

Farnborough Bowling Club

Autumn Newsletter 2014



President's Message

First of all a very big thank you to all the Members that have donated their time and energy over the season and for some generous donations.

Whilst the season has been tinged with sadness, with the loss of some dear friends and fellow bowlers, the Club has had a good season. The men winning Divisions 2 and 4 in the A & D Leagues and our ladies getting through to the Area Final of The Thornbery and to the semi-finals of the North Hants pairs and triples and to the final of the fours.



Between now and Christmas several social and fund raising events are being organised, details are below, your continued support will be much appreciated. The Annual Dinner/Presentation evening is on the 25th October, details are on the Club noticeboard.

We now have a new contractor looking after the green, during the closed season they will be working on improving the quality of the grass ready for the 2015 season.

The AGM is on Saturday 1st November at 9.00am. I would encourage all to attend if possible, it is your Club and this is an opportunity to have your say in the future of the Club. There are still some positions vacant, please consider putting yourself forward.

Finally, I hope to see you at the AGM and the various social events and if you bowl indoors, good luck.

Men's Competitions

Wow! we did it and we did it in style, Division 2 and Division 4 champions!

We met the first of our objectives by winning Division 2. The next objective is to consolidate our position. Thanks to all the men who played so well in the league this season.

Two years ago we decided to resurrect a 'B' Team. The commitment and morale of the 'B' team has helped us achieve so much in just two years.

There has been some great bowling from both teams which has led to good results but more importantly when rinks have been losing they have dug deep and very often turned what could have been a 4 - 1 defeat into a win. Everyone should be very proud of themselves.

As well as the league, Chris Henderson, Jack Wansell, Geoff Chadd, Keith Dunstone and Michael Andrews represented the District, picking up a couple of top rinks along the way. Chris, Geoff, Keith and Michael played in the Gwyn Guy at Bannister Park helping Aldershot District get their best result in 5 years. Well done all.

Social

There are some social events coming up between October and December. Look out for more details on the Noticeboard and the Website.

- Saturday 4th October - Macmillian Coffee Morning from 10am - 3pm
- Sunday 19th October - Autumn Walk
- Saturday 25th October – Annual Dinner & Presentation
- Friday 14th November – Firework Display
- Darts start Friday 21st November 7pm
- Saturday 22nd November 4:30pm - Skittles evening with fish and chips.
- Saturday 6th December – Christmas Fayre
- There is a coach trip to the Bath Christmas Market on 9th December.
- The A&E Players will be entertaining us all on Saturday 13th December.

Farnham & District (Alec Sharman)

League.

A tough season in Div 1 resulted in Farnborough being relegated to Div 2. Thanks to everyone who played this season, especially those who played regularly.

KnockOut

We reached the semi final of the Ken Britten Cup only to be knocked out by Tongham, the eventual winner. Well done to all who took part.

Next year the finals of F&D will be held at Farnborough. It would be great if we can have some of our players featured in the finals either as individuals or in the team comps, let's win some again; we certainly have the players to do so.

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Club Competitions (Martin Lee)

This year's club finals were played at the end of August with great support and crucially some decent weather. Both pairs finals proved to be close affairs with the last ends proving decisive.

Both Handicap winners won their third title – a rare feat. Another rare achievement was the 'double' achieved by one of our new members in winning both the Newcomers and the Novices.

The Men's and Ladies' Two Woods were won by two long standing members.

On the Sunday afternoon all the top four singles finals were played together; Toucher, Simpkin, Men's Championship and Ladies' Championship. All 8 finalists can be proud of their achievements in reaching these finals and for the quality of their bowling. Indeed all these games were won by just 3 shots each.

It is also worth mentioning that we had 2 new winners in the Two Wood Pairs, 2 new winners in the Costar Trophy and 3 new winners in the Nell Rumble this year.

I would like to thank everyone who supported the competitions in 2014, whether you played, marked or umpired.

An Evening of Entertainment

Vicky, our President, laid on an evening of entertainment. A magician, Simon, had been booked and went around the tables doing close-up magic while we ate our delicious cheese, bread and biscuits.

After the food the magician provide a short show, the highlight was retrieving Alec's £20 note from inside a walnut.

Much laughter was had in naming the Racoon, well done Alec for such an imaginative name.



Friendlies (Anne Hellier)

Friendlies this season have for the most part been well supported. We have had a few cancellations, 1 mutually cancelled because neither side could muster a team, 4 cancelled by the opposition (although we did manage to organise fun days instead for a couple) 3 rained off and 1 cock-up with Cove when all the lines got crossed. We have done very well as far as results go winning 18 and losing 10 matches.

I would like to thank everyone who has supported my Captaincy this year especially David Jennings for his unfailing enthusiasm.

I have agreed to stand for the Captain's job again next year. Please can I ask if anyone has a complaint about how the selection is made that they go directly to the Captain and not discuss their grievances with the rest of The Club first.

I hope that you all winter well and I look forward to next May.

Ladies (Sheila)

The Ladies have had an excellent summer. We got through to the Area Final of The Thornbery, losing out to Alton Social, albeit we won on one rink. We were second in the Blackwater Valley League, missing out by 2½ points. Congratulations to Anne, Edna, Joan Abbott, Vicky and Diane Hill who got through to various North Hants semi's and finals. Well done Ladies.

Unfortunately, we lost to Aldershot Underwood in Round 1 of the Gazette Cup.

Ladies Friendlies - out of the 7 matches arranged, we played 6, winning 3 and losing 3.

Finally, a big thank you to all the Ladies who have played this season and to all those (men included) who have come along and supported our lady bowlers.

Memorial Day

August 23rd 2014 saw the first Memorial Day. An initiative started by David Wansell to remember friends and bowlers and collect money for charity; this year's charity is Cancer Research, £321 has been collected so far.

The winners of this year game were Joan Abbott, Vicky Raison and Edna Lakeman and the runners up John Lakeman, Norma Aslett and Anthony LaFrenais

The Last word! Winning is not important, that is why we have scoreboards.

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2014 Competition Winners



Competition	Winner	Runner up
Drawn Pairs	Mick Moorcroft Martin Lee	Sheila Andrews Barry Lee
Entered Pairs	Michael Andrews Keith Dunstone	Bob Tillotson Jim Dearlove
Frank Costar Trophy	Bob Tillotson Chris Henderson Edna Lakeman	Jen Kelly John Lakeman Martin Lee
Ladies' Championship	Edna Lakeman	Norma Aslett
Ladies' Handicap	Edna Lakeman	Christine Lee
Ladies' Two Woods	Christine Lee	Sheila Andrews
Men's Championship	Chris Henderson	Geoff Chadd
Men's Handicap	Barry Lee	Bob Savory
Men's Two Woods	Allen Pape	Keith Dunstone
Nell Rumble Shield	Ian Beech Andy Barrington Geoff Ringrose	Judy Savory Bob Savory Geoff Chadd
Newcomers' Trophy	Anthony LaFrenais	Chris Henderson
Novices	Anthony LaFrenais	Tom Thorne
Simpkin Trophy	Martyn Perry	Dave Bartram
Toucher Trophy	Geoff Ringrose	Dennis Aslett
Two Wood Pairs	Anthony LaFrenais Rona Jennings	Geoff Chadd Anne Hellier