

# Farnborough Bowling Club

## Spring Newsletter



### Communications in 2013

A new role of a Communications Officer, agreed by the Committee on the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2013, has been introduced at the club. The role has been put in place to support the sharing of information at the Club and to help Members advertise events and successes of the Club, its Captains and Teams throughout the year, keeping everyone fully informed. The role can support Members with advertising or co-ordinating key events that are held throughout the year. Need any help with communicating a successful win or a forthcoming social event, or if you have any good news stories you would like to put in the next quarterly newsletter which comes out in June please contact: [info@farnboroughbowls.co.uk](mailto:info@farnboroughbowls.co.uk) or speak to Diane Malpass.

### President's Message

I trust all members, long standing; more recent and prospective new are looking forward to a good outdoor season. We will all be hoping the weather is kinder than last year.

I repeat the regular plea I was making as Captain for everybody, irrespective of ability and experience, to make full use of their membership and put themselves down to play in friendlies and appropriate leagues.

The Committee this year will be putting a lot of time into developing the Club's business plan, which was initiated by my predecessor Diane. My main message about this is that there will be no secrets or hidden agendas and everything is up for discussion. So keep up to date by looking at the Committee minutes as they go on the notice board. But inevitably there is often a gap between the written word and actual progress. Everybody should feel free to ask me or other Committee Members about the latest position and to make suggestions.

Finally and most important **Enjoy yourselves.**

### Tag Donation

Fantastic News! In February, the Club applied to TAG Farnborough Airport for sponsorship for the 2013 bowling season and as a result have secured £2,500. A great start to the year. Our sincere thanks go to TAG Farnborough Airport for their support.

### Aldershot & District

This year we have 2 teams in the A&D competing in Divisions 2 and 4.

We will be holding some practice sessions on Tuesday evenings before the league starts; Watch the notice board for details

### Coaches and Umpires

We are very fortunate at FBC to have three qualified Coaches, Alec Sharman, Michael Andrews and David Jennings. Michael and David obtained their level 2 qualification recently, Head Coach Alec also has a level 2 qualification. David also recently qualified as a Club Umpire. Any member interested in taking the level 1 coaching course should speak to Alec.

### Latest News

- 12 new bowls mats are to be purchased for the start of the 2013 season.
- A new Gazebo is to be purchased, again for the 2013 season, you may recall last year, the old Gazebo sprung several leaks.
- Grant funding is being sought to raise some of the edges of the green and to erect a new fence on "The Grove" side of the Club House. Diane Malpass is the Club's Funding Officer and will be submitting the applications on behalf of the Green's sub-committee. More news to come on this in the June edition.

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### Ladies Section

New for 2013, commencing 16th April, weather permitting, roll ups for all our lovely ladies on Tuesday afternoons from 2pm until 4.30pm, a fun afternoon to catch up, have a cup of tea, a gossip and of course to practice all those winning shots.

There are also four Ladies Friendlies organised for the forthcoming season – June 4, June 18, July 2 and August 13.

Ladies Day is back by popular demand and will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August, it's a great opportunity to invite friends and acquaintances from other clubs for a great days bowling.

And finally . . . . . we are hosting a NHWBA game against West Sussex Ladies on the 13<sup>th</sup> of September.

Visit the [website](#) and put the dates in your diaries, all ladies are welcome whether you're a new member or an established member, come along, join in and have fun!



### New Technology

#### Saves Members time with Team Fixtures!

All Team Fixtures can be found on the Farnborough Bowling Club website – fed up of transferring all activities to you diary? Technology can help! Michael Andrews has worked his technical magic and now all team fixtures for the season can be synced with your own electronic calendar – pc, laptop or phone, it saves a great deal of time and it's easy to do; you can even get a map for away matches. See [instructions](#) for details or visit the [What's On Page](#) for all event dates

### 2013 Officers

President:	Mr. John Yeeles
Vice President:	Mrs. Vicky Raison
Secretary:	Mr. Barry Lee
Assistant Secretary:	Mrs. Rona Jennings
Treasurer:	Mrs. Anne Hellier
Club Captain:	Mr. David Jennings
Men's Captain:	Mr. Geoff Chadd
Ladies' Captain:	Mrs. Joan Abbott
Competitions Secretary:	Mr. Martin Lee
Match Secretary:	Mr. Erle Side
Bar Manager:	Mr. Adrian Hill

### Monday Club

It's popular, it's back, and it's being organised and managed by our own Sheila Andrews who says "there will be a few interesting changes this season, come along". It's every Monday at 2pm. Have a bowl, meet friends, have a chat, a cup of tea and biscuits. Come and support your club.

[Monday Club](#) starts 15th April,



**The Last Word!** God created Eve second so that Women could have the last word!