

Farnborough Bowling Club

Autumn Newsletter 2015



Vice President's Message

It is my turn to say a few words in this newsletter so, here we go.

Well, what a season it has been. The men consolidating their positions in the A&D League Division 1 and 3 and we had a good run in the Top Club. We gained promotion in the Farnham & District League and we had three winners and one runner up at the Farnham & District Finals and two of our Members got married.

The season wasn't all about our competitions. The Club hosted two excellent days, the Club's Presidents' Day and, as Alec, was the F&D President, the F&D Presidents Day. Both events were very well received.

The Club also hosted the Kath McFauld pairs (more in the Ladies' section), though the highlight, for me, was the F & D Finals Day, I think we attracted more people to this event than I have ever seen at a bowls club. A personal thanks to the many people who helped with these events.



The Annual Dinner/Presentation evening is on Friday, 23rd October, details are on the Club noticeboard. If you haven't put your name down and want to attend please let me know ASAP.

The AGM is on Saturday 7th 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, a very big thank you to all the Members who have donated their time and energy over the season and for some generous donations and I hope to see you at the AGM and the various social events.

Men's Competitions

A & D League

After gaining promotion last year the Clubs objective target was for both teams to consolidate their promotion. After some varying results, this was eventually achieved, albeit with some lost fingernails.

The partial rotation of players in the B Team kept everyone involved and morale was very high, which is important for any Club.

The A team very nearly won promotion but fell at the final hurdle when they lost their last game but all-in-all a very good year.

Alec and Colin have decided that three years as Captain and Vice Captain of the B Team is enough, so they are standing down to let others take over these positions.

Competitions

We had a good run in the Men's Top Club, beating Whitchurch, Traco, and Cove only to meet another, even stronger, Cove team who got the better of us. We didn't fair so well in the other competitions. Geoff, Keith and Michael did, however, make the finals of the A&D District Two Wood Triples but were beaten by a strong Cove trio.

Memorial Day

We held our second Memorial Day and last year's winners nominated the Air Ambulance as their charity. Money has continued to be raised and donated and, since the day itself, the total is around £200.

This day was very well supported and we enjoyed a superb buffet due to the generosity of our Members.

The Final went down to the very last bowl which was a fire (hit and hope!) shot. Well it hit and the hoping worked. It resulted in a count of 5 which won the match by 1 shot.

The winners were Pauline Lane, Mick Browne and Martin Lee. The runners-up were Chris Wright, Chris Henderson and Anne Hellier.



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Club Competitions (Martin Lee)

Despite the predictions of the weather 'experts' we enjoyed good weather on the Finals weekend, except for some rain during the pairs matches. Both pairs Finals saw a previous champion win again and their partner win their first title.

The mixed singles were once again all good Finals and well done to all the new winners.

We had some very close Finals in the singles with 2 in particular seeing remarkable comebacks from near impossible positions – one of which was successful and the other missing out by just 1 shot.

Both Handicap winners won their third title. I said this was rare but it has happened again this year! I am betting it won't next year!!

The 2 Woods were won by previous Champions who regained their titles.

Both Championship Finals were close matches and worthy finales. Congratulations to the winners who will now represent our Club next year in the Champion of Champions competitions.

Thanks must go to everyone who took part in our competitions, those who marked, set-up rinks and for the competitiveness and friendliness of our Members.

Farnham & District (Alec Sharman)

Alec was President of the F&DBA this year so we held two events at our Club. The first was his Presidents Day, a charity event which raised over £300 for Phyllis Tuckwell and Cancer Relief.

The second was our hosting of the F&D Finals day.

We were represented in four finals. We won three of them, in some style too.

- F&D Mixed Triples - Champions
- Ken Britton Cup - Champions
- Ladies Pairs - Diane Hill & Sheila Andrews - Champions
- Ladies Singles - Sheila Andrews - Runner Up.

So a great result all round. A big well done to all.

Alec would like to thank all those who helped on the two events, it was hard work, but you all did us proud. He has had several phone calls and emails from other clubs saying how both events were a credit to our Club.

League

We were 'runners up' in Division 2, meaning we gained promotion to Division 1.

Stan Hardman (Colin Alcock)

Stan Hardman Thursday afternoon league.

After an horrendous start losing 7-0 at Medford that no-one wants to go back to, things didn't improve a lot during the season and we finished near the bottom of the League. However, we tried to give everyone a fair share of the games and even managed an extra friendly against Cove which allowed some of the new bowlers a taste of competitive bowling. My thanks to everyone who supported the Club, especially some of the Ladies who had to step in when we got a bit short. Let's hope for better things next year.

The Green

The Green Committee are busy working to obtain funding for the green renewal planned for the end of next season. The funding application is nearly complete well ahead of the deadline in January. We will know the outcome in the Spring.

Friendlies (Anne Hellier)

We have now completed our schedule of friendly matches without further hiccups. Over the season, out of 35 matches, we have won 16, lost 12 drawn 1 and a result that wasn't recorded. Of the remaining 5; 2 were cancelled due to lack of players (1 by us and 1 by the opposition), 2 were rained off and 1, right at the beginning of the season, was cancelled because our green was not ready to play on.

I hope that everyone enjoyed their games and will be putting their names down again next season.

I would like to thank all the people who have stood in as "Captain of the Day" in my absence but especially Mick Moorcroft whose help has been invaluable. Thank you, too, to Keith Dunstone for all his hard work in securing the fixtures in the first place.

Don't forget we have two indoor friendlies against Rushmoor Indoor Bowls Club, these are on: Saturday November 14th 2:30pm Greys and Saturday February 13th 2:30pm Greys

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Ladies (Sheila)

Blackwater Valley League - we finished 9th in the League.

Ladies Friendlies - We played 4 out of the 7 games arranged, thank you to the "not so new" Ladies and the "new" Ladies for supporting these matches.

Also, from me, well done and congratulations to our Ladies in the **Farnham and District** competitions. Not forgetting the Ladies who played in the rounds of the competitions and in the League matches.

NHWBA - We hosted the Kath McFauld pairs at the end of July, twenty pairs took part and Diane and Sheila got through to the quarter finals. The day was a great success. Anne, Edna, Diane and Sheila (sub) got through to the quarter finals of the Fours, Anne, Edna and Diane got through to the quarter finals of the Triples, Diane and Sheila got through to the quarter finals of the Pairs and Diane got through to the semi-finals of the Singles, well done Ladies, there is always next year.

Bowls Hampshire - North - Sheila got through to the Area Final of the Unbadged Singles but lost by one shot. Sheila was also selected to play in the Dolly Gore Trophy competition held at Banister Park at the end of August, needless to say the North won, beating the West in the morning and the South in the afternoon.

Finally, a big thank you to all the Ladies and Gentlemen who have organised and helped out at the Club events and the other events we have hosted this season, you are all an asset to our Club. All I spoke to at and after the events having nothing but praise for our Club and our Members.

Eastbourne Tour

Thirty one Bowlers departed, by coach, to Eastbourne on the 14th September for a five day bowls tour. We stayed at the Langham Hotel which everyone enjoyed, especially the food. The Staff looked after us very well.

The forecast for the week wasn't good. We did get most of the game completed on the first afternoon, even if we did get blown off the mat a few times.

The weather then took a turn for the worse and our game against Hailsham got rearranged to a nearby indoor bowls club where we had a good afternoon and won the game.

Wednesday was even worse and we managed to book the indoor venue for ourselves (Lewes didn't want to play indoors). We then had an entertaining afternoon of rock & bowls (bowling to music).



Thursday and the weather turned fine for our visit to Gullivers at Bexhill and another win.

On the last day we checked out and headed for Eastbourne Bowling Club in

the pouring rain. We decided to give the weather time to improve and were rewarded with sunshine. We got a game played but were beaten before heading home.

Social

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

- Sunday 18th October - Autumn Walk
- Friday 23rd October – Annual Dinner & Presentation
- Darts start Friday 30th October 7pm
- Saturday 7th November 4:30pm - Skittles evening with fish and chips.
- Saturday 21st November – Tyler's Toast.

Jen's & Chris's Wedding

Mr and Mrs Henderson would like to thank everyone at Farnborough Bowling Club for their well wishes ahead of the wedding. They had a great day, the sun shone and everything went to plan. Special thanks for the wedding presents which have been put towards a honeymoon on the Queen Victoria in January.



The Last word! Be nice to your kids. They'll choose your nursing home

Farnborough Bowling Club 2015 Competition Winners



Competition	Winner	Runner up
Drawn Pairs	Paul McGreal Edna Lakeman	Tom Thorne Anthony LaFrenais
Entered Pairs	Sheila Andrews Diane Hill	Martyn Perry Dennis Aslett
Frank Costar Trophy	Jen Kelly Mick Browne Keith Dunstone	John Lakeman Paul McGreal Geoff Chadd
Ladies' Championship	Diane Hill	Anne Hellier
Ladies' Handicap	Christine Lee	Edna Lakeman
Ladies' Two Woods	Diane Hill	Sheila Andrews
Men's Championship	Michael Andrews	Anthony LaFrenais
Men's Handicap	Michael Andrews	Geoff Chadd
Men's Two Woods	Martin Lee	Andy Barrington
Nell Rumble Shield	Bob Savory Judy Savory Geoff Chadd	Christine Lee Diane Hill Sheila Andrews
Newcomers' Trophy	Harrison Ash	Carol Paice
Novices	Andy Barrington	Allan Paice
Simpkin Trophy	Diane Hill	Anthony LaFrenais
Toucher Trophy	Michael Andrews	Christine Lee
Two Wood Pairs	Christine Lee Martin Lee	Anne Hellier Geoff Chadd