

Farnborough Bowling Club

Summer Newsletter 2015



President's Message

There is a lot of activity on the green with the leagues, club and external competitions in full swing. I wish everyone well in their matches. Don't forget to check the noticeboard and tick your name if you are selected for a game; if you cannot play, please notify the Captain of the Day as soon as you know you are not available.

It is nice to see so many new bowlers taking part in club games and activities.

A big thank you to Bob Savory and the Ground Crew for their hard work on Thursday mornings, they would appreciate some additional help if you have any spare time from 9:30 every Thursday morning.

The Presidents' day is on the 1st August. We have had a good response but there are still spaces available.

The Eastbourne trip, September 14-18th is being finalised. There are still a couple of places left for bowlers. If you are interested contact Michael or Sheila. **Vicky**

Club Improvement Programme

The sub-committee have had a very positive meeting with Rushmoor Borough Council who are fully supportive of our programme to improve the green and add disabled facilities and improve the energy efficiency of the clubhouse.

A funding application is being prepared to submit to Sports England Inspired Initiative Programme for the green improvements and TAG for the clubhouse improvements.

A proposal for the green refurbishment is being finalised and will be sent to four suppliers soon for them to respond by the end of September.

Ladies (Sheila)

The Gazette Cup, we played away at Cove on the evening of the 17th June and despite the sterling efforts of our ladies we lost.

The Thornbery, we played away at Alton Social on the evening of the 18th June and again despite the sterling efforts of our ladies we lost. Thank you and well done ladies for turning out two nights running.

Blackwater Valley League, we have received a hand written league sheet for the first four games and at that time we were third in the league, since then we have won both games. Fleet Social have pulled out of the league therefore we have a bye on the 24th July.

Ladies Friendlies - we have only played one friendly, this was against Yateley and we lost. We had to "borrow" a Yateley lady to make up two triples. The games v Crowthorne and Hawley were cancelled, the game against Aldershot Underwood on the 30th June has also been cancelled. The next games are not until the 4th August against Camberley (home), the 11th August against Farnborough Gate (away) and the 8th September (home) against Mytchett, the sheets are up on the board, ladies if you are available please support at least one of these games.

External Competitions

The Mixed Top Club, we were drawn against Fleet United and played on the 14th June, Diane Hill had a resounding win in the Ladies singles, well done Diane, and the triples, Edna, Michael and Dennis also had a good win, well done people. Unfortunately the rest of us lost, enough said. Well done everyone who played and to Bob Savory who came along and supported us.

The Tony Allcock Over 60's Two Rinks - we were drawn away against Oakley in the first round and on a very windy and cold Tuesday afternoon in early May we (Barry, Dennis, Michael, Geoff C, Edna, Anne, Judy and myself), travelled to the depths of the countryside and we beat them. In the next round we were at home against Cove, both rinks had a brilliant start and we were well and truly beating them and then Cove got the measure of our green and then it was goodnight Vienna. Well done everyone.

National Men's Top Club. We are through to round 3 beating Witchurch, Traco and Cove 2nd XI on the way. The next round is away to Cove 1st X1 on the 2nd July.

The Coventry Cup, County Club and Gooding Cup are to be played soon

HotShot

Tom Thorne, Andy Barrington and Anne Hellier picked up a HotShot award in a friendly early in the season.



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Club Competitions (Martin Lee)

Our second Memorial Day was again well supported with the usual superb buffet.

After a fun day with friendly play we reached the final. The runners-up were Chris Wright, Chris Henderson and Anne Hellier. The winners this year, on the last bowl, were Pauline Lane, Mick Browne and Martin Lee.

Thanks go to all our Members for raising the sum of £245 for the Air Ambulance.

We had 10 teams in the Costar Trophy and Mick Browne recorded his second win of the season emerging victorious with his team mates Jen Kelly and Keith Dunstone. The runners-up were John Lakeman, Paul McGreal and Geoff Chadd.

Congratulations go to all but especially Jen who wanted her name on the board before she gets married!



New Bowler Perspective (Pam Page.)

I joined FBC with my husband Arthur on the 16th May 2015.

I have played in some friendly matches so far. I must say everybody has been very nice and welcoming, also very helpful, even the opposing sides.

My first Newcomers match is soon so wish me luck.

I hope to have many years of happy bowling

Coaching

We have coached 12 new bowlers since April, 7 have joined as full Members and are participating in the club activities, they are: Liz Veneti, Pam Page, Arthur Page, Peggy Newman, Nora Paget, Brian Gregg and Lynne Gregg. Please give them a warm welcome and help: coaching only introduces them to bowling basics, we rely on experienced bowlers to explain the other aspects of bowling and its etiquette

We have received £174 from BDA for our efforts.

Friendlies (Anne Hellier)

As of 13th June we have played 11 friendly matches this season of which we have lost only 4 and won 7. A very good result so well done everybody who has played. I have had to appeal for names at different times but we have always managed to put out a team. We have had some new Members who have joined in (and I think really enjoyed themselves) but there are still more who I would encourage to come and have a go. Friendly matches are where you learn all the rules and the etiquette of the game and I am sure you will have a lot of fun. If you are unsure of how to go about entering and the selection process any seasoned Member will be only too happy to help you out.

I would like to thank you all for your support especially Mick Moorcroft.

Keep up the good work for the rest of the summer.

Leagues

F&D league. (Alec Sharman)

In the F&D league we are second to Farnborough Gate by shot difference. The F&D team competitions start soon so if you want to be included for selection you must have played at least two league games. If you have not played two yet, get your name down.

A&D League

'B' Team

For the 'B' team, life in Div 3 is tough, as we expected it to be, but we still have time to improve our position as so many games have been close. Never give up and even when your rink is behind by a long way buckle down and win some shots back. We want to stay up, and deserve to, the best way to do that is fight for every shot and win those close games.

'A' Team

The A team have had a good start to the season and have been in the top trio all season so far.

The Last word! Knowledge speaks, but wisdom listens.