

EWHURST BOWLING CENTRE NEWS



February 2018

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**Articles for the April Newsletter
are required by March 26th.**

Obituary



**Peter
Dawson**

Born in Newcastle upon Tyne, Peter was an only child, and remained very much a “Geordie” supporting his football team through all their ups and downs. During the war he was evacuated to Kirkby Stephen in Cumbria. He stayed with a local milkman, often accompanying him on his rounds with the horse and cart.

When it was safe to do so, Peter returned home and went to the local school before moving on to Rutherford Grammar. For his National Service he joined the RAF and was sent to London to learn Chinese. For most of the rest of his life he was employed in the Insurance industry, moving from Newcastle to Stockton, and then “down south” to Guildford and Woking.

Peter really enjoyed playing bowls and would do so whenever he could. He also enjoyed the social activities, the various holidays being firm favourites. Another passion was for amateur dramatics and he joined several dramatic societies. A couple of times he was an extra in the TV series “Foyles War”. He also regularly took part in the Wintershall Passion plays, growing a beard if the part required it.

His family meant a lot to Peter and he was delighted to have five grandchildren. He had endless patience and would play with them for hours.

They, his wife Mary and their children will miss him terribly. His family and many friends will remember him with love and affection.

Thank you to all the members of the two clubs who attended Peter’s funeral. It helped to make it a memorable occasion. - Mary Dawson

Short Mat

FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN

Safeguarding Officers

The Bowls Clubs wish to appoint two Safeguarding Officers, one male and one female. Their function is to act as independent persons whom members may approach in any case of alleged abuse, such as bullying or discrimination, either to themselves or to other members, particularly those with minor disabilities, for example deafness, inability to bend or forgetfulness. The Safeguarding Officers will use their discretion in discussing and resolving the matter confidentially and preferably face-to-face, only referring it to the appropriate Committee if absolutely necessary.

These are responsible positions but which, we trust, will not be onerous.

Ideally the officers should be members of both clubs.

Would you be prepared to act as a Safeguarding Officer or would you like to recommend someone?

Please contact Maurice Bowles or Roger Newman.

Roll Ups

38 members attended the popular Christmas Roll Ups which were great fun.

Thanks to Malcolm Wright for organising the afternoon session. Thanks also to those who brought excellent nibbles along.

The **Final Fling** is Friday the 20th April with handover to the Outdoor Club on the following day.

Friendlies

The Magpies run by Sue Forth and Pauline Shipway are doing very well this season. They have played 13 matches and won 8 so far.

Internal Competitions

Please look at the notice board and put your names down for competitions that you are eligible for. The Club Singles and the Drawn Pairs entry forms are on the notice board now.

The **Star Cup Triples** will be drawn on the 15th February and has attracted a good entry. The competition rounds will take place on the 4th March.

The **New Bowlers** draw has taken place and will be contested on 3rd February. All members are welcome to come along and support and spot new talent, bowling that is! Start time should be around 9:30 depending upon the number of entrants.

The **Mixed Pairs** competition is progressing well. Please make sure you complete your rounds on time.

The **Wednesday League** is currently being led by Tony Hodge with 17 points with David Kempson and Roger Mason hard on his heels with 16 points. Thanks Dave for taking over the running of this league.

In the **Friday Triples League** the Fender Benders lead the way with 8 points with the Bowling Stones second with 7 points.

Don't forget finals day is on the 7th April.

Leagues & Knock Out

SHAB Knock Out

The Kestrels played the Woking Park Dragons, who knocked us out in the semi-finals last year, and also put us out in our first round this year.

However, it wasn't the thrashing they gave us last year as the match was played at Home and not at Wey Valley.

We were 14 to 13 up on the last end and they scored 2, so we lost 14 to 15!

I think that honour is now satisfied particularly as they had 3 county players.

The Eagles won their first round game against Woking Park Vikings (37-11) and their second round against Bisley Jack High (18-7). The Falcons lost to Bracknell.

In the **SHAB** Leagues the Eagles in division 1 are 4th, in division 2 the Falcons are 7th and in division 3 the Kestrels are 2nd.

In the **Wey Valley** Leagues Ewhurst teams are doing well. In the Monday Lightwater League we are third. In the new Surrey Triples League we are currently second. In the Wednesday Woking Borough League we are 6th and in the Thursday Charity League we are also 6th. Up-to-date positions can be viewed on the Surrey Short Mat web site which is being updated a little more frequently than last year.

In the **One Mat** league the two Ewhurst teams are currently first and second.

Dave Burge

As many of you know, Dave had a stroke over Christmas. I am sure we all wish him a full and speedy recovery and our very best wishes also go to Annie at this time.

Bowling Outdoors

I know there are many of you short mat bowlers who already play outdoors in the summer but if there are any of you who don't and wish to try it please ask around, there is bound to be someone who can tell you all about it. We have two excellent outdoor coaches who can give lessons too and they do run conversion courses 2 days in the Spring.

Club Shirts Update

The committee have considered different designs put forward and the feedback from members and have unanimously chosen a predominantly white polo shirt in green and red in polyester and cotton material. Mike White is obtaining samples in ladies sizes 12/14/16 short sleeves and 14 long sleeves; men's sizes

M/L/XL short sleeves and large long sleeves so that members can try them on for fitting.

- Roger Newman

“Thumbs Up” for the New Team of 5 Tournament

On Saturday 13th January the new “Team of 5” tournament was played which started at 9.30am and lasted most of the day.

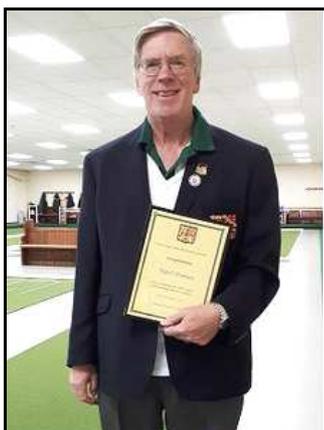


This new competition involving 6 teams of five players was keenly fought throughout the day. The winners were David Gillings, Val Sloman, Di Richardson, Peggy Mason and Brian Allen. Well done to the winning team.

A Century for Nigel!

Nigel Sloman was recently presented with a certificate to celebrate the fact that he has now represented Surrey 100 times.

He played his first county game back in 2005 and received his county badge in 2008. Nigel commented that one of his first games was with Peter Sheather. He was so nervous that his first four woods went straight into the ditch!



Outdoor Bowls

New Season 2018

As you all know I am prepared to continue as club captain for one more year. Also, just in case you had forgotten, Roger Newman is the Men’s Captain and Doug Lock and John Fisher are the two vice captains. At last year’s AGM it was decided that we needed an additional vice captain and I welcome Malcolm Wright, and of course not forgetting Pat Mortimore who is the Ladies Captain. Please feel free to approach any one of us if you have any queries.

-Nigel Sloman

Team Selection for Friendly Games

As I did last year, the whole month’s fixtures will be displayed at the club - so it’s up to you to visit the club and put your name down. Alternatively you can phone me or use the electronic method if it’s easier for you. Team selection will be made about 10 days before the end of each month. If there is anything else that I can help you with please feel free to give me a ring.

- Nigel Sloman

Early Fixtures

To enable me to select the teams for the early friendly games in April and May please complete the availability sheet at the end of this newsletter and return it to me ASAP by whatever means that suits you, by post, e-mail or leave on the club notice board. Before you say it’s too early to think about those April and May fixtures it is because the next newsletter will not be published until early April which I feel may be a little late. I will do my best to ensure that everybody gets the games that they have requested but with most games last year having many reserves that may not be possible.

-Nigel Sloman

Club Competitions 2018

Doug Lock has agreed to organise the club competitions for the 2018 season. If you have any queries please contact him. As you are aware the draw for the various competitions (which are open to everybody, and I mean everybody) is done very early in the season, so, to give Doug plenty of time to sort out the entries, please complete the application form

included in this newsletter and return it to me by 20th April at the latest.

I was disappointed with the number of entries for most of the competitions last year so this year with a membership of around 80 please put your names down and make it a record entry! If you happen to be away on Finals Day (Mon 27th August) please do not enter. This year the draw will be made at the end of the opening drive on Monday 23rd April (5.30 pm approx). If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact Doug or myself.

-Nigel Sloman

Membership Renewal – 2018

With internet banking proving ever more popular and the club's bank of NatWest closing its branch in Cranleigh any member wishing to pay their 2018 subscription (still a very reasonable £85) via the internet please give me a ring and I will provide the club's banking details. The advantages are that the club would receive the money quicker and members would not have to wait for cheques to be cleared.

Otherwise if you wish to pay your subscription by cheque please complete the form below and return it to me ASAP as we still incur expenditure on the green during the winter.

- Nigel Sloman, Hon Treasurer

Charity Fours Game – Horndean Hants

At a charity game held early in January at Horndean in Hampshire, where 30 teams of four players from Surrey and Hampshire competed, Ewhurst players Val and Nigel Sloman were in the team that reached the final (but ended up runners up). Bjorg Lewis also reached the semi final. Well done to them for doing so well representing Surrey as well as Ewhurst.

Surrey Open Singles

Another achievement was that David Gillings reached the final of the Surrey Open singles after a very long day. Unfortunately he was the runner up after a very close game, beaten by John Hill of Ripley. Well done David.

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Application for Membership Renewal 2018

Subscriptions for 2018 - 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.

Application Form for Early Fixtures

Please send your completed application form for the early season fixtures to
Nigel Sloman, 112 Cranleigh Mead, Cranleigh, GU6 7JX or Email

To arrive no later than 8th April 2018

Date	Opponents	Venue	Time	Dress	Triples (Mixed)	Yes/No
Mon 23/4	Opening Drive	H	2.00	G		
Tue 24/4	Newdigate	H	2.30	G	5	
Thurs 26/4	Byfleet	A	2.30	G	4	
Sat 28/4	Albury	H	2.30	W	4	
Sun 29/4	Castle Green	A	2.30	W	4	
Tues 1/5	Crawley Blind	H	2.00	W	2	
Wed 2/5	Cranleigh	A	2.30	G	6	
Sat 5/5	Wonersh	A	2.30	W	4	
Sun 6/5	Burpham	A	2.30	W	4	
BH Mon 7	BH Drive	H	2.00	G		
Tues 8/5	Leatherhead	H	2.30	G	4	
Tues 8/5	Dorking Ladies	A	2.30	W	3	
Wed 9/5	Bookham	A	2.30	G	5	
Thurs 10/5	Horsham B C	H	2.30	G	5	
Sun 13/5	Holloway Hill	A	2.30	W	4	
Tue 15/5	Pippbrook Ladies	A	2.30	W	2	
Wed 16/5	Billingshurst	H	6.30	G	5	
Sat 19/5	2 Wood Singles	H	10.00	G		
Sun 20/5	Crawley Town	A	2.30	W	4	
Wed 23/5	Brockham	A	2.30	G	4	
Thurs 24/5	Mayford Hall	H	2.30	G	4	
Sun 27/5	Ripley	H	2.30	G	4	
BH Mon28	Ladies v Gents	H	2.00	G		
Wed 30/5	Bramley	H	6.30	G	4	

Signed.....Name.....

Outdoor Club AGM

**Minutes of the 2017 AGM and the Men's Section
appear at the back of this newsletter**

General

Wanted

The cooker in the clubhouse needs replacing. Before a new model is ordered it is worth asking if anyone knows of an electric cooker that is looking for a new home.

It must be a freestanding electric cooker with a double oven, minimum width 60cm and less than 2 years old.

If you know of something suitable please contact Vicky Allen on 01403 822981

Cyprus Apartment

If any members or friends would like the use of our apartment in Peyia near Paphos in Cyprus please contact Roger or Jo Newman. Members rates apply! Each booking will result in a contribution to the club social committee charity.

The apartment has 2 bedrooms and sleeps 4, with a huge balcony with views from the hillside towards Coral Bay and a shared pool and gym.

You can also bowl if you wish at Neo's which is a carpet green 5 minutes drive away. Equipment can be hired there for a small fee.

Social

The Surrey Ukeholics provided us with excellent live music including some good Christmassy tunes to sing along to.



A delicious Victorian tea sustained us all before embarking on the rounds of Whist - a varied and fun evening.



Forthcoming Events

Saturday 10th February: Kurling

Now fully booked but do add your name as a reserve should cancellations occur.

Thursday 22nd March: Bridge tea

All tables currently reserved. PS: Raffle prize donations are still needed.

May: Crazy Whist evening

Details T.B.A. on the board in the clubhouse.

Answer to Chinese riddle in the last Newsletter



The three men didn't get back one each from thirty yuan, they got one back each from twenty-eight because the bellboy had taken two. So among them they had paid twenty-five, plus the three yuan that had been returned to them which was twenty-eight. Plus the bellboy had pocketed two – which made thirty.

EWHURST BOWLING CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 19th October 2017

The Chairman, Maurice Bowles, warmly welcomed 38 members. He thanked all the members for their support and the support of the Committee. Roll ups have been well attended throughout the season and competitions have been well supported. He thanked all the members who carry out various jobs. Pressure this year has been on Nigel Sloman as Club Captain and Treasurer, whom he thanked for his hard work.

He asked members to remember those who are longer with us, the recent passing of Herb Cherry and those not now able to play.

Apologies received – Doug Lock, Andrew Youl, Lesley Hawes, Ann White, Jo and Chris Bullen, Dick Starbuck, Miles Thompson and Derek Mortimore

Approval of the 2016 AGM Minutes – These were approved by Colin Smy and John Greenwood and signed.

Secretary - Jackie Rubie thanked the many who contribute to the running of the Club.

This season the Club welcomed Alan Eveleigh and his wife Marie who joined as a Social member, Vic Pink, Jack Sieber, Tim Bidmead, Dick Pynegar, Peter Adams, Vicky Allen, Kelly Hayton, Jenifer LoRusso, Hilary Ball, Harry Burrows, Brenda Kitchen and Ken Chitty.

Thanked were Hilary Mitchell and John Greenwood our two coaches who helped those new to bowls and those who joined from the Short Mat Club.

Thanked were Richard Tabor, Jean Esterson, Di Richardson and Liz Sprake for looking after the flower beds and to Lesley Hawes Jo and Roger Newman for keeping the green edges weed-free.

Jon Koefman, Allan Webber and his team of brushers and mowers were congratulated on the very good condition of the green.

Thanked were Ken Dilley who has arranged bowls holidays at Bere Regis Golf Resort and Pauline Gallagher for continuing to administer the Lottery, both valuable for fund raising: Ann Lock and Di Richardson were thanked for supplying the raffle prizes. Thanked were Judy Fisher and her catering team for the delicious meals at our special events and to all those members who catered for our match teas and suppers.

Thanked was Brian Allen and the Social Committee for finding new social events but they do need the support of members.

Roger Dobbing was thanked for editing and producing the Newsletter, a valuable source in keeping members up-to-date with Club happenings and successes.

Many members took on tasks behind the scenes, particularly Dick Starbuck who produced the Diary, Mike White for all the jobs carried out in the Club House, the members who run all the leagues and the various Captains of the Day and everyone who contributes towards the smooth running of the Club.

The Secretary thanked all the Committee for their work behind the scenes, particularly for their attendance at the monthly Committee Meetings.

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

Club Captain (Nigel Sloman) The Club Captain said he had not been able to support the club as much as he would have liked this year due to his eye condition and said a big thank you to his vice captains and everybody else who was the “captain of the day” during the season.

Club Captain's report continued

He reported that it has been another good year for the club with two new events, firstly the away day at Arundel (he thanked John Thompson for arranging this and John Fisher on the day) which was very enjoyable though Ewhurst did lose but pleased to say that the home game has already been arranged for next season. Secondly a "Bowls & Burgers" day (many thanks to Jude and John Fisher) which he hoped everybody enjoyed.

He thanked various people and would normally thank Herb Cherry for running the Friday morning league. The Club have done well this year in the various leagues and for the first time entered the 3 Counties league and did very well but left the details for the Men's Captain to report.

He thanked both vice Captains, John Fisher and Doug Lock and the ladies captain Pat Mortimore for their help and support during the season and all the ladies who helped at the various events with Jude Fisher and her team for providing such a splendid meal on finals day.

Australian pairs was well supported and once again thanks to Maurice for organising and also John Greenwood for organising the 2 Wood Singles competition.

He congratulated all the competition winners on finals day especially Jo Newman in three finals and winning them all, and seeing our newer bowlers Liz Sprake playing Michel Cauchemet in a very close final. He wished Doug Lock good luck as he takes this on next year.

During the season 66 friendly games should have been played, 12 were cancelled, 5 because of the weather, 3 cancelled by us (lack of players) and 4 by away teams. Ewhurst won 26 lost 27 and drew 1.

He very pleased that Dick Starbuck has been offered life membership. Dick has done a great deal for the club over the years and thanked him for all the behind the scenes work that he does i.e. cups engraving, purchase of bottle raffle prizes, helping at the Ladies Invitation day, purchase of the coasters, bowls stickers, September league etc etc etc.

Speaking as Club Captain, Ewhurst would not have one of the best bowls green in the south without all the hard work put in by Jon Koefman and Allan Webber which is the envy of all visiting clubs. Thank you both.

Finally, he said he is prepared to be club captain for a further year but it will be certainly be his last. and thanked all the members for making this one of the best clubs in the south and for him personally the support and concern for his health

Lady Captain's report (Pat Mortimore)

She said this hasn't been the most successful year as far as the bowling is concerned. In the Surrey Advertiser League Ewhurst came 6th out of 6, and in the West Surrey league 7th out of 11 teams, in the ladies matches Ewhurst won 3 of our 6 games.

Grace Jackman Day went well, 20 ladies played, Shirley Starbuck and Liz Sprake were the winners with Jo Bullen and Peggy Mason runners up. Ken Dilley always comes along and takes a group photo and comes back hot-foot with copies for everyone. Pauline Gallagher once again provided a delicious cream tea.

Ladies Invitation Day was played with 12 teams playing some good bowls and Dorking were the winners. Jude Fisher and her team provided a delicious meal and everyone was very generous with contributions to the raffle and the most gorgeous puddings. Ann Lock and Di Richardson made a great profit of £305 on the raffle, and £441 was the profit for the day. So many people helped to make this day a great success and many of the visitors thought our green superb.

Warm congratulations were given Jo Newman who reached the semi-finals of the Surrey Unbadged singles: as the Ladies Singles Champion, she will also represent us in the Champion of Champions. Runner-up in the ladies singles was June Brockman.

Several ladies have looked after the flower beds again, and thanks to everyone on the social committee who work so hard on behalf of us all.

Men's Captain (Roger Newman)

His first season as Men's Captain has been an interesting one with 45 men members. The annual Ladies v Gents match was won by the men. Ewhurst came 4th in the Guildford section of the Tuesday League. Woodbridge Hill won the league and were only beaten once and that was by Ewhurst. However the team did lose matches at home to Burpham and Castle Green. He thanked the 14 who played in the matches and particularly those who played at short notice. The team beat Woking Park who were 4th in the Woking League on the finals day at Stoke Park. All the Guildford League teams won including Woodbridge Hill who beat Weybridge in the top position play off.

In the mid-week (Friday league) under Dick Starbuck's guidance Ewhurst came 7th so just missed the knock out playoffs. There was only a couple of points between 3rd and 7th.

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As the Knaphill Triples and 3 Counties are mixed he thanked all who played and supported the ladies in these leagues.

Finally thanks to Jon Koefman and Allan Webber for keeping the green in such good condition and those of you who worked on the green during the season and also to Nigel Sloman who expertly managed our competitions.

Treasurer (Nigel Sloman)

He presented the accounts, every member at the meeting being given a copy and pleased to report that Ewhurst have 84 paid up members (85 last year) and 13 (14) social members.

Green fees are up even though several games were cancelled in the early part of the season but a good September. We also had a new event of Bowls & Burgers thanks to John and Judy Fisher.

Fund raising is very important. The Dorset trip continues to be an important source of income (thanks to Ken) and the Lottery (thanks to Pauline), and also the Ladies Invitation day which was well supported. He said a lot of effort goes into this event and gave a big personal thank you to the ladies who helped.

Bar – he reported that the surplus from the bar is up compared to last year (thanks to Roger and Jo)

Other income is also up mainly because of extra income from the Short Mat club from Summer Roll-ups (now three times a week) and a large contribution from the Social Sub-committee.

Donations reflects monies that have been received for equipment from past members i.e.

Peter Scurfield and Shirley Garland and the sale of trout provided by Ken Mitchell and £50 which was the prize money by Ewhurst players in a Horsham IBC Friday league where the team came third, generously donating the winnings to the club.

The specific donations reflect the monies given by the families of Di Bradley and Bob Pooley. Their monies have been used for a weathervane and a new outdoor seat.

Green expenditure - The Treasurer gave a big thank you to our green keeper Jon Koefman for the professional way he maintains our green, which he believes is one of the finest in the South East. New pushers have been purchased and for the first time we have used nematodes to try and get rid of the chafer bugs.

Turning to the Bowling Centre itself the general maintenance is similar to last year and includes the normal contribution to the management committee, but we have purchased some new curtains and also we have purchased a new outdoor seat from a donation from the estate of Bob Pooley and I hope you have noticed the weathervane in memory of Di Bradley. Thanks to Mike White for doing all the ordering and installation

Treasurer's report continued

Under other expenditure purchases of biscuits, coffee and milk are down, but as agreed new equipment for the kitchen was purchased.

The end result is that we have made a surplus of £1,680 (£2,691 last year)

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

2018 Budget

The budget for next year was considered at the last committee meeting and assuming that the number of members drops a little and after building in additional expenditure on the green he calculated that a loss of approximately £400 (Green surrounds £1,400) will be made but as the Club has a healthy bank balance he recommend that no increase in subscriptions or other costs is required at this time.

The Treasurer then asked if the members had any questions. None were asked.

Full Membership	£85.00	Match fees (incl. Green fee)	
Joining Fee (Waived 2018)	£25.00	Home Supper	£4.00
Social Membership	£15.00	Weekend tea	£3.00
		Home with Cakes	£2.00
Green Fee - All Occasions	£1.00	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 Ken Dilley and seconded by Ann Riches, with a show of hands in agreement from the members.

The Chairman thanked the Treasurer for his management of the accounts and for the general health of the Club's finances.

Proposal of Dick Starbuck as a Trustee – seconded by John Greenwood and Mike White

Election of Life Membership for Dick Starbuck

The Chairman thanked Dick Starbuck, in his absence, for the 30 years' service given to the Club in his various positions on the Committee, past President, Treasurer, Club Captain and more.

The Chairman also thanked him for being an ambassador for the Club and proposed him as a Life Member, which was seconded by Thelma Spiers and Pat Mortimore.

President, Richard Tabor, presented Shirley Starbuck with a bouquet of flowers.

Formal election of new Committee

The Chairman read all the nominations to the members

Committee members and Vice-Captains:

President	Richard Tabor
Chairman	Maurice Bowles
Secretary	Jackie Rubie
Treasurer	Nigel Sloman

All proposed by June Brockman and seconded by John Greenwood and Brian Allen

Club Captain	Nigel Sloman
Vice-Captains	Doug Lock John Fisher Malcolm Wright
Match Secretary	John Thompson
Green Steward:	Allan Webber
Bar Stewards	Roger & Jo Newman
Catering Steward	Vicky Allen

Roy Glasper, was willing to re-stand as Examiner for the 2018 accounts.
All proposed by Nigel Sloman and seconded by Pat Mortimore

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 unanimously in favour.

AGM closed at 8.25pm

Informal meeting following the AGM

To be discussed at the next Committee Meeting

Putting out a second Knaphill Triples team playing one home and one away
One team in it to win and one team to encourage improvers

An extra league for those who want more than a roll up but are not top level players

Fewer friendly games and more competitions

Reducing rinks of friendly games from 4 to 3

Reducing Pairs competitions from 21 to 18 ends

Training be given to encourage more members to be skips

Introduce a new Triples Competition

Have Committee Meeting Minutes available to members

Closure of the Meeting

There being no business notified to the Secretary, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 9.05pm

EWHURST BOWLING CLUB

Men's Section

Annual Meeting, Thursday 19th October 2017 at 7.00 pm at the Clubhouse

Present: 17 members

Apologies for absence: Tim Bidmead, Chris Bullen, Patrick Leake, Doug Lock, Roger Mason, Derek Mortimore, Michael Roberts, Terry Smith, Dick Starbuck, John Thompson, Miles Thompson, Andrew Youl.

Minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting held on 20th October 2016: Approval was proposed by Maurice Bowles and seconded by Ken Mitchell and agreed by the meeting. There were no matters arising.

Captain's Report: Roger Newman presented the following report:

This has been my first season as captain and has been an interesting experience.

We have 45 men playing members on my counting.

We beat the Ladies in the annual Ladies v Gents.

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Election of Officers:

Captain: Roger Newman

Vice-Captain: Dick Starbuck

Secretary: John Greenwood

Match Secretary: John Thompson

These were proposed by Malcolm Wright and seconded by Malcolm Jarvis and agreed by the meeting.

Other Business:

Do we need this AGM? Roger Newman asked whether the Men's Section and the associated Annual Meeting were necessary at all. Abolition would require an amendment to the constitution at the next AGM. The Men's Captain could be appointed by a men-only vote at the Club AGM. It may be necessary to announce the Men's AGM for 2018 at a time following the Club AGM and then, if the proposal is accepted, to cancel it. It was noted that the current constitution had been written in accordance with the then SCBA rules and that the SCBA should be approached before any such proposal is made. Their attitude regarding gender-splitting is known to have changed (slowly). The CASC rules (tax rules for sports clubs) should also be examined, and the Ladies' Section should be asked for their opinion. This was referred to the Club committee.

It was noted that those few members who entered Surrey County competitions in 2017 had, for various reasons, had to withdraw.

Entries for 2018 Surrey County competitions should be submitted to Roger Newman by **13th November 2017**.

The meeting closed at 7.23 pm.

Complete Car Maintenance

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CCM garage have proudly sponsored the Ewhurst Bowling Clubs by providing Sun Umbrellas to shade the seats in front of the pavilion when we get some sunshine. We are also offering to all members a discounted MOT of £40.

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.

Special Offer

*EWHURST BOWLING CLUBS

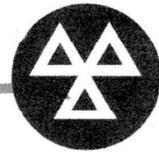
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