

Farnborough Bowling Club

Spring Newsletter 2014



President's Message

On this occasion I will indulge myself by expressing a few personal thoughts on this and that as we head towards the next season. Readers may not agree but at least, think about them.

Firstly, a couple of my pet hates:-

Number 1 – Teams who applaud exuberantly when a poor shot by their skip wicks off about 5 woods and goes in for shot. I think this is bad manners and it embarrasses the skip and irritates the opposition.

Number 2 is the overuse by some skips of a shout of “unlucky” following very ordinary shots by one of their team. In my experience this does not actually contribute anything useful to encourage attempts to do better next time.

Secondly a reminder of a few points I have made previously about the relationship between players and Captains/Selectors:-

Players – if you have a problem over selections, take it up with the selector concerned, rather than your mates.

Selectors – be prepared to listen, explain your thinking and perhaps make changes in response to valid points.

And one further thought in this context – Selectors will generally pick teams fairly conservatively but sometimes will want to try something different. Those who put their names down to play should be prepared to play in any position.

Finally (almost), money and a lot of time by some Members has been put into work on the green this winter. As the season progresses all Members are encouraged to feed back to the Committee their view of the result.

And really finally – **enjoy your bowls this coming season.**

Grant Funding - Great News!

Further grant funding has been secured by the Committee in 2014! The total grant funding received in 2013/2014, now stands at a whopping £3960 which is broken down as follows - £2500 from TAG, £960 from Rushmoor Council Community & Environment (TAG) fund and £500 from The Hampshire Playing Fields Association. These monies have been invested in the Winter Renovation Work on the Green. We thank the donating organisations mentioned for their significant support for which we are extremely grateful.

Bingo Evening - Two Little Ducks

On the 22nd February 53 bingo fanatics enjoyed a chip shop supper (delicious), some fast and furious games of bingo, a ditty from Edna, two games, “guess what’s in the sock” and “the two minute walk” (organised by Edna) and the drama of “will I win a prize” in the raffle. A fantastic £176.70 was raised, (excluding the bar), what a great success! A big thank you to Anne, Edna and the A&E players for organising a very entertaining evening and to all who supplied the raffle prizes.

Vice President's Day

Our Vice President, aka Vicky Raison, will be hosting an Open Mixed Pairs Tournament on the 2nd August. The event is in the planning stages, but watch this space for more details. Volunteers will be required on the day to help out with the catering, bar, tombola etc. The purpose of the event is to have some fun and raise money for the Club.

Hotshot for Farnborough Four

On Monday 3rd February, Geoff Ringrose, Mick Moorcroft, Mick Browne and Bob Tillotson scored a maximum score of 8 shots on one end to qualify for a hotshot award. Well done to all four.



Latest News

An anonymous donation of £1000 has helped us complete the levelling of the Canterbury Road end of the green

We hope to have a sale on Donkey Derby day at the club at the end of May.

Darts Where are all the Members who put their names down for Darts? Every Friday evening at the Club 7 to 9 only £1. Will finish sometime in April.

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Green

Work on the green is progressing well. We have Members brushing the green on most mornings but could always do with a few more volunteers so that people only have to do it once a fortnight. Contact Bob Savory if you can help

Major renovation work took place in January. The edge by Canterbury Road has been lifted and levelled. The middle of the edge had to be raised five inches, some new side boards were added and the area re-turfed. The green has been vertidraind (deep aeration to a depth of between 8"-10") hence the large spiky machine



Levelling across the rest of the green is continuing with more top soil gradually being applied to the dips; another ton of top soil is about to be ordered.

The Committee has decided that the green will open at 10am everyday for the 2014 season

A&D

We are running 2 teams again this year. Practice will be on Tuesday 29th April, and 6th May; anyone interested in playing should attend the practice sessions.

Team selection will follow similar lines as last year, with the 'A' Team selected on merit. The 'B' team will be run on a squad basis.

Our aim for this year is to finish above our positions last year which were 4th in Division 2 and 3rd in Division 4.



Club House

The Club House - the interior of the club has been re-painted, hence it looks much cleaner and fresher, a big thank you and well done to all the Members who took on the task.

Notice Board - the notice board area has had a major refurbishment. The area is now much tidier and will make finding information much easier. Again a big thank you to all the Members who carried out the work over the winter.

Diary Dates 2014

- ★ Spring Meeting 1st March 9am
- ★ Green & club tidying 12th April
- ★ Opening Drive 13th April 2.30pm
- ★ Monday Club commences 14th April 2pm
- ★ Fish & Chip Drive 26th April
- ★ Thursday Evening Club will start sometime in May.

Website

2014 Friendly and League fixtures are now on the website; from the "What's On" page you can see a complete club calendar with a map of away games and their club's website.

Competitions Update

- * The draw for the Ladies County Competitions has been received. A hard copy will be available shortly in the clubhouse. Good luck to all those ladies who have entered.
- * The draw for the Men's County Competitions takes place on Thursday 6th March, 7pm at Cove BC.
- * **The Thornbery** - Farnborough has been drawn against Aldershot Underwood in the preliminary round on the 19th June at Aldershot.
- * **The Mixed Top Club** - Farnborough has been drawn against Oakley to be played by the 25th May at Farnborough

The Last Word! Polish up those bowls, the outdoor season is fast approaching.