

EWHURST BOWLING CENTRE NEWS



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Shortmat

Ewhurst Welcomes New Members

We extend a very warm welcome to the following members who are now enjoying the facilities of our club. We look forward to seeing you at our rollups and social events.

Please put your names forward for any competitions or events that you feel qualified to enter.

Susan Booth

David Brewer

Harry Burrows

Irene Gould

Sheena & Hugh Hall

Janice Hathaway

Michael Ingarfield

Lin Leber

Ronald Maynard

Ann Zucker

Members and committee are always pleased to help and advise if necessary. We wish you a very happy season and good bowling.

- Pauline Shipway, Club Secretary

*Wishing all members a
happy, healthy and
prosperous*

2020



Bowls "Improvers" Courses

For members who joined the club after attending the beginners' courses in 2018 and 2019, this is your opportunity to brush up on your skills!

**These courses will be held on Thursdays
January 9th and 16th from 2 - 4 pm.**

The courses are also open to anyone who has recently joined with no previous experience of bowling. If you are interested, please add your name to the sheet displayed in the clubhouse, or contact Margaret Weeden on 01483 276268.

SHAB LEAGUE – How Are We Doing?

Eagles

Currently we are at the halfway stage of this season's competition and sit mid table.

Having played 6 games - won 2, drawn 1, lost 3, this is not as bad as it appears as our three losses were due to playing the invincible Albury home & away and Ripley away. The aforementioned plus Lions are the three strongest and competitive clubs in Surrey therefore to be in 4th position is the best we can expect and no mean achievement.

- David Kempson, Captain

Falcons

The Falcons have got off to a great start this season having won all four of the matches played so far. They are currently top of division 3. Our toughest game was against Tringham where one of our teams was 5 - 15 down after nine ends but with great determination they fought back to win 22 - 18. It was nail-biting for the other team too as the

score was 17 – 17 as they went into the final end. More drama followed as a measure was needed to determine who had the winning shot. Luckily it was our's!

- *Margaret Weeden, Captain*

Kestrels

The highlight this season, was roundly beating Cobham Yellow which included a Hotshot achieved by Ann White, Pam Routley, Liz Hodge and Jackie Wright.

We have won 2 games and lost 3. At the moment this is an improvement on last year. We must hope the second half of the season continues with this improvement. Well done everyone.

- *Jackie Wright, Captain*

Magpies

Since the beginning of the shortmat season Magpies have played 6 matches - 4 at home and 2 away. 3 matches have been won, 2 lost and 1 drawn.

Why not join the Magpies?

We would be delighted if some of the newer bowlers who have recently joined the Club could be encouraged to do so, and sign up for Magpies and thereby experience some match play.

- *Sue Forth, Captain*

Roll Up at Wey Valley Saturday 8th February 2020

This is a roll up with disciplines and head building practice. **All levels** of bowlers are very welcome. There is an entry form on the club notice board or you can contact Pauline Shipway. We do need to advise the numbers attending.

This will be a very beneficial experience for all those wishing to improve their bowling.

A Good Clean Up

The cleaning rota for January to April is now on the notice board. Can those who have not yet done the cleaning please check the rota and put this date in your diary!

NB: Remember to check the diary on the bar top before you decide when you are coming. Please avoid times when there is a committee meeting scheduled.

Safe-Guarding Officer Appointed

Steph Taylor has been appointed the safe-guarding officer for the shortmat club. If any member has any issue they would like to discuss, please get in touch with her.

SURREY MATTERS

National Competitions Qualifying Rounds – The Story So Far

These competitions take place during the season at Wey Valley Bowling Centre, Guildford, on a Saturday or Sunday.

Qualifying is initially a round-robin competition followed by knockout rounds which then determine who goes forward to represent Surrey at the next stage of the National Competition.

National Pairs

Qualifying for the next round of the National Pairs Competition took place in November. Tony Hodge and Steph Taylor were 3rd in a strong field which may give them a place at the next stage in Melton Mowbray early this year.

National Mixed Fours

Steph Taylor was a member of the winning team in the qualifying rounds for this National Competition, playing with bowlers from Lions BC. The team will be off to Solihull for the next round in March. If you would like to know more about taking part in these enjoyable but competitive events, do get in contact.

- *Jo Reynolds*

Short Mat Summer Games - 3 Wood Pairs Competition

A popular part of the County Summer Games programme is the 3 wood pairs which took place at the end of the summer.

This year's competition was won by Val Sloman with Derek Stubbs from Chobham Heath, who can be seen receiving their prizes from Nigel Goss, County A team captain (see photo). This was a great achievement, having beaten many of the County's top players to win.



Steph Taylor and Tony Hodge also got through to the knockout rounds of this competition, so Ewhurst made an excellent contribution overall. Well done Val, Tony and Steph!
- Jo Reynolds

Outdoor Bowls

News from your Club Captain

It seems hard to believe that it is now January. A happy and healthy New Year to all our members.

It won't be long before we are back outside on the grass. Although we have had the wettest autumn on record we are also promised a hot summer. Let us hope for sunny days and rain at nights to keep us and our green happy.

The recent AGM raised some points for discussion and these have been or are currently being considered by the committee.

Finals Day

It was asked at the AGM if Finals Day could be moved away from the traditional date of Summer Bank Holiday Monday as it is inconvenient for some members who have other commitments over the holiday weekend. Unless players are available to play on Finals Day they cannot enter the club competitions.

This was discussed again by the committee, as it has been raised before and previously had been decided to keep the Bank Holiday date. It was confirmed that 51 members out

of around 65 playing members entered the competitions, which would suggest that the majority of players were not deterred by the date of the Finals.

However, the possibility of changing the date was reviewed and the only option that could be made to work was to move Finals Day to Sunday 23 August and to keep Saturday 22 August for playing finals that couldn't be fitted in on the Sunday.

This required the away match against Dorking to be rearranged. As there was a possible alternative the committee decided to change Finals Day to Sunday 23 August in the coming season to see how it works.

John Thompson, our Match Secretary, has worked hard and he has fitted in Dorking on Wednesday 2 September. This unfortunately clashes with one of the rescheduled September League games.

You may remember that last season we had three September League games clash with the Tuesday and Thursday Leagues and we promised to reschedule them to Wednesdays or Fridays to avoid this. It was decided that we should not jeopardise the game with Dorking and move the September League game to Tuesday 1 September and accept a clash with a Guildford Woking and District League game.

So, for next season the committee have agreed to change Finals Day to Sunday 23 August to see how it works. If the committee considers the results to be less successful than last season the change will be reviewed.

Annual Subscriptions

The new committee discussed the suggestions raised at the AGM in detail. The conclusion being that for the new season we would follow the recommendations made by the sub committee lead by last year's treasurer. Annual subs would increase to £100 but no green fees would be payable at roll up sessions. However they will be reviewed at the end of the season. The new Subscription Form appears on page 5.

Hosting County Games

This subject will be discussed again at our January committee meeting.

Opening Drive

The Opening Drive will be on Bank Holiday Monday 13 April. Put it in your diary now. Applications for players for this, other early club events and competitions etc. will be dealt with in the March Newsletter.

The draft Fixtures List is on our website, but please remember that this is only a draft and at any one time may not reflect current thinking.

– Malcolm Wright

Dear Fellow-Members of Ewhurst Bowling Club

The club needs your help...

Already plans are being made for the outdoor 2020 bowls season.

Each year we invite 12 teams of ladies from neighbouring clubs to take part in our Ladies Invitation Day. We organise a league competition, followed by a final round match between the two most successful teams.

Our club has garnered a reputation for a competition run on a beautiful green in lovely surroundings, and including a very tasty meal followed by amazing desserts (provided by members). The friendliness and helpfulness of volunteers taking their place to aid the day's efforts makes our Ladies Invitation Day a very popular event.

The day is a very important financial benefit to the club. Players in summer 2019 paid £10 per head to take part (which adds £360 to club funds); this is considerably augmented by the raffle which this year raised £264.

Obviously nothing can be achieved without the vital volunteers who put so much into the success of the day.

That is where you come in

We urgently need to know whether there is someone in the club, male or female, who might be willing to take overall responsibility for organising the meal which we hope to provide for the lady players.

COULD THIS BE YOU? We will make sure there is plenty of support available, but **WE NEED A LEADER!!!**

Please contact Thelma Spiers for further information.

West Surrey Bowling Association

We are again affiliated to the West Surrey Bowling Association, both ladies and men. So look out for the West Surrey competitions.

We have also applied to rejoin the men's West Surrey Mid Week League, mostly played on Friday evenings. We wait to see if our application is accepted. This is a single rink 2 wood league and you play each club in your area just once so there may be 4 or 5 home matches depending on how many in the league with the remainder played away.

When we were last in the league there were 10 clubs in our area so we played 9 matches. A simple meal is usually supplied after home matches with the cost split equally amongst the 4 players.

Mike White has agreed to run our team this year.

Membership Renewal – 2020

It's that time again! As always early payment of your renewal would be much appreciated, as during the closed season a substantial amount of work has to be carried out on the green. This means our bank balance is substantially reduced. So if you wish to pay your sub early by cheque please complete the form at the end of the newsletter and return to me ASAP by post, or pin on the board.

If you wish to pay through the internet please give me a ring and I will provide the clubs banking details.

– Peter Adams, Hon Treasurer

Lottery Winners 2018 – 2019

	First	Second
October 2018	Maria Eveleigh	Richard Tabor
November	Ann White	Doug Lock
December	Bill Creelman	Ken Dilley
January 2019	Alan Eveleigh	Thelma Spiers
February	Jackie Rubie	Ernie Gower
March	Jo Newman	Malcolm Wright
April	Tony Hodge	Ann White
May	Di Richardson	Alan Eveleigh
June	Tony Hodge	John Walsh
July	Di Richardson	Jack Sieber
August	Jackie Rubie	Phyl Lister
September	Jack Sieber	John Walsh

EWHURST BOWLING CLUB

Application for Membership – Renewal 2020

Subscriptions for 2020 - Full Membership £100 and Social Membership £15

Name Full/Social £.....

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

Signature (please print your name)

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, Peter Adams, 24 Hesketh Close, Cranleigh, Surrey GU6 7JB

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.

Social Matters

Saturday 1st February

CRAZY WHIST

£7 pp

Including snacks

Cheques please to Sue Forth
9 Broadwalk, Cranleigh GU6 7LS



Thursday 26th March

BRIDGE TEA

£40 PER TABLE

(Further details will be announced)

... and look out for further details of an authentic curry night!

Cheques must be made payable to Ewhurst Bowling Club Social Committee

THESE EVENTS ARE OPEN TO **ALL** EWHURST MEMBERS

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