



Clanfield Bowls & Sports Club Newsletter

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Chairman's Report

I think we can all agree that it has been a summer to remember. I am sure that in future years we will scratch our heads trying to remember which year it was that our lawns turned brown! I think for me, one of the most memorable aspects of this summer has been the way in which our Bowls Club has acquitted itself in the friendly matches throughout this season. For a Club that is barely 4 years old and that has also coped with the COVID interruptions we have shown our bowling neighbours that we are a force to be reckoned with. Well done to those of you that have represented the Club and a huge thank you to Michael for arranging the friendlies and to Geeti and Marilyn who stepped in to help whilst Michael was indisposed.

We have also achieved other successes during the summer months including the installation of the solar panels and the introduction of roll ups, designed specifically to help build the confidence of our newer members. You can read more about both of these topics elsewhere in the Newsletter. Caroline organised her second Challenge, which was well supported, and we additionally held an event for our younger members.

Winter approaches but I do hope you will continue to visit the Club to make use of the rinks and attend as many social functions as you can.

David Charleton

Mini Presentation of Solar Panels to District Councillors

I hope you have listened to Teresa's radio interview, the link for which is on the Club's homepage. To thank the District Councillors, who between them have so generously granted £5500.00 towards the cost of installing the Solar Panels, we invited them for tea and cake on 11 October 2022. Unfortunately, due to work commitments and illness only 2 of the Councillors were able to attend, together with David Harris. Chairman of CPC who is effectively our Landlord. We also invited Lisa Clements who is EHDC's Community Development Officer. Lisa helped oil the wheels with the District Councillors.

Teresa and Graham gave a mini presentation explaining the process they went through to ensure that Solar Panels are right for the Club, the savings being made in both financial and carbon emission terms and the purchasing process. The weather was perfect and the solar panels generated the power to make the teas and coffees without cost to the Club!

All of the attendees were impressed with the process we had gone through, had an enjoyable morning and left with a lot better understanding of our Club.

David Charleton



32 Players

122 Ends

22 Games

2048 Bowls bowled



It must be the Autumn Knockout Challenge 2022!

Although the day started rather wet while setting up it had cleared by the time play started and, although the rinks were a little damp, it didn't stop the bowlers. The 2nd group out to play caught a few spots of rain after which it turned into a dry, bright, warm day with just a little wind – perfect for a Knockout Challenge.



Firstly, thanks must go to Ted for preparing the rinks so they were ready for the Autumn Knockout Challenge at CBSC.

Play started and progressed through the rounds with Helen, Glenda and Yvonne working hard in the kitchen to keep everyone fortified. Thanks must also go to them all for their hard work throughout the day.

After round 2 of the competitions everyone headed inside for tea (or coffee) and a choice of homemade cakes. It was really appreciated and enjoyed by everyone.

The Club had an amazing atmosphere and buzz throughout the day with members, old and new, bowling, chatting, supporting and enjoying the day. The terrace and steps were full with spectators watching the remaining matches with games worthy of a Potters final! The applause and cheers encouraged the bowlers.



Thank you to everyone who came and helped to make it such an enjoyable day.

Well done to everyone who took part and congratulations to all finalists.



Autumn Knockout Challenge 2022

Winners: Carol Carter and Steve Irons

Runners Up: Debbie Martin and Rob Renshaw



Caroline Cahill

Autumn Knockout Plate 2022

Winners: Graham Nicklen and Phil Malin

Runners Up: Jo Lougher and Marilyn Charleton





Summary of the AGM, Wednesday, 28 September 2022

A copy of the AGM Minutes is on the Notice Board in the Pavilion and a link to them can be found on the *Latest News* page on our website (clanfieldbsc.com). Some of the highlights are:

- **Finances**

The Club's finances are in a healthy condition despite the reduction in sales in the bar/kitchen following its closure due to the COVID pandemic. Provision is being made to replace the carpet in due course.

- **Membership**

The number of members is steadily growing and have increased by 24 to 170 since the previous AGM.

- **Milestone Achievements**

Maintained the 5-star catering certificate and alcohol licence

Resolved Changing Rooms and Kitchen drainage issues

A visit from local MP on 11 March 2022

Solar Panels Installation

- **Bowling Activities**

21 Friendly matches were arranged for 2022

Roll Ups on 6 days a week

Beginners Roll Up introduced 10 August 2022

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Events held on 3 June 2022

2 Knockout Challenges

Children's Fun Afternoon

- **Challenges**

Clanfield Football Club

Maintaining Membership

Kitchen Extension

Thank you to everyone for your help and support throughout the year.

David Charleton

Reduction in Number of Rinks

To spread the wear on the carpet I asked Clive and Ted to reduce the number of rinks from 7 to 6 for the winter. We will return to 7 rinks in the Spring. To replace the carpet would, at today's prices, cost about £30K. Although the Club is building a pot of money towards this expense it is obviously in our best interest to keep the surface in good condition for as long as possible.

David Charleton

2022 Friendly Matches Season

Sadly, our 2022 Friendly Matches Season has come to an end. Michael spent many an hour during the winter months between October 2021 and February 2022 arranging 21 matches against local clubs and many more selecting the teams for the matches.

Taking part in one or more of the 18 matches that went ahead (3 were cancelled or rained off) has given our members the opportunity to gain experience of playing on different surfaces and to observe how the opposition teams approach the game. We played 5 games on grass, which is a very different experience and not an easy one to master quickly, but those who played in those matches did their very best to make it a real challenge for the opposition to beat us.

Michael introduced a new tradition this year—presenting each visiting team who came to us for the first time with a gift of our Club mascot, *Chalkie*, to mark their visit. These gifts, which have been made by Tracey Wilkins, have been a great success and have been well received by each club.

We won 5 matches, all at home, and put up a good fight in many more. We are now looking forward to next year when we hope more friendly matches will be arranged. During the coming months we are hoping to introduce a few sessions whereby Terry will offer help to any members wishing to improve their skills and understanding of the ‘tactics’ of the game. These will be available to everyone and should enhance our enjoyment of playing, whether it be with friends, at roll ups or in friendly matches.

Thanks to everyone who has taken part or come along to support our teams over the past few months. Thanks also to all members who have helped to welcome our visitors, to make our home matches run smoothly and to provide excellent refreshments.

Geeti Granger

Bowls—2023 County Championship & Competition Entry Forms

CBSC is affiliated to both Bowls England and Bowls Hampshire. The latter has recently submitted their entry sheets for next year’s County Championship and Competitions for Men. They comprise:

- County Club Competition
- County Four Wood Singles Championship
- County Two Wood Singles Championship
- County Pairs Championship
- County Triples Championship
- County Fours Championship
- Senior Fours Championship. All entrants MUST be 55 or over on the 1st of April 2023 and from the same club
- County Two Wood Triples Competition
- County Golden Pairs Competition. BOTH Players MUST be Aged 70 or over on the 1 April 2023

Although I have not received anything for Ladies, my understanding is that Bowls Hampshire runs something very similar for Ladies.

If you are interested in entering any of the competitions please let me know. The closing date for entries is 31 January 2023.

David Charleton

Stewarding Update

We currently have 47 people who carry out stewarding duties. Excluding openings for special events we need to cover just 18 shifts per week (winter opening times) for stewarding and 12 shifts for opening or closing the Club. We also have two or three members who do regular shifts more than once a week and a couple who do 3 or more shifts each week. Theoretically, we don't have a problem in getting the shifts covered! Wrong!!

Unfortunately, the theory doesn't consider holidays/sickness and the need to look after others so we do have problems in getting some shifts covered. Occasionally, we make mistakes and that also adds to the confusion. I attempt to update the Rota sheets on the noticeboard, however, I don't go to the Pavilion every day so on many occasions the master sheet and the list on the noticeboard are not in unison.

Each day I normally check the master rota sheet (on my desktop or mobile phone) in an attempt to ensure that we have a steward on duty or someone who can steward and bowl. This usually ensures that the Pavilion is both open and we have a steward *in situ*. Occasionally, I need to contact stewards by phone to cover emergencies so bowling can take place.

The Chairman and I, together with the duty steward, discuss occasions when we need to close the Club, usually due to inclement weather. Between us we like to keep the Pavilion and rinks open, however, on occasions we do have to agree to close the Club. My task is to keep the Club open **but also be aware of the needs of the stewards**. These affect those on duty who can see there is little chance of members turning up. Again, this may not be a problem if you need some quiet time to do work but can be annoying if you have better things to do.

We have had an influx of new members, two of whom have already taken the induction and joined our ranks. **Can I ask all our members**, new and old, to contact me with a view to joining our ranks? I have consistently disliked the idea of making stewarding compulsory, as some members would like us to do. If you do bowl regularly, do you not feel you should take some of the responsibility of stewarding from time to time? The work is rewarding and you get to meet many new friends. Also, with a small amount of Kitchen induction, you could make yourself a cup of tea! Something I expect, like me, you were trained to do by your mother, in my case over seventy years ago! Now I have almost got it right!!! I look forward to hearing from those of you who offer to join the stewarding team.

Mike Smith

Beginners Roll Ups

The Wednesday morning coaching and practice sessions for beginners, led by Terry and assisted by Nuala have proved a great success and most helpful to all those who attend.

The participants have gained a better understanding and knowledge of the game.

As their confidence grows each week, we hope they will join in regular Roll Ups that are held weekly.

We encourage all new members and current members who would like a confidence boost to come along every Wednesday morning at 10:15.

Nuala Atkey

**Don't Forget Winter Opening Times Started on
Tuesday, 4 October 2022**

WINTER HOURS					
ALL OPENING TIMES (as of 4 October 2022)					
Day	Open	Close	Open	Close	Notes
	<small>(for Bowling)</small>		<small>(for Other Events)</small>		
Monday			10:00	13:00	Craft & a Cuppa Morning (last Monday of each month)
Monday			19:00	20:30	Ukulele Group (weekly)
Tuesday	10:30	16:20			
Wednesday	10:30	16:20	18:00	20:00	Games Evening (weekly)
Thursday	10:30	16:20			
Friday	10:30	16:20	18:00	21:00	Get Together Evening (weekly)
Saturday	10:30	16:20	18:00	Late	<i>See notice boards and website for dates and times.</i>
Sunday	9:45	16:20			

**PLEASE NOTE THE ADDITIONAL ROLL UP ON
FRIDAY AFTERNOON**

WINTER HOURS		
REGULAR ROLL UP TIMES (as of 11 October 2022)		
Day	Arrival Time	Start Bowling
Tuesday	10:45	11:00
Wednesday (Beginners)	10:15	10:30
Thursday	13:45	14:00
Friday (Morning)	10:15	10:30
Friday (Afternoon)	13:45	14:00
Saturday	10:15	10:30
Sunday	9:45	10:00

Dates for your Diary



Saturday, 15 October 2022
MUSIC NIGHT

with Damiaín Lodrick

£5 members, £7 Guest – a few places are still available.

QUIZ NIGHT OCTOBER

Saturday, 22 October 2022

£2 members, £3 guests



Saturday, 12 November 2022
MUSIC NIGHT with MEENA MEW

watch out for further details

(Meena performed at the Clanfield Jubilee Celebration & impressed several of our members)

QUIZ NIGHT NOVEMBER

Saturday, 26 November 2022

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