



Waterlooville Bowling Club

Jubilee Park, Rowlands Avenue, Waterlooville, PO7 7HO
 Affiliated to: Bowls England Bowls Hampshire P&DBA P&DWBA



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PRESENTATION EVENING SATURDAY 19th October.
Lovedean Village Hall. 7pm till 11pm

Bring your partners for a fun evening.
 FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT and of course PRESENTATIONS.
 It is your club, support!!
 Details and lists for the evening will be emailed out and listed in the clubhouse shortly. Put your name down!!

MANY THANKS to all members for their patience whilst the building work is underway. We have been frustrated with the weather but hopefully the end is in sight when you receive this newsletter. Remember we are all members and hence volunteers trying to improve the club!!

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE NEW CARPET

1. Smoking and E cigarettes- No smoking in the pavilion area and only in the two designated areas Highlighted by the signage near the green.

2 Food and Drink - no food and drink to be consumed beyond the notices on the approaches to the green.

3 Members and Visitors - must sign in each time they visit the Club .The sign in book is on the desk just inside the Pavilion Entrance. Visiting Team players will be booked in from the Game scorecards. Visiting Guests must sign in.

4 Equipment - It is the responsibility of all Members and Visitors to return all playing equipment to the various storage sheds on completion of a playing session, and ensure the sheds are padlocked.

5 Dress Standards - All members and visitors using the Green must wear the correct appropriate footwear as described by Bowls England i.e. no open toed shoes or sandals. All members and Visitors must change from footwear worn when travelling to the Green to correct bowling footwear. For County, P and D matches and Friendly Matches the Dress Code specified on the team sheets on the day must be observed. Bowls England regulations reference to shorts must be adhered to in all matches.

6 Green session times - Summer and Winter to be determined by the Exec committee.

7 Play permissible - Any club official to determine if play is permissible on any day where weather conditions are an issue.

The New Boy

The seasons over and I still have the trophy cabinet (empty). I have really enjoyed the bowls and getting to know the members. My highlight was when I got beat in the plate of the Mike Gibbons trophy and walking, deflated to the clubhouse one of the bench warming members said I played like a pudding, thanks.

Happy Bowling

Len Richards

STEWARDS FOR SEPTEMBER

W/c

06/10/19	B Lemarquer	J Locke	B Waters
13/10/19	B Pilcher	M Pilcher	M Ryan
20/10/19	J Slater	M Smith	T Taylor

ITEMS FOR SALE - Got something to sell? trousers, skirt, top, cardigan, bowls, canary????? Let us advertise in newsletter!!

WINTER PAIRS

Lists are up on the competitions notice board. Once the carpet is finished and the number of teams are established we will put the normal information on the notice board and the games can commence.

Please ensure you can complete all games before entering.

ARTIC FOXES

Once the carpet is fitted the Artic Foxes will begin. Days remain the same but times may be different.

OPEN DAY

Once the carpet is finished a new date for the Open day will be agreed upon.

QUIZ NIGHT 13 /11/19

Gill Hodges has kindly volunteered to help out Rob and Leslie when they host the winter Quiz nights.

WELCOME to new member

Brian Haines formerly of Leigh Park

Project update Carpet Replacement

After a lot of requests to replace the carpet, it was agreed to go ahead, Dales were contacted, a price was agreed and an order placed, it was also discussed and agreed that we ought to look to repair/replace the rotten wood supporting the bank, a contractor, Aubrey Madgwick, (who is known by many club members, and is a bowler himself) was approached, he suggested we look at a preformed gully system, this we decided was too expensive, we then went back to Aubrey and asked for other suggestions, he said how about paving slabs set on edge in concrete, this was agreed on, and a price agreed.

The work was due to start on 9th September, Derek, Richard and myself prepared the site on Saturday the 7th, and work started as planned, progress was steady, but following a phone call from site, Derek and myself met with Aubrey, to discover the timber was actually secured to concrete posts, and a discussion was held to see the best way forward, various options were looked at, and it was decided that bolting 300mm gravel boards, to the posts was the best option.

Work continued and the preparation was completed by Wednesday morning, when installing the gravel boards started, and at 6ft lengths great progress was made, it was also arranged that a representative from Dales, would meet us on site to make sure he was happy with what was being done and to discuss the installation of the Carpet, he was happy with the gravel boards and discussed how he would like the paving to be reinstated.

At the end of week one, ALL the surround was completed, and 3/4s of the infill completed, plus all paving slabs had been lifted, ready for relaying on Monday, the start of week two.

Work started on relaying the paving slabs, which progressed at a steady rate, by the end of the day, one side was complete, on Tuesday, the rest of the infill was completed, along with the repositioning of the seating areas, also three quarters of the slabs were in place.

Thursday morning all the perimeter slabs were in position and a start was made on re-screeding the ditch, this was completed on Friday along with the pointing in of the slabs, so all perimeter work completed by Friday afternoon, the lads will be back after the carpet is laid, to tarmac the South and West sides behind the row of slabs, this is to stabilise the slabs and make it easier to keep clean, it will be done last, so as not to spoil the New Carpet.

Whilst the Club is closed, Derek and myself have repaired and painted the columns on the Veranda and painted the Handrails onto the Green, plus other various items that needed doing.

Week Three

Monday the day started dry but, the forecast was not good, with rain forecast for the afternoon, the crew from Dales arrived during the afternoon just as it started raining, so they went off to get materials from Jewson's, on their return it had stopped so they started to remove the old carpet, some was retained by the club to use as a Short Mat, and some taken by club members, and some went to a Charity, the rest was scrapped.

Day two started with torrential rain with not a good forecast, however by 9am it stopped raining and blue clouds arrived, but not for long, by lunchtime it was dry enough to start, just as the lorry turned up with the new carpet and underlay, unfortunately it was pointed out that the ditch that the builders had floated was too shallow, so it was decided that Derek and myself would dig it all out again helped by Richard, by end of day two we had cleared about 30 yards, I was made aware that Richard had contacted Aubrey to say we had a problem, he said it was his problem and two men and a breaker would be on site at 8am.

Day Three rain again, but true to his word, two men and a breaker were on site when I arrived, along with Richard Allen, as the infill was still wet it came up fairly easily, so by late lunch time it was complete.

The carpet lads are somewhat hampered by the weather, but all the old carpet has now been cut up and removed, the New Carpet and Underlay was delivered on Tuesday pm and is now on site, so as soon as the weather improves, they can carry on.

Day Four, A start was made on the removal of the old underlay, not made easy by all the water soaked up by it, hoping to have it cleared by tonight, Aubrey has also laid some scalping's along the path at the southern end ready for Tarmac.

Day Five Still raining and strong winds, the site has now been cleared, just a few more rolls of underlay to be skipped, ready to start the installation.

Mike Freeman

LEAGUE NEWS SEPTEMBER 2019

Well another season comes to an end with the first team finishing 6th in Div 1

We played 18 games, won 8, and lost 10 ending with 133Pts. In the games lost we only picked up 18 Pts with 160 available this is not what I would expect after having some good wins away on grass. If we had picked up 20% of the lost points we could have finished in third place.

I would like to say a big thank you to all who stepped in to play when others decided they weren't available. One of those games we played was against Priory with 9 of the regulars not available and had a great result picking up 15Pts. Priory went on to be runners up in the league so that should tell you what the club is capable of. Another thank you must go to Mike Freemans brother in law Mike Tarrant who doesn't play bowls but turned up at all the home games to make the tea and Den Smith who was always there home or away as a reserve until he was fully fit to play, and last but not least all the team captains great job.

The friendly against Woking Park had to be cancelled through lack of support. They took the trouble to come to us at the beginning of the season and I thought a return in September when our green was closed would give many a game. If club members are not prepared to support such events is there any point in organising them? (Please give the committee your thoughts)

The reflex league went very well with all the games being spread out between all who wanted to play. There was a bit of moaning about not getting enough games from one or two but if your name is on the team sheet and you mark it N/A that's your problem how do you think I feel when that happens having to chase after others to play.

We finished 5th with 93Pts and I think everybody played really well and hopefully enjoyed it. I will be selecting the winter triples just the same and hopefully you will get enough games.

And finally the last thing to moan about is the lack of help with preparations for the new carpet and the surrounding area. One or two turned up but did a hasty retreat when asked to do something, even an offer of a cup of coffee would have gone down well. A big thank you to Derek Holt and Mike Freeman without their help things might have been a bit different.

Having overheard various comments and being told about the way I have run things this year I look forward to seeing who's name will be up for nomination to run things next year.

Richard Allen

Club Captain

LADIES' EVENING LEAGUE

Unfortunately we didn't win our last game against Emsworth, at Emsworth. We came second (2 pts behind Bedhampton).

Thank you to the ladies for their support through the season.

We all enjoy playing in the evening and will try to remain doing so despite opposition from some clubs.

We say keep the Evening League going!!

Jean Bushby

DID YOU KNOW??? Who invented lawn bowls?

When Caesar ruled Rome, the game was known as "Bocce," and the conquering Roman Legions may well have carried the game to Europe and the British Isles. By the thirteenth century, bowling had spread to France, Switzerland, Italy, Spain, Belgium, Germany, and England

FRIDAY TRIPLES

After a good season we had a close finish with new winners.

Congratulations are due to Dave Pitman, Ken Cartwright. Barry Smith, Adrian Bolt and Pat Davey.

Commiserations to the team who propped up the table. The team was Barry and Margaret Pilcher, Les Stockham, Mike Medland and Barbara Waters.

In this league the most important thing is enjoyment of the game. Winning is a bonus.

Anyone wishing to join this enjoyable, friendly game should add their name to the list on the board. You will then be added to one of the groups when the season starts in April.

Barry Penter

Mike Gubbins Cup and Plate

The week commencing 2nd September saw the ever popular Mike Gubbins Cup and Plate competition and what a great competition it turned out to be.

It was a week of perfect bowling weather, that knocked the oft used excuses of 'too hot', 'too cold', 'too wet' and 'too windy' on the head from the kick off. So, the competitors gave it their all and the standard of bowling was very high, and a joy to watch.

With Fay Gubbins and Mick Isham at the helm, the competition ran like a well oiled machine. There were thrills and spills along the way with some nail biting ends to entertain and delight the spectators. On finals day, on Thursday afternoon, there was hardly a seat to be had around the green and inevitably, one or two scuffles broke out in the stand at the pavilion end.

However, Captain Richard saved the day by unscrewing a large bench from its concrete base under the window and aided and abetted by Cyril, moving it to join the rowdy fans at the top of the banking. This was immediately pounced upon by several other fans who had been standing back watching and ready to pounce when the job had been done (as is the custom at WBC). During the ensuing fracas, someone brewed up and dished out teas (another WBC custom) and some paid and some didn't (another WBC custom).

Everyone settled down to watch Barbara Barter and Gordon Taylor fight it out for the plate, and John Faithful and Ron Kember for the cup, and the crowd of some 30 odd (very odd in some cases) loyal supporters were not disappointed. They were treated to two excellent matches with Barbara winning the plate and Ron the cup. Well done to both winners and the runner ups..



Well done, also, to the markers throughout the week, and most of all, WELL DONE and THANK YOU to Fay and Mick for an interesting, and entertaining and very successful week.

Kath Egerton

So you think you know! Rules of Bowls Quiz

(answers from Issue 2)

1. How far should the Mat be placed from the ditch?
2 METRES
2. What is the minimum distance a Jack can be thrown? **23 METRES**
3. When is a bowl deemed to be Dead?
 - a. Travels less than 15 yards from the front of the mat.
 - b. Finishes in the ditch not having touched the jack.
 - c. Comes to rest so that the whole of the bowl is outside the boundaries of the rink.
 - d. Has been driven beyond the side boundaries of the rink by another wood.

All of the above

Guides, Scouts and Boys Brigade

They are coming back on 21 October and we will be looking for volunteers to help. Why not YOU!! The new junior bowls have been purchased.

Stakes Women's Institute.

They are still enjoying their coaching and playing and are still returning. They were due to come at beginning of October but with the rain and no carpet it has had to be delayed.

Why not help your club to improve so instead of making comments on 'what could be' why not help the 'could be' become reality. We are all members and all volunteers!

Make our club the best in the area!!

VACANCIES

We have the following vacancies within the Club, please contact the Club Secretary or a committee member if you wish to apply for any of the vacancies.

- A - Ladies section Secretary
- B - A person, or persons to run the Winter Pairs 2019/20 Competition.
- C - A final person to join our gardening team.
- D - A social group to organise the social activities
- E - Lots of other ways to help, just ask!

Vacancies are open to all.

Please do not stack the chairs. The reason is twofold. **Dangerous** if people sit on stacked chairs and also the chairs break. To replace the chairs is very **expensive**. So resist the urge to stack!!

MEMBERS ARE STILL DOING IT.....IS IT YOU?

How many of you have noticed the new Information board on the wall by the entrance gate. This was purchased with funding from County Councillor Keast

SPOT THE JACK

Same rules as spot the ball

Guesss the grid number



NAME	GRID	NAME	GRID



**LAST MONTHS GRID WAS K13
THE WINNERS ARE PETER Mc WILLIAM & DAVE AYRE. WELL DONE.**

Prizes will be awarded soon - *Len Richards*