

Farnborough Bowling Club Summer Newsletter 2014



President's Message

It is with great sadness I am writing this message as our President John Yeeles is no longer with us. This year has seen several Members pass away. So I ask you all to take a quiet moment and remember John Yeeles, Adrian Hill, Billy Side, Roy Jordan and David Taylor.

On a more positive note the club is buzzing with activity at the moment with lots of Club, District, County and National games going on. I wish all our Members good luck in all their competitions and if you haven't entered any District or County this year, please seriously consider entering next year.

Despite the Bank Holiday Monday weather, we had a successful Donkey Derby Open Day making £316. A very big thanks to all those who baked cakes, donated prizes and helped organise and supported on the day.

I am looking forward to the challenge of the rest of the season. With the support of the Members I feel sure I can be a worthy successor. Vicky

NHWBA v Southampton & District

On the 20th June we hosted the above match. Despite Southampton arriving early and trying to catch us out (they got their coach cheaper by arriving early), we were ready. Fortunately the organisers had also got there early, so the marquee was open, the seats and cushions were out and the bar was open. Rona and Diane Malpass had laid out the tables and the tea trolley the evening before and so we were open for business. The weather was fabulous and from the laughter and noise on the green all the ladies (and two gents from Southampton) were having a great afternoon. One of the North Hants team did not turn up and it was Farnborough to the rescue: Diane Malpass, despite not having her own bowls, stepped in and played for them and to cap it all Diane was on the winning rink.



A big thank you to all the Farnborough Members who helped out with the shopping, preparing the food, getting the rinks out, serving drinks, plating up the food, washing up and finally clearing up afterwards.

AND, an even bigger thank you to Rona for playing in the Blackwater Valley game that evening.

Ladies (Sheila)

The Thornbery - we have been successful in the preliminary and 1st rounds, beating Aldershot Underwood 46-29 in the prelim and Pyestock 42-26 in the 1st round. The 2nd round is on the 3rd July, at home and is against Whitchurch. The game starts at 6.15 pm.

In the **Gazette Cup** we had a bye in the preliminary round and in the 1st round, to be played on the 17th July, we are away to Aldershot Underwood. The game starts at 6pm.

Blackwater Valley Ladies League - as of 6th June we were 5th in the table (this time last year we were 4th). In the interim we have picked up a few more points. Thank you to all the ladies who have played and those who have stepped in at the last minute.

Ladies Friendlies - we have played two games so far, against Yateley and Hawley, winning both, unfortunately the game against Crowthorne was cancelled. We are due to play Aldershot Underwood on the 1st July. The selection sheets for the remaining 3 matches are up in the Club House.

External Competitions

Members are still in Farnham & District, A&D, NHWBA and County Competitions well done for getting this far and good luck in your next matches..

Edna and Anne are through the preliminary round of the F&D Ladies Pairs competition, narrowly beating a pair from The Bourne B.L. and are through to round 2 of the NH Pairs having beaten Cove and Fleet Social on the way. Both Joan, Edna and Anne: Norma, Judy and Hilary are through to the next round of the NH Triples.

Sheila and Joan are through to round 2 of the NH Pairs

Sheila is still in the County over 55s and unbadged singles

Dennis, Keith and Michael are still contesting the A&D Triples.

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Club Competitions (Martin Lee)

The club competitions are now being fiercely contested. We have 238 entries, the highest number for 15 years. There have already been several games that would be worthy of a final. Two one day competitions have been completed, which are:-

Drawn Triples, Costar Trophy

We had 9 teams in 2 leagues. League One was won by Jen Kelly, John Lakeman and Martin Lee with 34 shots scored. League Two was won by Chris Henderson, Bob Tillotson and Edna Lakeman with 37 shots scored.

The final was decided by an umpired measure on an extra end, 8-7. The result going to Edna and her team.

Two Wood Pairs

We had 13 teams enter this year.

The 2 losing semi-finalists were Jen Kelly & Chris Henderson and Judy & Bob Savory.

It was the first final for all 4 players. Anthony LaFrenais & Rona Jennings won the title against Geoff Chadd & Anne Hellier by 1.5 sets to 0.5. (7-2, 6-6).

The 'Losers Plate' was won by Barry Lee & Martin Lee who beat Mick Browne & Diane Hill.



Coaching

New Members.

Although we have introduced bowls to about 20 people so far this summer, up until now only three have joined the club which is disappointing. So for the first time in about four years the membership has dropped this year.

Michael did a nice video session for Members to see themselves bowl and analyse any problems, (if there were any). It was attended by 6 players who all felt it was a great help.

There is a markers session on 17th July, so anyone who would like to learn how to mark games, or just need a refresher on the correct way to do so, please add your name to the list on the notice board.

A session on 'Freezing The Head' (head tactics and what shot to play next) will take place soon, more details to follow.

HotShot



Tom Thorne added to the growing list of Farnborough Top Club Bowler during the indoor season.

Top Club

We made it to round 3 again but were beaten by a strong Traco side.

Leagues

F&D league. (Alec Sharman)

Life in Division 1 is proving difficult. Our biggest problem is we are struggling to get enough players. The last three games I have had to ask people to play or we would have to concede, this should not be the case. I do know some of our better players do not play in this league for various reasons, but can I ask that all Members play at least a couple of games throughout the season to not only ensure we have a team for each game, but also strengthen our team as a whole.

A&D League

A successful start to the season with both teams winning all but one of their games, currently we are top in Division 2 and 2nd in Division 4. Keep up the great job guys, and let's fight for every point.

Friendlies (Anne Hellier)

As of 18th June we have played 9 friendly matches. We have won 5 and lost 4. One match was cancelled by the opposition and we thought that another had been cancelled but it was a big misunderstanding all round. In the event it wasn't played but should have been.

At the moment we have, on some games, been struggling to get a team together. Please encourage the newer players to put their names forward and I am sure that they will enjoy the experience. The situation will inevitably ease as people get knocked out of competitions.

The Last word! Skip to Three "Is that your wood or one of ours?"