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CLUB CLOSED WEDNESDAY 5 JANUARY 2022 to have new guttering fitted

FROM THE PRESIDENT

A HAPPY NEW YEAR to you all. As we move into 2022 the club is in good shape with a strong membership and our facilities in good order **BUT!!!! COVID has not gone away.**

While at present the Government is not imposing new restrictions we can help ourselves to keep the club COVID FREE by observing all the basic rules which have been in place throughout the pandemic

- **PLEASE DO NOT COME TO THE CLUB** if you have a cold or COVID symptoms.
- **PLEASE** observe good hygiene discipline and wash hands regularly
- **PLEASE** wear a face mask when entering and moving around the clubhouse. Masks may be removed when eating or drinking.
- **PLEASE DO NOT** congregate in locker rooms. Collect your bowls and change shoes then move outside as quickly as possible
- **PLEASE OBSERVE** social distancing of at least one metre when not wearing a mask.
- **PLEASE KEEP** all surfaces in the kitchen and toilets as clean as possible with regular cleaning.
- **PLEASE KEEP WINDOWS AND DOORS OPEN WHENEVER THE CLUBHOUSE IS IN USE**

Hopefully we are all vaccinated and boosted giving as much protection as possible, but observing all the above rules will help keep us (and our families) SAFE!!

Paul

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- More information on boards and in this newsletter
- Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 10am**
Arctic Foxes (roll up, open to all members)
- Monday Afternoons 2pm till 4pm**
Ladies afternoon (2 rinks booked)
- Friday 10am and 1pm**
Winter Friday triples
- Wednesday Afternoons 1.30pm**
Learn Bridge
- Monday 10 January 9.30am**
Yoga start of 6 week course. Numbers limited
Book now
- Wednesday 12 January 10am**
Social group meeting
- Monday 17 Jan and Saturday 22 Jan 10am**
Bowls course on Etiquette, scoring, marking
For new bowlers and experienced as refresher
- Thursday 20 January 11am**
Carpet League Home against Cowplain
Come and support
- Saturday 5 February 10.30am**
Coffee morning and meat raffle

INDOOR BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIP

Potters 8-24 January
You can watch this live on BBC2, BBC iPlayer and BBC red button from **Monday 18 January**, and there will be daily highlights on BBC2.
The first week can be watched on You Tube.
Find out just how good we could be?? 😂

Interesting pages:

Facebook: A question of Bowls Thank you Linda
Facebook: Restless - the page for the over 50's

2022 LEAGUES/COMPETITIONS

Ladies : P and D league team and Ladies Evening league team have now been entered in their respective leagues for 2022.

Men's leagues for 2022 Details of the changes to the season will be posted on the men's locker room notice boards shortly, as will the draft league fixtures for 2022 season when available.

Ladies and Gents 2022 County Competitions A reminder that entry forms have to be filled in by 21st January 22. The forms are on the Locker rooms notice boards.

Vacancies: We still require the following :

- Club Fixture secretary
- Ladies Secretary
- Both Ladies and Gents P and D executive Members (one each) to vote on the Clubs behalf at P and D area meetings.
- A member to Organize / run our Reflex team .

We shall be holding meetings during January on various topics to help new members understand the P and and County and League setups, other topics for all members will include Marking, Etiquette and other Club and national policies we have to abide by. Please check the notice Boards.

Derek Holt Club Secretary



“I didn’t want to waste the good stuff, so I used the oldest bottle in your wine collection for the spaghetti sauce.”
shared by silversurfers.com

Thanks to Mike Freeman

COMMITTEE MEETING

It was suggested that the signing in table could be a drop down shelf on back of entrance door. This was being looked at to see if feasible.

Want to know what else was discussed, then look at the minutes which are on the notice board.

WINTER LEAGUE UPDATE

The last game before Christmas was on 4 December at Bedhampton. It was a bitterly cold day but the sun shone and Waterlooville won with a close score of 94 - 88

Well Done Everyone

LOCKERS

There are two men's lockers with equipment in and no name on door. Please let Jackie know who you are as you are not on her list. There is a note on the door and inside the locker. If no response by 8 January the equipment will be removed and lockers reallocated as we have a waiting list

New lockers are being purchased

Jackie

Advice

" If your Skip wants an opinion, He'll give it to you".
Lead: "How much am I short?"
Skip: "You ought to know, you're closer to it"



Suggestions or Ideas

Two suggestions, put into the new suggestion book (found on the signing in table) were taken to the last committee meeting.

1. Could a What's ap group be set up?.

This was thought to be a good idea. If you would like to join this group please text to the club phone 07823 887623 , stating you wish to join and including your name.

2. Could the club have a dishwasher as members are not washing mugs properly and so are being put away still dirty.

This is being investigated.

Meanwhile WASH UP PROPERLY

Committee

A Note From The New Treasurer

In their infinite wisdom!! The Committee has appointed me the new Treasurer of Waterlooville Bowling Club. Brian having served a year and doing a sterling job, has handed over the reins.

Like all good Treasurers, I will err on the side of caution when money is requested. Please remember no receipt attached to an approved claim form will lead to disappointment. Nothing changes!

I look forward to working with all of you to create a successful club and I promise to do my best to crunch the numbers.

Christopher Neale

Members have interesting hobbies

I have been asked to write a small piece for the newsletter by Jackie about the other love of my life (after bowls of course!), falconry.

I have had a love of all things feathered from a very young age. I had aviaries at the bottom of my mum's garden, with everything from budgies to ring necked parakeets. People used to bring me rescued birds, including a fledgling blackbird that used to sit on my shoulder as I walked around the town.

I'd always dreamed of owning and flying birds of prey but, as it often does, life got in the way when I was younger. Holding down a full time job, small children and falconry are not good bed mates.

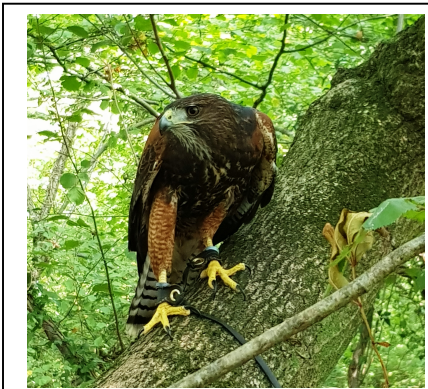
My youngest son has also shown an interest in falconry, so as a treat I took him to experience a day's falconry at one of the local establishments that runs these exhibition days that let you get involved and experience what it's like to have a wild bird fly to your fist. I was hooked.

I started to research on the internet about the best breed to have as your first bird and joined the Falconry Forum. Most members advised that you ask if anyone was willing to mentor you, so that you could get a really good idea of what's involved first. Terry offered to be my mentor and we met up regularly to fly his birds and for him to teach me about the equipment needed, how to feed them, how to put them down to moult and so many other things I would not have been aware of.

I got my first bird, Belle, a female Harris Hawk, 18 months later. She was parent reared, so when she came to me she was a wild animal. I had to build a trusting relationship with her, to the point where she would jump to the glove when called. It took weeks of constant training, we got there. The next stage is to fly her on a line called a creance. Once I was confident (or as confident as I could be!) that she would come to me when called, the moment came to fly her free. You cannot describe the feeling when this beautiful, majestic creature chooses to form a bond with you, and lands on your raised glove of its own free will.

To get up early, drive into the countryside (permission has been given to me by the land owners on several large pieces of land) and fly my birds is one of the greatest feelings ever.

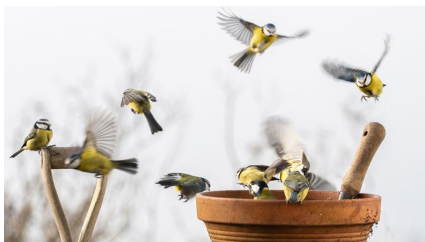
I now also own Ralph, who is a hybrid Harris Hawk x Red Tail Hawk, and an amazing bird to fly, and I'm looking forward to taking on another Harris Hawk, a male at the end of next summer.



Craig Becque

Thank you for this Craig.
Any of you other members
have interesting/different
hobbies

REMEMBER if you are the last to leave ensure everything locked away, club secure and gate locked



RSPB Bird watch

Get closer to your local wildlife this January by joining in with the RSPB's Big Garden Bird watch 2022. Over one million people took part last year, so you'll be in great company for the biggest bird watching event of the year!

How do you do it?

It's so easy to do! Simply watch the birds in your garden, from your balcony or in your local green space for one hour, and tell us what you saw. You can watch from inside, or wrap up warm and head outdoors!

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/birdwatch-take-part/>.

Taylor	Margaret	2 Jan 2022
Toan	Janet	9 Jan
Warren	Irene	16 Jan
Waters	Barbara	23 Jan
Wetherell	June	30 Jan
Willans	Fiona	6 Feb
Williams	Lyn	13 Feb

Stewards List ladies (Weekly)

Clean as much as needed in your allocated week

Duties:

- clean ladies toilets
- clean locker room
- help with cleaning of kitchen, especially towels!

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The hope to kick start the social activities after COVID was thwarted because COVID did not behave and there were not enough members willing to help. So with a new year ahead and COVID being beaten (lets be positive!) lets try again.

There will be a meeting on WEDNESDAY 12 January 10am in clubhouse. Come along with your ideas, enthusiasm and willingness to help!



So You know your bowls!?

Question for December: Are you allowed to change, or try out different bowls during trial ends?

Answer: Yes -you can also start the game with a different set providing they have been checked and passed beforehand

Question for January: What happens if a bowl is damaged during a game?

Answer next month

Stewards List Men Thank you to Phil Sanders

JAN	
1 sat	New Years Day
2 sun	M Isham
3 mon	J Foster
4 tues	P Todd
5 wed	D Smith
6 thurs	P Finch
7 fri	M Pack
8 sat	F Farnell
9 sun	B Favell
10 mon	B Cater
11 tues	D Allen
12 wed	M Arnold
13 thurs	M Ford

14 fri	R Pulley
15 sat	Lee Steel
16 sun	T Shaw
17 mon	R Eustace
18 tues	P Langrish
19 wed	J Lashley
20 thurs	J Slater
21 fri	P Barter
22 sat	R Speight
23 sun	K Tallon
24 mon	P Mason

26 wed	C Lowe
27 thurs	J Leighton
28 fri	D Selby
29 sat	D Frost
30 sun	N Brooks
31 mon	I Wield
FEB	
1 tues	P Dolamore
2 wed	A Price
3 thurs	T Taylor
4 fri	P Buckley
5 sat	L Richards
6 sun	J Faithful

List of daily duties for men on notice board in the men's locker room. Remember to sign off your day when done. If you cannot do your day swap with someone.

6-week Yoga for Beginners Course

Monday 10th January 2022 in the clubhouse
9.30 – 10.30am

This course is ideal if you wish to gently increase your mobility, strength and flexibility.

Jo Standen jotheyogateacher@gmail.com or call 07986 168072

Space is limited to 8 participants