

Farnborough Bowling Club

Spring Newsletter 2015



President's Message

Welcome to all our new Members, I'm sure you will have a great season with us, I look forward to meeting you. I hope all our Members have a successful year in competitions, friendlies and club competitions. There is an awful lot going on with the club and green; information is being kept updated in the clubhouse to keep you informed.

Please can you all manage to give some time for the green tidying and jobs in and around the club, there seems to be a core of people willing to do these jobs but all help, however small from other Members would be much appreciated.

I would like to thank Diane Malpass for all her hard work (i.e. her negotiating a new lease). Diane Hill, our new Treasurer is hard at work with Rushmoor Borough Council to finalise; Hopefully the lease will soon be signed and sealed. If any Member has any questions or needs information about anything club related please talk to me. If I don't know the answer I will probably know someone that does.

Vicky

Social Events (Anne and Edna)

We have had three skittles nights during the closed season all of which have been very successful and enjoyable.

The A&E Players Christmas offering was a pantomime, what we wrote, which was well received although very silly. We did a repeat performance for invited guests from various care homes and sheltered communities on the following day; even the Mayoress popped in. The tea on that day was very kindly provided by the Co-op and again everybody seemed to enjoy themselves.

We are planning a social night on either Friday 24th April or Friday 8th May. The date will be confirmed later.



Friendlies (Anne Hellier- Captain)

Please put your names down for the friendlies as early as you can, the teams will be picked on the Monday before the relevant weekend. Midweek matches will be picked during the week previous to the match. If you have any gripes about the selection please speak to me, Anne, or preferably Mick Moorcroft! Our first friendly is an extra fixture that is not on your fixture card. It is against Puttenham at home on 15th April. I wish everybody a successful and happy season.

Information

Rink Booking

A new document on booking rinks has been created, it is in the club diary, the information folder and on the website.

Coaching

Coaching starts on Saturday mornings and Wednesday evening from 18th April. If you know of anyone who would like to try bowls please bring them along.

Club Competitions (Martin Lee)

With the new season upon us the entries for the competitions are now coming in. In addition to the competitions played through the year we also have the Costar Trophy on 31st May, Two Wood Pairs on 5th July and The Nell Rumble Shield on 23rd August.

The Memorial Trophy will be held on 3rd May. This is earlier this year and will be a great opportunity to support a good cause and have a competitive fun day before the real competitions begin.

Monday Club

Monday Club starts on the 13th April, please arrive by 1.45 pm so we can start bowling at 2 pm. Monday Club is open to all bowlers so if you have a friend at another club bring them along for a great afternoon of bowling, tea and biscuits and a chat.

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Facilities (Diane Hill)

The Committee has agreed a new 25 year lease with Rushmoor Borough Council. The new lease opens doors for the club and access to money (grants and funding) to pay for:

1. A major refurbishment of the green and ditches
2. An upgrade of some areas of the clubhouse including the provision of disabled toilets and work to improve the roof.

We have commissioned and received a feasibility study of the green to identify what options we have. There are 2 options suggested and we are seeking help in identifying which option to go for. Rushmoor Borough Council are being very supportive of our initiative and have offered help and advice in preparing funding applications. Work on deciding which option and the submission of funding application is progressing well. We will display the progress made on the notice board to keep all Members informed.

Ladies (Sheila)

The Thornbery - We have been drawn away against Alton Social in the preliminary round, the match is to be played on the 18th June. The draws for the Bowls Hampshire competitions have been put in the clubhouse by Rona, good luck to everyone who has entered.

Gazette Cup - We have been drawn against Cove in the preliminary round to be played on the 17th June.

Blackwater Valley Ladies League- Our first match of the season is against Hawley on the 15th May.

Ladies Friendlies - Our first match is on the 19th May and is an away game against Yateley.

Availability sheets for the Friendlies and the BVL will be in the clubhouse very soon.

Spring Walk

Another great Spring Walk, We started at Crondall Church and meandered around the Surrey and Hampshire countryside before driving to The Tweseldown for a scrumptious lunch.



Leagues

F&D league. (Alec Sharman)

In the league we are back in Div 2 this year, so we should do well. Please can we have more Members playing at least 2-3 games, so we can put in stronger teams in the F&D competitions, as we struggle to get enough players who qualify to play. The Finals are at Our club this year, it would be great to have some teams involved.

A&D League

This season we will be competing in Divisions 1 and 3 of the League which should give us some very competitive games. Our priority is to consolidate our promotion which we should do easily if we play as well as last year. We will be running the teams on the same principles as last season, Division 1 on merit, Division 3 as a squad.

Stan Hardman (Colin Alcock)

I intend running the team on a squad basis, that is, if you put your name down regularly, you will play, just maybe not every week. We'll try and accommodate your requested playing positions, but not everyone can be Lead (or Skip) and we have to abide by the rules of having at least one Member of each gender in each team. Our aim this year is to get to the play-offs and then see how far we can get.

Recruitment

If we are to realise our aims of improving the club facilities we need to increase our membership to be able to meet some additional costs. Anyone who has got any ideas or would like to get actively involved please let Diane Hill know.

Stop Press! Lots of people required to help with the green tidying on 11th April from 9.30am.
Opening Drive Sunday 12th April 2.30pm