

EWHURST BOWLING CENTRE NEWS

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*Wishing all our
readers a very merry
Christmas and a
happy (and
successful) New
Year.*

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Short Mat

From your Chairman

Team Results

The short mat season is well underway. In the SHAB leagues the Eagles, in Division 2, have played 3 won 1 and lost 2. They started with 2 tough away matches at Lyne and Bracknell and lost them both. Revenge is awaited for Bracknell when they visit Ewhurst!! Lyne have already been beaten at Ewhurst.

The Falcons, also in Div 2, have played 2 and won 2, with a notable win at Bisley, always difficult to win away. At the moment the Falcons are above the Eagles in the SHAB league but for how long?

The Kestrels in Division 3 have played 2, won 1 and lost 1 against a very strong Milford side. Magpies have played 6 friendlies, won 1, drawn 1 and lost 4.

In the leagues played at Wey Valley.

Monday we have played 6, won 4

Wednesday played 9 won 4, drawn 1,
lost 4

Thursday played 5 lost 5.

So mixed results, trying hard but could do better!!

In the Surrey County matches the Premier team have only won 1 (no Ewhurst players in the team this year, so!!!). The A team have lost just 1 match (Jo Newman, Nigel Sloman, Roger Newman and Dennis McGuinness in the teams), and the B team have lost 1 narrowly (Roger Newman, Madeleine Lamboll, David Kempson, Val Sloman, Peter and Mary Sheather all having played).

New Members

The U3A course has been completed thanks to Nigel Sloman, Tony Hodge and Peter Sheather's tuition and we have picked up new members.

Phil and Delia Stimpson, Elaine Phillipson, Bob Callard, Andrew Youl, Anne Kent and Owen and Janet Winser have joined us, so please make them welcome when you play with them in roll ups.

Those of you who have joined us, please do not hesitate to ask any questions about the club, competitions, rules of the game and anything else. As new members you may have suggestions about how we run the club and the facilities provided so please just get in touch with any of the committee members.

Competitions

There has been a very good entry for the mixed pairs competition this year and the matches have been drawn, so those participating please see the notice board. The preliminary round needs to be completed by the end of December with the first round finished by the end of January. It is important that the matches are completed by the due dates, otherwise you may be scratched from the competition.

The Wednesday morning league has started in earnest but it is not too late to join in. Currently Margaret Weeden is in the lead with Mike Glaysher close on her heels. There will not be a Wednesday league on 23rd December but there will be an ordinary roll up.

Christmas Roll ups

We will be holding the Christmas Fun Roll ups again this year on Monday 21st December at 2:00pm and 7:00pm. Please see the notice board for the lists, first 24 for each session to

play. I would love 2 volunteers to run the sessions, so please get in touch.

Surrey and England Short Mat Rules

You may all know that we register with Surrey and England Short Mat Bowls all members who wish to play in County and National competitions and any matches against other clubs, whether leagues or friendlies. This enables us to play against other registered players and clubs. It is, however, against the Surrey and England rules to play against clubs and players who are not registered. It is impossible to know when playing opposition, who is registered and who is not. However, we do know that some clubs have taken the decision not to register with their Counties and we therefore cannot play against them on a regular basis. Alfold, Godalming Baptists and Wisborough Green are clubs in point. We will however be honouring our fixtures with them this year but unless they change their minds and register we cannot play them in the future. This is not something we like doing but if we transgress the rules there is a low but real risk that we could be banned from playing.

Just a Thought

Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes.
— Roger Newman

Outdoor Bowls

Coffee Morning

All members are invited to a Coffee Morning at the Club House on Saturday 30th January 2016 from 10am onwards to catch up and chat with your fellow bowlers

2016 Subscriptions

I know that it is very early to ask for the 2016 subscriptions, but expenditure is still incurred during the winter months and it would make my life so much easier if subscriptions were paid early. If you can help please see the renewal form

at the end of this newsletter. You will see that full membership remains unchanged at £85 and the social membership a very reasonable £15.

—Nigel Sloman

Ewhurst Bowling Club

The Outdoor Committee would like to confirm to all their members that, at a recent Committee meeting, they carefully considered the discussion and views of those who contributed at the earlier 'Open to both Clubs' meeting, as well as the vote then taken.

The Outdoor Committee then decided not to proceed further with this issue for the foreseeable future.

- Richard Tabor

General Notices

Lottery Winners 2014-15

Oct 2014 Nigel Sloman; Lesley Hawes; Peter Scurfield

Nov Jackie Rubie; Malcolm Jarvis; Roger Newman

Dec Liz Brook; Elwyn Williams; Brenda Cunningham

Jan 2015 Elwyn Williams; Tony Hodge; Peter Scurfield

Feb Ann White; Malcolm Jarvis; John Walsh

Mar Ann White; Jackie Wright; Chris Bullen

Apr Peter Scurfield; Jackie Wright; Hazel Cherry

May Chris Bullen; Peter Scurfield; Elwyn Williams

June Andrew Youl; Derek Mortimore; Liz Brook

July Ken Dilley; Chris Bullen; Jo Newman

Aug Chris Bullen; Malcolm Jarvis; Nigel Sloman

Sept Andrew Youl; Ken Dilley; Malcolm Jarvis

These members shared a monthly prize of £70.

Social Matters



The ladies of the Social Committee (left to right) – Ann White, Mavis Kempson, Pauline Shipway, Shirley Starbuck, Hilary Mitchell and Sue Forth, all dressed up for the show!

Judging by comments received, the “It’s Magic” evening on November 14th was a great success.

George Yates – a member of the Magic Circle, and an ex-member of the Ewhurst Bowling Club, presented a mind-boggling show.

Preceding this, the ladies of the Social Committee provided a three-course, waitress-service supper. It was a really memorable occasion.

Social Committee Report

It is always sad when someone leaves the Social Committee – especially one who has contributed so much. Having taken on the role of shortmat bowls committee secretary, Pauline Shipway felt it was time to move on!

I am really pleased to confirm that Mavis Kempson has stepped into the breach (so to speak). I look forward to a long and fruitful association!

The usual full and varied programme of events is already being planned for 2016. The first two are Christmas Shuffleboard on Saturday December 12th and a Quiz on Saturday February 20th.

Full details can be found at the end of this newsletter, where you can also reserve a place.

- Roger Dobbins, Chairman, Social Committee

EWHURST BOWLING CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 8pm on Thursday 15th October 2015 (to be approved at the next AGM)

The Chairman, Richard Tabor, warmly welcomed the 35 members attending and said he would like to take the opportunity before we move onto the main business, to personally thank, on behalf of the club, all who volunteered to help in the many minor tasks that make this club so successful and who may not be actually mentioned by my committee later in this meeting.

Apologies received - Hilary & Ken Mitchell, Miles Thompson, Marion & Roy Glasper, Mike Crowther, John Greenwood, Steph Taylor, Ken Dilley, Jeanette Edwards, Peggy & Roger Mason, Val Davies and Anne Lock.

The Chairman spoke of members who have passed away, Boyd Shepherd and Carolyn Greenwood. Boyd Shepherd, died in July aged 90, was one of the group of Cranleigh Rotary Club members who revived the Ewhurst Bowling Club around 1980 and helped to save the club from collapse. He won the pairs in 1987 with Doug Pheby (see the old winners' board). "One of the few remaining RAF wartime heroes and a jolly nice man no less". He and his wife Ivy have lived quietly in Cranleigh for many years since and celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in January. Carolyn Greenwood passed away in May and will be sadly missed by those members who played with her at Ewhurst and Broadbridge Heath, our thoughts remain with John and family.

He reminded members that the club will be 80 next year and it was hoped this would be celebrated by some special matches.

Approval of the 2014 AGM Minutes – These were approved and signed.

Secretary - Jackie Rubie said the Club welcomed new members, Andrew Youl, Michael Benoy, Hazel and David Lipman, Ann Kent, Charlotte Gray, Jean Bligh, and Michael Roberts. John Holt, Jack Trendall and Jo Bullen re-joined after a years break, but that word of mouth is the best advert and that hopefully when the 2016 'Bring a friend day' is upon us many members will do just that.

Thanks were given to Richard Tabor, Jean Esterson, Phyl Lister, Jo Newman and Lesley Hawes for looking after the various beds, borders and green edges. Jon Koefman and Allan Webber were thanked for their work on the green, as were all the mowers and brushers.

Pauline Gallagher was thanked for administrating the Lottery. Dick and Shirley Starbuck and Ann Riches were thanked for supplying the many raffle prizes.

Many members take on tasks behind the scenes, particularly Val Davies who produces the Diary. The Secretary apologised if anyone had been left out but thanked all members who contribute towards the smooth running of the Club.

The Social Committee were thanked for continuing to find various social events and urged members to give their support for the various outings and in-house events.

A very big thank was given to Roger Dobbing who edits and produces the Newsletter, which is extremely valuable in keeping members up-to-date with Club happenings and successes. As Roger does not play outdoor bowls he doesn't know he is thanked, Jackie will write a note to thank him for all the work he does on the production of the Newsletter.

The sign advertising our sponsors CCM is now in place. This year they provided parasols and it is hoped they will continue to fund various items for both clubs, i.e. new card holders, new tables etc. The Secretary thanked Dick Starbuck for his support in approaching CCM.

Lastly, she thanked all those who helped in the cleaning of the Club House to hand over to the Short Mat Club.

Club Captain (Dick Starbuck) – At the conclusion of his second year as Club Captain he thanked his two Vice Captains, Thelma Spiers and Maurice Bowles, for their help and support throughout the

season and secondly to the Men's Captain, Doug Lock, for running the leagues and general help. Also thanked was Malcolm Jarvis for co-ordinating the Knaphill Triples, Pauline for her help on team selection, Nigel for running the competitions and the U3A courses and to Herb Cherry for continuing to run the Friday League. He said that the condition of the green was thanks to Allan Webber and his team of volunteers, particularly Jon Koefman who is justly proud of the green.

With nearly eighty full members, of which fifty support friendly matches, he sometimes now has the problem of spreading the reserves as fairly as possible and urged members to play in more weekend and away games. Of the 53 games played, 26 were won, 24 lost, 3 drawn and 5 games cancelled for various reasons. Our new fixture Mytchett was well supported. Thelma is undertaking a project in support of Maurice to try to introduce new fixtures and to remove some of the anomalies from our current fixture list.

Our own club days have been well supported and together with the new President versus Captain game thanks were given to the generosity of Chris and Richard for supplying eats and drinks.

In closing the Club Captain thanked all his fellow members who organised the many club days, The September League was well supported by 34 members, again Hilary Mitchell's team winning.

Lastly he said more members this year were wearing their club shirts but that some were refusing to support this.

Ladies' Captain (Pauline Gallagher) – Unfortunately due to an oversight the new Ladies Committee should have been formally nominated and seconded at their AGM on 5th October. The nomination sheet is now on the notice board and ladies notified that an EGM will be held on Saturday 31st October 2015 at 10am.

The ladies entered the Top Club Competition but sadly didn't reach the second round. A moderate success was gained in the Surrey Ad competition coming second to Seale & Sands in our zone, while the West Surrey team finished a bit lower down. The Ladies Captain gave thanks to Bjorg Lewis for taking over responsibility for the West Surrey competitions and because of her enthusiasm several ladies are now joining her to play for West Surrey against East Surrey and Hampshire as a result of which our club has now been asked to host one of these matches. The ladies won 4 games of the 7 played, the first cancelled by Cranleigh. In July The Grace Jackman Trophy was won by Thelma Spiers and Hazel Cherry. As many ladies were unable to play, organiser Bjorg Lewis struggled to make up numbers.

Ladies Invitation Day in August is always well supported by the local clubs who look forward to a good meal afterward. However, for the second year running we had heavy rain but thanks to the forethought of the committee play was inside – Kurling. The visiting teams joined in with gusto, ably helped by Hilary Mitchell and Bjorg Lewis. A splendid raffle organised by Pat Mortimore and Jean Esterson raised £373 which is hoped will be spent on cushions for the bench seating.

The competitions throughout the season were played with much enjoyment despite Finals Day being another washout, those games being reorganised during the following few days. Congratulations to Jo Newman who won the ladies singles for the second year running, Hilary Mitchell who along with her husband won the Mixed Pairs, Lesley Hawes and Roger Newman won the drawn pairs and Lesley also managed to carry off the Hollier Cup.

As her time as Ladies Captain has come to an end, Pauline thanked her Committee for all their hard work and support over the past three years. She wished the incoming Ladies Committee of Hilary Mitchell, Ann White, Bjorg Lewis and Jeanette Edwards well.

Men's Captain (Doug Lock) said the Friday League team finished 3rd in their section and the Tuesday League team finished 7th in their section.

The Knaphill Triples organised by Malcolm Jarvis finished 6th out of 10. (confirmed after AGM)

He thanked all the members who played in the Tuesday and Friday Leagues and looked forward to their continuing support.

The Treasurer, Nigel Sloman, presented the accounts, every member at the meeting being given a copy. He explained each section very clearly.

He said the Club had 79 Full Members and 18 Social members.

Green fees totalled £2,344.60, Raffle income was £468.37 and Club Competition fees were £359.

Important sources of income are the Dorset trip of £1,501 and the Lottery £860, he urged members to sign up to keep these going. The Ladies Invitation day raised £373.50, even though the game was abandoned and Kurling was played indoors. Due to fewer ladies playing, the Grace Jackman Day raised £42. The Jon Koefman day raised £358, this money has purchased the necessary chemical cabinet and poisons cupboard.

He reported that the surplus from the bar is up compared to last year and thanked Jo and Roger Newman for keeping this maintained.

The Ewhurst Carnival Committee donated £250 which has been used to purchase new paper dispensers in the toilets.

Turning to expenditure on the green Jon Koefman's labour and materials are down because they are offset by an increase in maintenance of the equipment.

The Treasurer added his personal thanks to Jon Koefman for the professional way he maintains the green, which he believes is one of the best in the South East. From April 2016 Jon's hourly rate will increase by approximately 10%, the first increase since October 2012.

Water costs are up this year for no real reason but meter checks are being made.

The end result is that we have made a surplus of £2,256.

The Bowling Centre general maintenance is up and includes the normal contribution to the management committee towards a new drinks cabinet and other miscellaneous items.

Finally, he thanked our Auditor (Roy Glasper) for the quick return of the accounts and Ken Dilley for helping him use the accounting system.

2016 Budget – The Treasurer has attempted to do a budget for next year, assuming that the number of members stays at the same level, he has built in the increase on Jon Koefman's labour costs and he calculates that we will make a surplus of approximately £700 and recommends that no increase in subscriptions or costs as under is required for 2016 but emphasised that 2017 will be different and it is very important that we continue with the Lottery and the Dorset trip.

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| Full Membership | £85.00 | Match fees (incl. Green fee) | |
| Joining Fee (Waived 2016) | £25.00 | Home Supper £4.00 | |
| Social Membership | £15.00 | Weekend tea £3.00 | |
| Green Fee - All Occasions | £1.00 | Home with Cakes £2.00 | Home with Biscuits £1.50 |
| | | Away Matches £1.00 | |
| Guest's Green Fee | £2.00 | Internal Competitions | £2.00 |

Acceptance of the Accounts was then proposed by Doug Lock and seconded by Michael White, with a show of hands in agreement from the members.

The Chairman thanked the Treasurer for a very well presented report.

It was proposed to buy some wine for Jon Koefman as a thank you for all his work on the green.

Formal election of new Committee

President Chris Bullen thanked the Chairman and Committee for all their work.

All the nominations were read to the members

Committee members and Vice-Captains:

President Chris Bullen
Chairman Richard Tabor
Secretary Jackie Rubie
Treasurer Nigel Sloman
All proposed by John Walsh and seconded by Maurice Bowles

Club Captain Dick Starbuck
Vice-Captains Maurice Bowles
Thelma Spiers
Match Secretary Maurice Bowles
Green Steward: Allan Webber
Bar Steward Roger Newman
Catering Steward Jackie Wright
Roy Glasper, was willing to re-stand as Examiner for the 2016 accounts.
All proposed by Doug Lock and seconded by Dick Starbuck

Jon Koefman was re-elected as an Associate Member.
All members of the Ewhurst Short Mat Bowls Club were voted en bloc as Associate Members.

There was no change to any of the above, the vote was taken en bloc and was in favour unanimously.

Informal meeting following the AGM

Jackie Wright, Catering Officer, proposed replacing the Catering Officer with two members without portfolio. She said that the position of Catering Officer is in name only and that the position is a person who purchases goods as needed and arranges the annual lunch. The ladies committee are responsible for the tea and cleaning rotas. At this point June Ives said that at the recent Ladies AGM she agreed to take over responsibility for ensuring that match teas are standardised, she will also draw up the rota for our functions, Ladies Invitation Day, the Grace Jackman day etc. She also proposed that weekend teas should be served after 9 ends and not at the end of the match, this will ensure that the ladies preparing the teas can go home after the tea has finished and not have to wait until the end of the match. It was pointed out that sometimes if the weather is uncertain that matches are played straight through with just a cup of tea brought to the green. These points will be discussed at the next Committee Meeting.

Michael Wells asked if it was possible to have a jumble sale to raise money.

Di Bradley wanted it recorded that she was disappointed at the number of ladies attending particularly those who play in the afternoons.

Closure of the Meeting

There being no further business notified to the Secretary, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 9.10pm

EWHURST BOWLING CLUB

Application for Membership Renewal 2016

Subscriptions for 2016 - Full Membership £85 and Social Membership £15

Name.....Full/Social.....£

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Please note below any change of postal address or telephone number plus your e-mail address if not already recorded on the membership list.

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Remittances please to The Treasurer, Nigel Sloman,
112 Cranleigh Mead, Cranleigh, Surrey GU6 7JX
or pin on the Club notice board

PLEASE NOTE if you are not able to collect your Fixture card from the Club Notice board, enclose a stamped addressed envelope so that your card can be posted to you.

Your Next Social Events

Saturday, December 12th 2015

Clubhouse, 7 for 7.30

CHRISTMAS SHUFFLEBOARD

Games, prizes, Christmas raffle, cake, mince pies, mulled wine....

Tickets at £6.50pp

Name (s)

Please reserve places. A cheque payable to "EBC Social Committee" is attached.

Cheques and slips to Ann White, Tangmere, Cranleigh Road, Ewhurst GU6 7RN
As soon as possible please, or pin to the noticeboard

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Saturday, February 20th 2016

Clubhouse, 7 for 7.30

THE GREAT CLUB QUIZ

Invite your friends along too!

Tickets at £7.00 pp, including ploughman's supper

Name (s)

Please reserve places. A cheque payable to "EBC Social Committee" is attached.

Cheques and slips to Mavis Kempson, 2 Ellery Close, Cranleigh GU6 8DF
As soon as possible please, or pin to the noticeboard

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