

EWHURST BOWLING CENTRE NEWS



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Articles for the August Newsletter are required by July 25th.

Outdoor Bowls

Obituary

Bob Pooley

Bob, who was a good supportive member of the Ewhurst Bowling Club for many years, has died and in his Will he has bequeathed £500 to the Club. Bob and his wife Joyce were both members and became involved in many aspects of life in the Club.

Bob was on the Committee for much of his time with us. He was Captain from 1986 to 1988 and was President from 1995 until 1997. He was actively involved in the events leading up to the decision to build our new pavilion in 1996.

Bob was last on the membership roll in 2010 but unfortunately he had not been able to enjoy much bowling outdoors for a time before then.

Joyce was a member from 1990. She was very involved with the Ladies Section and, in fact, like several wives, she was involved with catering for club events before taking up bowling. Unfortunately she passed away in about 1997 which was a great loss to Bob. Although they had no children, Bob enjoyed a strong family bond with his brothers who lived in Kent.

After Joyce died Bob moved from their house in St Nicolas Avenue to a bungalow in Hesketh Close and subsequently to be near his brothers.

Both Bob and Joyce also joined the Short Mat Club and bowled with them for several years. They also joined the club bowling breaks in Torquay and other places. Latterly Bob joined us at our Tuesday rollups in Broadbridge Heath.

They will both be remembered with affection by those who knew them. His bequest will be shared by the two clubs.

- Dick Starbuck

Two Wood Singles

Twenty members took part in the two wood singles competition that was held on Saturday 20th May. The players were divided into two groups, each person playing three matches of 14 ends each. The winners of the two groups then played in a closely contested final with Roger Newman the winner and John Greenwood the runner-up. All went to plan in spite of a brief shower and the unexpected attention of two low flying red kites, and the day finished with an excellent cream tea. Many thanks to all who took part and all who made the day run so smoothly.

- John Greenwood

President v Chairman Day Saturday July 8th - 1.45 for 2 pm.

The list and details regarding the above game are now on the board. Can you please put your names on the list by Sunday June 25th at the latest. Complimentary tea and refreshments will be served after nine ends. The normal green fee of £1 will be payable. The teams will be selected and posted on the notice board on 28th June. Come and join in the fun even if it rains.

-Richard and Maurice

Club Australian Pairs (for the Starbuck Trophy) Sunday 30th July

The renewal of this coveted trophy takes place on July 30th (greys, 2.00 pm start). It is a drawn pairs competition and open to all members - however only the first 32 on the list are guaranteed to play. A reserve list will be drawn up if there are more than 32 entries. The list will be on the board at the beginning of June. All players will play at least 15 ends of 4 bowls. A cream tea will be served during the afternoon.

All members and their partners are welcome to join us for tea.

The cost of the cream tea will be £2 plus £1 for playing members.

-Maurice Bowles

Swallow Tiles Bowling Club: A little bit of history

I have now discovered that the Swallow Tiles Bowling Club was first affiliated to the Surrey County in 1931 (it is not known when the club was started) and that the affiliation continued annually until 1939. It appears not to have affiliated after that, possibly due to the interruption of the war, but it continued as an active bowling club until the early seventies. Two of our members, Doug Stacey and Dennis Bloomfield have played there. A regular fixture was played against Ewhurst. Keith Swallow was a founder member of the Ewhurst Club when it was formed in 1936 and I am told that both he and his brother Ray won their county badges but through which club I do not know.

The Swallows club had a two rink green in Keith Swallow's garden just off the Cranleigh Road at the top of Bookhurst Hill. It was still clearly identifiable although the moles and brambles have had a field day over the last thirty odd years. There is a small brick and tile (Swallows presumably) shelter at the far end probably used for changing etc.

Recently – April 2017 – the ground, including the old green, has been cleared and levelled as a preliminary to building houses. The little tiled shelter remains at this moment - but for how long?

So will vanish all traces of the Swallow Tiles Bowling Club - RIP

-Dick Starbuck

Parking – be considerate!

It is sometimes difficult to find a parking space in the car park but if everyone parked inside the white lines we could get a few more cars in the space provided.

HOT, HOT, HOT!!

Hot news from the away match against Brockham. Against an exceptionally strong triple including the club captain, our triple of Pauline Gallagher, Roger Newman and Maurice Bowles managed to get all nine bowls nearer to

the jack than the opponents (all within 4 feet) and therefore scored a HOT SHOT! A very welcome comeback as we had given 7 away in a previous end!

Short Mat

Notes from your Chairman

SHAB Squads

The captains of the SHAB teams will be agreeing the squads for next season and they will be published shortly. We will again be entering 3 teams.

You may already know that for the 2017/18 season the Eagles are in Division 1, Falcons in Division 2 and the Kestrels in Division 3. Fixtures are being worked on by Steph Taylor our fixture secretary and will appear on the web site soon.

Handover to Outdoor Club

Thank you to those of you who helped Spring clean the club for the handover to the Outdoor Club. There were fewer than last year which may be because so many turned up last year they got in each other's way!!

Ripley League

We are again sending a team to Ripley for their summer league. Please contact Derrick Liddicott if you wish to play and he will try and fit you in.

Annual General Meeting

The Short Mat AGM will be held this year at 8:00pm on Thursday 15th June, the bar will be open beforehand.

Apologies for absence to Pauline Shipway - shipway@talktalk.net

Competitions

Alan Goldsmith has been organising our competitions for some while now and he wishes to make next season his last. I am pleased to say that Jo Reynolds and Margaret Weeden will be "shadowing" him in running the competitions next season with a view to taking over the year after, so a big thank you to them for volunteering.

Lunch and Cup Presentations

39 members and spouses attended an enjoyable lunch at the Sir Roger Tichbourne on the 1st June at which all the runners up and winners who attended were presented with their trophies.

The John Davis cup is presented to a person who has contributed a great deal to the Short Mat club. It is not presented every year but this year it goes to Roger Dobbing. Roger ran the Social Committee for many years and the social events are not always easy to run, they take a great deal of time and effort and together with his committee they did a grand job (and still do). He has also edited and produced the Newsletter every 2 months for many years which provides a vital link to members and ex members of both clubs. Congratulations Roger.

Outdoor Bowls – try it!

Over half the members of the Outdoor Club are also Short Mat bowlers but if anymore of you wish to try outdoor bowls please contact Hilary Mitchell, Maurice Bowles or John Greenwood and I am sure they will provide help and assistance.

Club House Report

The present members who look after the club house are Mike White (manager), Malcolm Wright and Mike Crowther.

The year has been quite a busy one. My committee has continued to keep up with the regular maintenance jobs - replacement of tubes and starters, cleaning the gutters and removing the moss from the flat roof and the rear path, easing sticking fire exit doors, repairing the hand rail around the fire exits and other small tasks. We have also taken over responsibility for the purchase of the janitorial products. We also undertook to try to improve the storage areas, which were getting rather cluttered. We built some shelving and purchased some storage boxes to better control the many items a club needs in order to function.

Throughout the year teams of members work to keep the club house cleaned, and all the members take care with the facilities that we have, so that the club house remains in the excellent condition that we see it today. In the kitchen the main sink taps were replaced and the hand wash sink was resealed and some rails

were put up for the tea towels. It was decided by the joint bowls club committees to replace the hand towels in the toilets with a paper towel system, and towel dispensers and bins were purchased and installed.

With funds from the Social Committee the joint clubs were able to finance the purchase of new curtains; a sub committee of the ladies chose the pattern and a working party put them up. I know they have been universally well received by the members.

Following the sad death of Di Bradley, Di's family and our joint committees felt some sort of memorial was needed to celebrate her life and her support of the Bowls Club. It was decided to jointly fund a weather vane for the club roof. This has now been purchased and erected and a small plaque to recognise her contribution to the club has been put up below the weathervane.

During the winter we suffered a failure of the heating. An investigation by Steve Cole (the Parish Council's nominated electrician) diagnosed a failure of the main switch gear. He has now rectified this fault but unfortunately it was discovered that other elements of the control system were also failing. These will be corrected during the coming summer months. Also the Parish Council paid for the window and door frame to be repainted. Our thanks go to Jane and to Tom Fawcett of the Parish Council for their help in these matters.

The outside area of the club continues to be managed and maintained by the Bowls Club with a substantial effort from John Koefman and a large team of members. However, some areas fall to the Centre Committee to maintain: the entry signs to the club were showing distinct signs of ageing, so they have been rebuilt; the finger post was blown down in a storm and was found to have rotted so the rot was cut out and the slightly shorter sign re-erected; a snowstorm also brought down a section of the bushes at the end of the drive and these have been cut back.

For the future, the only immediate items that need addressing are the double glazed units. Five have now failed: the seals have gone and condensation builds up between the sheets of glass so they cannot be cleaned. I have obtained a quotation for their replacement by a recognised local glazing company for £500 inc VAT. The work would be guaranteed for 10 years.

For the future, the electrical installations, lights and heaters are now over 20 years old. We understand that the 8' fluorescent tubes are no longer made and will eventually become unavailable. During the period when the heating failed we utilised 3 household fan heaters: these proved perfectly adequate to heat the clubhouse. Given these facts and given the government's push for a greener environment, it occurred to me that this might be a good time to investigate more modern alternatives such as low energy lights and fewer but more efficient heaters, and even solar panels. Would there be any possibility of grants from central or local government? Perhaps Waverley might even help!

The other major improvement that has been muted is the ongoing resurfacing of the car park. We have received a quotation for this work from Jennings Surfacing for £9030 + VAT. With planning permission being given for the development of 30+ houses at Backward Point, might it be possible under section 106 regulations to ask the developers to consider completing the resurfacing and even the extension of the car park as part of their contribution to the infrastructure of the Village? Again Waverley might advise. Just a thought!

Finally: we continue to be the envy of all our fellow Surrey Bowls Clubs for the facilities we

enjoy in Ewhurst. Thanks must go to the original members who pursued the club's dream of inside bowling facilities, and to the Parish Council whose support enables us to continue to offer such excellent facilities to the people of Ewhurst and beyond. The clubhouse is open 7 days a week to members, with organised bowling on 4 to 5 days a week throughout the year. We have also entertained a group of Young Farmers for an evening of bowls and continue to hold U3A courses in the Autumn for indoors and in the Spring for outdoor bowls.

-Mike White

Social Committee Contributions

As you all know, the social committee work very hard to arrange social activities throughout the year and they all prove very popular. They are not run specifically with profit in mind but nevertheless they do make an important contribution to club funds. At end of their financial year the committee was able to distribute £550 to each of the two clubs and also the same amount to a local charity which this year was the Cranleigh Rowley Day Centre.

Next year the charity to benefit will be the Jigsaw School. Many, many thanks to the social committee for all their hard work.

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Our website contains everything you need to know about the outdoor and shortmat clubs, including results of competitions, AGM minutes, the various leagues, competitions, rollups, newsletters, contacts, etc. If you have anything to sell, there is a page for this as well.

If you want to add anything please contact Roger Newman.



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