to be made so bear this in mind and don't leave it to the last minute to add your names. However, you can always call me if I take them off the board before you get there.

If you want a lift to any of the matches it is up to you to check the list of the other players who live in your area and arrange it with them. You can write it on the availability list or the match selection but this is no guarantee that you will be offered a lift. You must be proactive in arranging your lift.

Guidance for All Members

A lot of the members will know that on the table in the Clubhouse where the Rink Diary, cash boxes, Roll-up Diary and raffle drum etc. are kept there was also a folder entitled 'Guidance for All Members'. You will know that it contains all sorts of information about the Club, how we do things and what is expected in all sorts of situations.

You may also have noticed that it has not been there recently, as I have been going through it to ensure that it is fully up-to-date. It will reappear soon.

A number of our members may not have known about this source of information so keep a lookout for it.

Cleaning the Clubhouse

One of the additions to the *Guidance for All Members* will be a section on cleaning the Clubhouse as the approach to this is not clear to many of our members, particularly the newer ones. A brief outline of the system is given here.

As members we are all responsible for keeping the Clubhouse clean and in good order.

To ensure an organised approach the Clubhouse is cleaned etc. every week by a team of two or three members, as

determined by a roster produced at the beginning of the season and posted on the notice board.

Unless health issues prevent participation all members are expected to help. The division of the scheduled tasks in the team can also take into consideration members' abilities. A list of the weekly tasks is displayed in the kitchen.

The cleaning can be carried out at any time in the given week convenient to the named members and at a time when the Clubhouse is not in use. For example, it would not be convenient to clean if a Short Mat session is in progress, a home game or a committee meeting is scheduled etc.

We could set aside a slot each week for the cleaning to ensure no clashes without checking but that would be sure to prove a problem for members that cannot do a Friday morning, or whatever time and day was picked.

The only way of ensuring the maximum flexibility is for one of the cleaning team to visit the club and check the rink and roll-up diaries and note the available time slots and then agree with the rest of the team. Enter the cleaning time in the diaries. The rink and roll-up diaries are kept on the table on the left inside the front door.

We can be proud of our facilities and the effort that goes into keeping them in good order.

Rescheduled Match Against Woodham – Monday 19 August

Please note that there is a rescheduled match against Woodham (originally called Woking ARC - at Home on 10 June in the fixtures list). It is at Home at 2.30pm and will be four mixed triples with a dress code of Greys. It was included in the availability lists that were on the board and is also in the match selections.

Bowls and Burgers – Sat 31st August

As we have had a number of games rained off this season it has been decided that hoping for good weather to make a barbeque enjoyable may be overly optimistic. Therefore, John and Jude Fisher have kindly

agreed to turn their culinary genius to Bowls and Curry instead.

To cater for those that are not keen on curry there will be other delicious things to eat. Watch out for the notices on the board in the Clubhouse soon.

Crown Green Bowls – Sunday 18 August

This event had been rescheduled and will be starting at 2.00pm on Sunday 18 August and dress code is Greys.

I am hoping to have eight triples and at the time of going to press we are nearly there. There is still time to add your name to the list on the notice board.

There will be tea and HOME-MADE CAKES after 12 ends.

September League

This internal club league has been run successfully for several years and it is hoped that at least thirty members of all abilities will put their names down. Any member may take part however new to the Club and this is an ideal opportunity to become involved in a friendly competition.

The format will be the same as last season with teams being selected with a mixture of abilities in each. Captains will be appointed for each team to organise who will play, based on players' availability, and order of play. The intention is that the games will be fairly spread between the team members and no one may play in more than three games. As a quirk of the fixture list the league will start in August again this year, at 2.30pm on five afternoons, i.e.:

Thursday, 29 August
Tuesday, 3 September
Thursday, 5 September
Wednesday, 11 September
Wednesday, 18 September

This schedule fills the midweek gaps in our fixture list or takes the place of the Wednesday roll-up.

The Entry Fee will be £1 per player and a bottle of wine will be presented to each member of the winning team. Of course each time you play you will pay your £1 green fees as usual.

As an example – if thirty members wish to participate there will be six teams of five playing normal three wood triples. Each team will play the other five teams and the winning team will be that with the highest cumulative score. The format may be varied depending on the number of players.

There will be details and a list going up on the notice board soon. Please put your names on the list before 18 August.

Return of Trophies

The time has come to return the Trophies that you won in 2018 or earlier this year to enable them to be presented where appropriate on Finals Day and then to be engraved ready for the Presentation Lunch. It would be appreciated if they could be returned by 10 August to the Clubhouse and put behind the Bar for collection.

- Malcolm Wright

Short Mat Bowls

Handover Day

This will be on September 21st, when members of the outdoor club will be cleaning-up ready for the Shortmat season.

The first day for roll-ups will be Monday 23rd September.

SHAB Fixture List for the Coming Season

This will be put up on the board on handover day.

Hotshots

Congratulations to Steph Taylor, David Kempson, Elaine Philipson and Jo Reynolds who scored 8 shots on one end in the match

Dennis McGuinness

A very warm welcome to Dennis who has joined the Short Mat committee and taken over the role of Chairman. Dennis is a well known member of our club and we look forward to a very successful future with him at the helm.

Our thanks go also to our outgoing chairman, Roger Newman, for all his good work and efforts over the past four years.

Ripley Summer League

This annual summer league of 14 weekly matches hosted by Ripley Bowls Club concluded on 23rd July 2019. Ewhurst came a very creditable 4th, beaten only by 2 Ripley home teams and Lions. Congratulations must go to everyone who represented the club during the season. A great result.

One Ewhurst team even secured a Hot Shot in their match which has been recognised by certificates to the relevant team members from both Ripley and the national Hot Shots Club.

Next year a handicapping system may be introduced so that all teams have a more balanced chance of success.

This competition provides a very enjoyable addition to the summer short mat bowls programme most particularly with the friendly and hospitable atmosphere offered by Ripley members.

- Jo Reynolds

Lightwater Monday Night Friendly League

This is a very friendly league held at Wey Valley starting at 7pm on most Mondays during the short mat season. We play rinks and it is open to any member of Ewhurst but it is particularly nice for newer bowlers with limited experience. If you have already played in any of our friendly Magpie matches and enjoyed them then I am sure you will enjoy this league as much.

I try to give most of us who play in this League two games during the first half of the season and a further two games during the second half of the season and you will know well in advance which games you have been selected for. Please contact me if you would like to be included.

I will soon be sending the fixture list for 2019/20 to all of you who played last season hoping you want to play again this year and would be very grateful if you could let me know which dates you cannot make.

I felt we needed a second person with computer access to help run this League and am pleased to say that Ken Mitchell has agreed to join me. - June Ives

Internal Club Competitions

2019 – 2020

The final competition dates for the new season are as follows:

Teams of Five	Sat 7th December
Star Cup	Sat 18th January
Novice bowlers	
Preliminary Rounds	Sun 9th February
Drawn Pairs	
Preliminary Rounds	Sat 7th March
Singles Preliminary	
Rounds	Sat/Sun 21st/22nd March

FINALS DAY Sat 4th April

Sign-up sheets for these competitions will be posted on the notice board no later than 5 weeks before the competition date.

Friday Triples League (NOTE: matches begin at 7 pm.)

8th Nov	17th January
22nd Nov	31st January
6th Dec	14th February
20th Dec	28th February
3rd Jan	13th March

The sign-up sheet will be posted on Monday 23rd September until Friday 18th October. The draws for teams will take place on Wednesday 23rd October.

Mixed Pairs Knockout

The sign-up sheet will be posted on Monday 23rd September until Friday 1st November. The draw will take place on Wednesday 6th November.

Any queries – please contact competition secretaries Jo Reynolds and Margaret Weeden.

General

Club Lottery

A note to all present members of the Lottery and all those new members wishing to join, to

remind you that the 2018/19 season draws to a close in September and the new season will begin on 1st October. I shall therefore be asking all members of the short mat and outdoor clubs to consider rejoining / joining this ongoing means of raising money for the club. With two prizes every month there is a good chance you will recover your investment of £60 for the year.

Please look out for more information next month or email me at phg.slade@btinternet.com or telephone 01483 273193.

- Pauline Gallagher

Clubhouse Cleaning

The cleaning rota will be displayed on the notice board at the start of the season. If you are unable to clean on the date allocated to you please arrange a swap with someone.

Where possible newer members will be put with those who have done the job before.

If you are not intending to renew your membership please let me know as soon as possible so you are not included on the rota.

- Margaret Weeden

Remembering Nigel

Nigel, with his wife Val, has played such a large and important part of the story of the indoor and outdoor clubs for so many years.

The list below bears witness to this fact.

Mens Captain, overall captain and treasurer of the outdoor club.

Chairman, treasurer and captain of the indoor club.

Member of the Surrey team.

He was also:

Instigator of the Crown Green competition (outdoor club);

also the New Bowlers Competition (shortmat) and the Teams of Five Competition (shortmat).

He set up the U3A connection with the short mat club. As a result many members have benefited from the skills taught by Nigel and his team during the U3A course that was held in the Autumn of each year.

Social Matters

Dear Friends

For anyone familiar or unfamiliar with Ewhurst Bowling Club – either outdoor bowls or short mat members – we would like to introduce your club social committee to you. The current members of the committee are Sue Forth, Sandra Gower, Mavis Kempson, Shirley Starbuck and Ann White.

Between us we organise joint social activities for all club members. During the 2018/9 financial year for instance we offered Kurling, Crazy Whist, Shuffleboard, a “silly games” event, and an Italian evening with an Italian quiz, a magician, and wonderful food (catered by Jude Fisher and her team of talented assistants).

Money raised through these various activities helps both clubs to maintain subs at a reasonable level. The funds raised are

divided into three equal parts: one third goes to a local nominated charity, and each of the clubs receives one third.

Last year we supported the Brigitte Trust, which received £450: if you look at the Social Committee noticeboard in the club house you will see a lovely letter from the Brigitte Trust thanking us all for the donation to their funds.

During the present financial year we have nominated the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice as our chosen charity, and this wonderful charity will receive one third of all money raised by the Social Committee.

Our first social event of this new year will be Kurling, taking place on 5th October. There is an application form at the end of this newsletter; also watch out for our poster, and sign up for an evening of fun!

Best wishes to you all

From the Social Committee

EWHURST SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB

Application for Membership Renewal 2019-2020

Subscriptions: Full Membership £40; Social Membership £10

Name Full/Social £

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Please note below any change of postal address, telephone number or email address if not recorded accurately on the Short Mat Membership List.

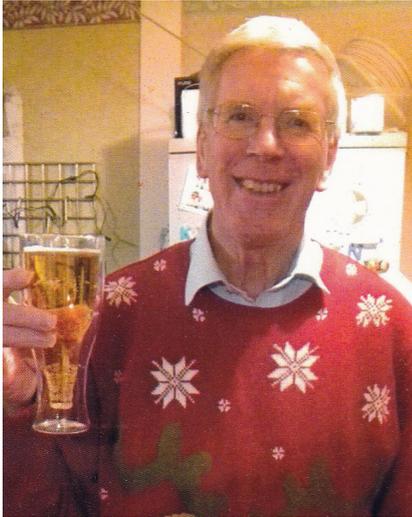
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Remittances please to the Treasurer, Michael White, Tangmere, Cranleigh Road, Ewhurst GU6 7RN or pin to the noticeboard

Cheques payable to Ewhurst Short Mat Bowling Club

Obituaries



**Nigel
Sloman**

1946 - 2019

Nigel was born in Dulverton in the heart of Exmoor on 31st December 1946, but grew up in Hertfordshire where he attended Cheshunt Secondary Modern School. As a child he would go looking for birds' nests in the surrounding lanes, never taking any eggs but taking note of the species of bird. He would also travel to Kings Cross station to go train spotting at the end of the platforms. Nigel retained a love of birds and steam trains throughout his life, often visiting the West Somerset Railway and taking steam trips around the country.

At school Nigel joined the Air Training Corps where he learnt to shoot a .22 rifle, something he would continue to enjoy for many years.

Nigel left school at 16 and for a while worked at a grocers store in Enfield. He started evening classes to get his O-levels, and also took a book keeping course. He worked at Hoddesdon Rural District Council as a junior accountant, cycling 10 miles each way along the A10 dual carriageway! After he and Val got engaged Nigel got a job at Hambledon Rural District Council. He lived in freezing cold lodgings in Guildford, but after the first week in January he came home to Cheshunt and said to mum, "I can only do one winter in lodgings - we are getting married". They were married on 20th September 1969 and moved to Cranleigh, first to a flat on Wyphurst Road, and then to Cranleigh Mead in 1971.

Nigel went on to work at Hambledon Rural District Council and then Waverley Borough Council in the treasury department until his retirement in 2007. His skill with figures led to Nigel being treasurer for the Ewhurst Rifle and Pistol club for thirty five years, and latterly treasurer for U3A outings and both Ewhurst bowls clubs.

Nigel's passion throughout his life was his garden, which, with Val, he transformed from a bare plot to a colourful haven for children, wildlife and relaxation. He loved visiting gardens with Wisley being a particular favourite, where he continued to visit with the aid of a wheelchair in his last few months.

After his garden, Short Mat Bowls was Nigel's passion, followed by Green Bowls. He started bowling in 2002, and over the years he won the singles, doubles, drawn pairs and played for Surrey County, and was awarded a certificate for playing 100 matches for Surrey. Even though he was not well, he continued to play for Surrey for the rest of the 2018 season. Many of the messages that Val received from fellow bowlers mentioned dad's sportsmanship. His approach was not "win at all costs" but to win fairly, with skill and strategy and above all to enjoy the game. Over the years, Nigel has been Treasurer, Chairman and Captain of the Eagles at Ewhurst Short Mat Bowls Club. He also enjoyed outdoor bowls, especially on a warm sunny day - and was Treasurer, Mens Captain and Captain.

Nigel loved to travel, with a special affection for Italy which he and Val visited regularly. His favourite country however was New Zealand. He loved the beautiful scenery and the way of life, and had planned to return this year had his health allowed. Closer to home, he loved the West Country where we spent many summer holidays.

Nigel was a loving father to Richard and Louise. Always around when they were growing up - playing cricket in the back garden, where "over the fence is out". In recent years he did the same for his grandchildren Charlotte and Benjamin who he doted on. Nigel was devoted to his first grandson Thomas, who sadly died at a very young age.

He will be greatly missed by family and friends alike.



**Darroll
Nash**

1931 - 2019

Darroll was born in Chigwell, Essex and was brought up by his mother, aunt and uncle – his father having passed away when Darroll was seven. His uncle was very interested in growing and won cups at horticultural shows. This inspired Darroll to follow suit.

After one job on a smallholding in Middlesex he decided that he wanted to be his own boss. So in 1952 he bought Silverwood Nurseries on the Guildford Road, despite his mother wanting him to take up a career in banking.

He worked hard and soon became known for his wonderful chrysanthemums, tomatoes and bedding plants which he grew by hand before sending them to Covent Garden as well as selling them retail. He was always happy to give advice to his customers – that was well before the days of giant garden centres! The nursery had many near disasters with floods in 1968 and the storm of 1989 but survived due to his "make do and mend" attitude allowing no problem to defeat him. After a divorce he married Tessa in 1965 and had a daughter and brought up Tessa's two young sons. He had ten grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

He retired early with ill health but always enjoyed tending the little garden at "Silverdew" when he and Tessa moved into the village. His family all miss his smile and sense of honour.

Darroll was an active member of the ESMBC for many years, enjoying the sport and the friendship he received.



**Tom
Moss**

1931 - 2019

Tom was born in Hendon in 1931. He was educated locally and remained in London throughout the war.

He was a gifted pianist before he was even 10 years old and could have studied music, however he gained a place at Imperial College, London to read mathematics.

After college he did National Service which he enjoyed, even becoming an International footballer for England when the Army team played Australia!

He met Jean whilst still at school, eventually getting married in 1958. He and Jean had two children, Steve and Sue.

After Imperial he worked briefly for Westland Helicopters and then left to become a lecturer at Guildford Technical College. He started one of the first computer departments in the country and the first computer he installed took up an entire floor of the college!

At the time he was one of the leaders in the field of computing and remained in education for the rest of his working life.

He belonged to diverse organisations: Rotary, Round Table, The Masons and was the chairman at Hawkridge in Rudgwick for 15 years. He played golf and even started a college team.

After retirement he travelled to nearly 50 countries around the world. Tom did a fantastic amount for the outdoor club, especially as green steward. His dedication earned him life membership of the club – an honour received by very few.

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Saturday October 5th
7 for 7.30

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