

EWHURST BOWLING CENTRE NEWS



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Outdoor Bowls

From the Club Captain

We are about halfway through the season and finding that we are still struggling, and sometimes failing, to meet our Friendly fixture commitments. Although the pandemic limitations on play have been lifted there may still be some residual effect on how we lead our lives after all those months of lockdown and changing restrictions.

We have had more cancelled games than previous years. By this time last year five games had been cancelled – four because of the weather and one because we could not raise enough players. This year, at the time of going to press, we have had 10 games cancelled. Five games were cancelled by us because we could not raise the teams, three were cancelled by our opponents for lack of players and two were cancelled due to the weather.

At least we have been luckier so far this year and lost fewer games due to bad weather. Fingers crossed for the future and perfect bowling weather during the day and the all-too-necessary rain at night to keep our water bill down.

When our opponents cancel and we are playing at home we always have the option of still using the rinks booked for the Ewhurst players, playing together as in a Role-up. Our

reserves for the match can also be invited to play. The Captains of the Day are encouraged to keep this option in mind.

The numbers may indicate that it is not only our club that is finding it difficult to get enough players. We cannot do anything to avoid all cancellations but we can try to ensure that we don't cancel because we can't get enough players.

At the time of writing we have won as many Friendlies as we have lost. We have had some very good wins against strong clubs, although these are mostly offset with some heavy losses – but we still have a shot difference in the black. In my book this is holding our own and a good starting point for the rest of the season.

The Johnston Cherry Friday League

A big thank you to Hugh Hall who has taken over the running of this League. At the time of writing we are lucky enough to have played all five of the first fixtures, whereas last year three of the first five fixtures were washed out.

There is still plenty of room for more players, so do come along. We still have a number of weeks to run so don't think that it is too late to start. You could still win the cup! The league starts at 2.00pm on Friday afternoons and runs until 19 August. All Members are welcome to play. Just turn up on the day to participate.

Drives and Events

We have had a busy time with Drives and Events since the last newsletter and I would like to thank Thelma Spiers, Doug Lock, Maurice Bowles and Roger Newman for organising them and making them happen successfully. See their contributions in this newsletter to find out what those of us who were not able to be there may have missed.

Please check the notice board at the Club for forthcoming attractions.

Crown Green Bowls

Despite our success with the other Drives and Events I am sad to say that this year very few Members signed up for this event and it had to be cancelled. Although it has not been a

long-standing fixture and the form of play is a bit different it has been enjoyed by those Members who have previously participated. I am hoping that the lack of support this year is just temporary and that next year we will see a resurgence in enthusiasm.

July Friendly Games

The selections for the July games are now on the notice board at the Club and all Members with internet access will have received a copy by email towards the end of June.

We are still short of players for seven out of the 12 games so please check the lists and add your names to the games that need them. We also have games with just enough players but no reserves – so some more names on those games would be appreciated too.

If you are listed as a player or a reserve, please tick your name to confirm that you are still available and if, for any reason, you are no longer available, please cross off your name and call the Captain of the Day, who is listed at the bottom of the sheet, to inform them. It is very important that you call too as it is not possible to check the notice board every day. Friendly games are open to all Members, regardless of experience, so do put your names down.

Note that the availability lists for the August games will go on the notice board on 1 July.

- Malcolm Wright

Men's Captain Report July 2022

In the Guildford & Woking League we are coming towards the end of the first rotation of matches and we are currently 3rd in the league behind Woodbridge Hill and Godalming who are top but we have a game in hand. All to play for.

I notice that pretty well all of the competition matches are being played on time which is great and helps the succeeding rounds proceed on time. Don't forget to read the rules before you play and remember that if the scores are equal after the number of allocated ends, you need to toss for the mat and the winner can choose whether to have the mat or give it away.

This is another reminder that we have 5 nights booked at the Dorset Bowls and Golf Resort from the 23rd October. If you haven't already let me know that you are going but are interested in this great 5 days please get in touch.

There will be a members' get together on Friday the 12th August at 6:00pm in the clubhouse. This is an opportunity to air and discuss any new ideas and changes that could be implemented in 2023. There will be cheese and wine available!!

The Ewhurst Parish Council have ordered a new front door which will have a key pad entry system. This should be fitted by the end of the year.

-Roger Newman

Competitions

We are now well into the season and the following competitions have already taken place – Two Wood Singles and George Spiers Triples.

The Two Wood Singles took place on the 21st May in which 20 players took part. These were split into 4 groups of 5 players, each playing everyone in their group.

The winners of each group then competed in a semi-final – Peter Adams, Doug Lock, Jo Newman and Ann White. The winners then went onto a final in which Doug Lock beat Jo Newman 5 shots to 4.

The George Spiers Triples was held on 12th June and we had 18 entries which were split into two groups of three teams. In team A the winning players were Ken Dilley, Lesley Hawes and Anne Lock, while Peter Adams, Jean Bligh and Jo Newman were the winners of team B. In the final the victors were Peter Adams, Jean Bligh and Jo Newman.

As usual it is planned to have a Bring and Share meal at the conclusion of the Finals weekend on Sunday 21st August. Please put in your diary. Further information will be posted on the Noticeboard in due course.

— Doug Lock

President v Chairman Annual Match

It was decided this year that the annual match should take place on a Friday evening and what a great success it was. The Chairman's team won a very close match after a recount!!! The weather was lovely and we finished with a Fish and Chip supper followed by ice cream. Thanks to all members who were able to attend and contribute to a fun evening.

—*Maurice Bowles*

Jubilee Celebrations

On Thursday June 2nd the celebrations began for the Queen's Jubilee.

The Outdoor Club celebrated in style by having our annual Ladies v Gents game. The club house was decorated with flags, balloons and flowers.

Before the match started to commemorate the day, we had a group photo kindly taken by Ken Dilley.

We all dressed in red, white and blue. It was a thoroughly enjoyable and a very competitive game won convincingly by the Gentlemen.

Following the game Roger and Jo served us all with Pimm's after which we all enjoyed a celebration meal off Coronation chicken, salads, potatoes, trifle and cheese biscuits. We must thank the ladies who cooked and prepared it all.

With the sun shining during the day it was very successful and enjoyed by all.

—*Thelma Spiers*

Short Mat Bowls

From your Chairman

The 2021/2022 Short Mat season was finally brought to a close with our Annual Trophy presentation lunch at the Sir Roger Tichborne venue, where the food and attention to detail were at their usual high standard. Margaret Weeden and David Kempson, ably assisted by Steph Taylor, are to be congratulated for the excellent preparation work involved.

Margaret, with the enthusiastic help of David Kempson, ran the competitions, a job made very much more difficult because of the effects of covid.

Margaret, again in collaboration with David, also coped so very well with the trophy scenario. I will mention the principal tasks involved:- gathering in the trophies from the previous winners; ensuring that the winners and losers were correctly enumerated; ensuring that the recipients details were correctly inscribed on each trophy; transporting the trophies to the venue; and arranging the items in correct order of presentation.

Nothing is easy about this, bearing in mind that they were coping with winning bowlers from two seasons. Well done, both!

The last presentation of the day was the John Davies Cup. This is awarded each year to a member who has contributed more than might be expected. Previously this has gone to some of our more "high profile" members, usually who hold some office.

There were several candidates who fell into that category having done so much sterling work over the last two years. However, when I mentioned this name the whole Committee were extremely enthusiastic and wholly supportive.

This person has quietly gone about his dedicated support of the Club, both socially and as a playing member. He has quietly captained a number of teams over the years, with all the problems of selection, finding players, finding late substitutes, etc. All conducted unobtrusively, "under the radar." Not now!

Thank you, and congratulations, Tony Richardson.

We have decided, for one season, to trial having our cleaning carried out by a professional, with the cost being partly funded by an increase in the annual subscription of £10. If/when the trial is successful, the full cost of the cleaning will be funded by a further increase of around £5 to the membership fee.

We will maintain a small band of volunteers from the membership to cover the basics for matters such as the cleaner's holiday, illness etc.

At our recent AGM I asked members to consider how each can contribute to the workings of the club, by perhaps getting involved in assisting the running one of our league teams, or serving on the Committee. Please consider it seriously. Any one of your Committee will be happy to assist in any deliberations.

—Dennis McGuinness
Chairman, ESMBC

Remembering Andrew Youl

We have received so many cards and letters, many remembering Andrew's dry wit and ability to make people laugh and also their

thoughts on what Andrew meant to them personally.

For those of you who came to the service and the wake at the Crown Inn, thank you. It was wonderful to see you all there, on such a lovely sunny day.

To those of you who couldn't make it, we know we were in your thoughts. The service was beautiful and the Crown Inn did a wonderful job of hosting us all at the wake.

The kindness we have received has been a great comfort to us and, although nothing can change what has happened, we are now beginning to pick up the pieces again although we shall all miss him every day. Thank you all.

—Rob, Mandy, Sue, Jonathan and Jenny

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