

From the Board.

New Carpet Day

This past weekend was a tremendous success for our club, bringing together members of all ages, from veteran bowlers to newcomers. The atmosphere was great.

The draw for the first bowl, held on Saturday morning, was won by Diana Morgans. In a generous spirit, Diana declined the new set of bowls from Dales, opting instead for her well-loved ones. The draw was conducted again, resulting in Jackie Clarke winning the set and donating it to her granddaughter, who is a new bowler.



On Sunday, our Chairman, Bernard, expressed gratitude to Dales for their outstanding work, completed ahead of schedule. He acknowledged Keith Elliment's vital role in the project which had involved a huge time commitment over several months, and not a few sleepless nights. Bernard also paid tribute to the late Tom Young, who died that week dedicating the day to his memory, and saying how much Tom would have loved playing on the new surface.

President Gwen officially opened the new carpet, framed by blue and white balloons, with Diana delivering the inaugural bowl. Following this, members enjoyed two one-hour sessions on the new surface. An entirely unexpected consequence of having a blue carpet is that it casts a lovely reflection on the white ceiling.

We should all remember that this carpet is one of the biggest financial investment the club has ever made at around £50K. The shoe sheriff will be in town so make sure yours are compliant and that you make use of the overshoes if you go outside for air. If you're in need of replacement shoes the shop will continue their 10% discount on all shoes (members only) until the end of October.

Membership renewals: Thank you to all members that have already renewed their membership. I would kindly ask those who haven't yet to renew as soon as possible. The procedure and administration is very time consuming and carried out by volunteers. It is also vital that we are able to have our financial accounts up to date and in good order before the club AGM on November 28th.

Bowling News

Finals Weekend



Well done to everybody who made it to the finals and thank you to Luke Cheetham and all those who were involved for all their hard work. Special thanks to Tracey for staying late to keep the bar open.



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Pairs Ladder

1 Mark Barnett & John Kerr	13 Stuart Ingram & Luke Cheetham	25 G Mac & Luke Suckling
2 Ross Dixey & Anthony Scott	14 Keith Berwick & James Wharton	26 Malcolm Smith & Kev Bloe
3 Corkey & Dave Hill	15 Richard Moore & Adrian Jennings	27 Ruth King & Jill Whillock
4 Warren Foy & Nick London	16 Sue Sturmer & Chris Elliment	28 Ray & Michelle Vanags
5 David & Jo Young	17 Les & Dave Herbert	29 Jules Ball & Paul Woollett
6 Scott Harris & Paul Obey	18 Bob Logan & Keith Elliment	30 Jim & Jane Jordan
7 Richard Comben & Geoff Shoebridge	19 Lisa Hounslow & Lynn Young	31 Dave & Terri Valentine
8 Neil Ramage & Matt Sellen	20 Dave Whitbread & George Templeton	32 Martin & Linda Alexander
9 Dave & Sue Hayward	21 Jobo & Jim Parker	33 Luke Saxby & Chris Bulman
10 Kath Barth & Donna Hall	22 Trevor London & John Williams	34 Ian & Janet Watling
11 Mark Hounslow & H	23 Rob Young & Tim Bateson	
12 Tony Morez & Peter Harris	24 Jude Knowles & Mike Stout	

Summer Singles League

This year's Summer Singles League was a great success with hard fought matches and great competition across all seven divisions. In the end someone had to come out on top and the division winners are:

Division 1: Luke Suckling

Division 2: John Williams

Division 3: John Kerr

Division 4: Keith Berwick

Division 5: Dave Herbert

Division 6: Peter Tolhurst

Division 7: Richard Dickson

Congratulations to everyone who took part and for making it a close and exciting competition.

James



As the summer season draws to a close and winter begins, I would like to thank all those who put their names down and played the summer friendly matches. Out of 16 matches organised by Lisa Hounslow (thank you), only one was cancelled and not by us! Hope everyone enjoyed playing as much as I did. Look forward to next year.

A big thank you to Luke Cheetham for organising and running the successful September Triples Competition. Ten teams entered with prizes for all those who entered. The finalists were Mark Barnett, Nick London, Warren Foy, and John Kerr, New Wave verses Tony Morez, Les Herbert, Dave Herbert and Luke Cheetham, the Italian job. New Wave came out top, congratulations team.

Babs x

Etiquette request for the month: MIND YOUR LANGUAGE

Associated with this great game of bowls are Skill, Luck, Sportsmanship and Etiquette – and not the least is Etiquette. Sometimes amidst the exuberance and fortunes of a game this ingredient is overlooked. This is a pity.

It is most unfortunate that we currently have a problem with members when on the rinks, using extremely bad language and derogatory comments about and to other bowlers which is not only offensive, but unsporting and a violation of our safeguarding policy. We would respectfully request that members practice good behaviour.

Should any member experience bad behaviour, offensive language or verbal attack please be advised that this is unacceptable in our club and we would request that you report this to a Bowling Committee or Board Member and the offending member will be dealt with.

This behaviour brings our club into disrepute and could result in away clubs choosing not to play here.

From the Bowling Committee.

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100 Club

August Monthly Draw:

Jean Aldridge
Shirley Byles
Stella Moore
Each win £12

September Quarterly Draw:

£125 Dave Herbert
£50 Alan Powell
£25 Michael Gates
£12 Nigel Matthews
£12 Linda London
£12 Stella Moore

Meet our Sponsors

Abbey Funeral Services Ltd- Our Family Caring for Your Family

We are very proud of our association with the bowls club and have been privileged to support many of your members and their families over the 20 years in which we have been a sponsor. We are the only funeral business in the south of England to support bereaved families beyond the funeral with face to face support. Our friends Together charity supports any bereaved person regardless of which funeral company the family used. The exception is the group that meets every Tuesday at the Angel bowls club which is a restricted group, restricted to only our clients or bowls club members.



We are also able to offer online support via the grief chat programme which can be accessed through our website. Last year we were delighted to appear in an ITV documentary about grief support, and it was from their researchers that we discovered just how unique we are. We have three other Friends Together groups in Tonbridge and also in one in Tunbridge Wells, Rusthall, Pembury, Paddock Wood and Hadlow.

From the Editor

You have a whole month to submit copy. Every single month I am sending out last minute emails and messages to remind people that they've not submitted copy. Deadline for this edition was 5pm today and I'm was chasing copy at midday. If you don't send it, it won't be in. Come on guys, help me out here!

Deadline for November edition is strictly 5pm on October 28th.

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