



Clanfield Bowls & Sports Club Newsletter

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Chairman's Report

I am pleased to report that at long last Summer seems to have arrived, but the downside is that many members are on holiday or on grand-parenting duties. This is putting a strain on getting stewards to fill all the shifts so please consider Mike Smith's request later in the newsletter.

I regret to report that we have several members with severe health issues and I wish each of them well, and know that all our members will echo that sentiment.

Your Committee continues to work strenuously on your behalf to maintain a club which is the envy of many other clubs. Visiting teams for the 'friendlies' are always impressed by our facilities, the location and the reception they get here. But of course, the Committee is supported by willing teams of volunteers who help make this happen.

Whilst talking about all the support you give, let me single out the work put in by Clive and Ted who keep the green looking so good and for cleaning out the gutters recently.

I, myself, have not been able to give as much time to the club as I would like for personal reasons, but I hope this will soon change and look forward to seeing many of you again before too long.

Brian Foster
Chairman

Recycling Aluminium Cans

We recently heard that funds can be raised for the Hampshire and IOW Air Ambulance by collecting aluminium cans.

We already collect the ring pulls to donate to the Purple Community Fund and plans are now being put in place to collect the cans as well and take them to one of a number of special collection points.



Our nearest point is in Shedfield and, from here, the cans go to Warrington, Cheshire where Europe's only dedicated used aluminium can recycling plant operated by Novelis is located. Novelis is the leading producer of flat-rolled aluminium products and the world's largest recycler of aluminium. (A lot more information about this company can be found on the internet.)

While the plans are being put in place we will of course continue to recycle the cans together with other recyclable items.

Geeti Granger

Call for More Stewards

Since the Club opened in 2019, we have had a policy of asking all members to learn to be a steward and to offer to cover the steward shifts each week, ideally on a regular basis if possible. To date, we have had around 70 members agree to do this. Recently, a number of these members have had to give up stewarding for various reasons so we need to replace them to ensure we can continue to operate successfully. The benefits of such work for you are:

- Meeting new people who often become friends.
- Becoming familiar with the workings of the Club.
- Having the satisfaction of knowing you are playing your part in the running of a very successful organisation.

The brief training for this job is simple and can be completed in a short lesson. On completion you will have the satisfaction of knowing you are part of a team of special people who don't rely on other individuals to do their job for them.

Some of our volunteers operate in teams of two and this is a satisfying method of working. We can often find a partner for you if you don't have someone in mind. So, remember your Club needs you and friendly training is provided.

If you'd like to find out more, please contact Mike Smith on [07786 831055](tel:07786831055) or mike.smith1110@outlook.com

Remember your Club needs you!

Mike Smith
Management Committee

Garden Barrels



Some time ago our gardening barrels were planted up with spring flowers from The New Blendworth Centre. We have a mix of polemoniums, violas, calibrachoa, verbena and primulas.



Although the weather could have been kinder during the past couple of months these colourful displays have cheered up our surroundings no end.

Sandra Dawson

Bowls Coaching Update

Since starting in June, I have provided coaching sessions for more than 20 members. So, if you think your game could benefit, I'm offering 45 minutes sessions on Tuesday evenings (at 18:00 and 19:00). If Tuesday evenings are inconvenient, I'm also available on Saturday and Sunday mornings (at 10:30 and 11:30).

Each session will cover Grip, Stance, Aim, and Delivery, concentrating on Line or Length, using Forehand or Backhand.

If you'd like to book a coaching session please email me at coaching-01@clanfieldbsc.com

Mike Richardson



Friendly Matches Update 2024

To date we have played 13 friendly matches this season, 7 at home and 6 away, including 3 on grass. All have proved to be very enjoyable and great fun even though one or two have come to an abrupt end when the rain started! We have won 6 matches and come second in the other 7!

One particularly memorable match and worthy of a special mention is the home match against Arundel. Despite some rather dire predictions about the weather, the Knights & fair Maidens of Arundel Castle did indeed come galloping over the horizon to visit CBSC, and what a fabulous day was had by all! In the end the ominous black clouds seemed to mostly steer a course around us and our guests were great company, albeit very accomplished bowlers and, in one case, an ex-England player! That said, despite all 4 of our teams getting off to a very poor start, we managed to put up a superb fight back, winning the game overall by 63-47! Well done everyone!! 🍷

Two of our players, Sue Barnes and David Restell, took part in their first friendly match and both played magnificently.

Well done guys – may there be many more. 🍷



As always, Helen, Jo & Kathy provided some splendid refreshments. It would be easy to underestimate just what an impact this level of hospitality has and I am sure Brian will back me up when I say we had several of our guests come up to say thank you and comment on the 'astonishing hospitality'. Great show ladies – thank you so much. 🍷

Thanks also go to Beryl who agreed to be reserve and offered to handle some of the pre-match administration.

AND FINALLY...There is no doubt in my mind that this was one of our 'special' friendly matches for many reasons but one key thing was the open friendliness of our visitors who are now keen to respond in kind with an invitation to visit their Castle.

Michael Trippick



Liphook Open and Meon Charity Event

Without a lot of notice we were invited to enter a team in competitions organised by 2 local bowls clubs that have visited us this year to play a friendly match. Phil Malin, Mike Richardson and Chris Upfield formed a men's team to take part in the Liphook event and Carol Carter, Debbie Martin, Mike Richardson and Phil Malin took part in the Meon Charity Event.

Liphook Open Event

12 different clubs took part in this event which was played on grass. We played games against 5 clubs and were 1 of the teams who won 3 of their games. Denmead and an 'old friend' of ours, Steve Puttock, won all their games. Only points difference stopped us getting into the final – however, we did have the satisfaction of beating our rivals, Waterlooville, so that was the equivalent to a final to us and our beaming smiles collectively were brighter than the sun.



This has been a real learning curve for us but now we know we can enter more than one team in future years more members will be able to volunteer to make up a team and take part. Just one point to bear in mind – those taking part have to pay for the privilege (but it's well worth it)!!



Meon Charity Event

Most teams that entered this event are also members of the Southampton & District Bowling Association so many of the bowlers taking part are county players and some have taken part in national competitions. We played Shirley and, although we lost, we put up a good fight.



Two moments of magic

- We were losing by 4 on the final end BUT if we could remove the holding wood, we would score 5 points and win the match. WE DID IT! 🙌
- The position of one wood, which was laying at 45°, was going to decide the result of the match – if it lays flat we win. A **superb delivery from Mike**, just the sweetest of touches, was all that was required – the wood laid flat, the end was won and our win against Waterlooville was the result.

These were superb days, the comradery was great, the food very nice and the learning curve significant. If you decide to form a team next year you'll have great fun – we certainly did.



Phil Malin

Summer Tournament (sponsored by Webster Associates)

A fantastic 41 bowlers signed up to take part in our Summer Tournament, which began with Round 1 at the beginning of May. Despite climatic conditions ranging from wet and very windy to heatwave, there were **104 games** to be completed in Round 1. Of these games all but 2, which were forfeited, have now been played and it has been great to see the rinks so busy. A few stats from **Round 1**:

- **Players winning all their Round 1 group games – Bob Parkin, Phil Malin**
- **Ladies with the most Summer Tournament points – Sue Barnes and Teresa Attlee (9 points)**
- **Player with the most Accumulated winning points – David Charleton (71 points)**

Round 2 is now underway with 2 groups:

- **Group A – Round 1 group winners.**
- **Group B – Round 1 group runners up.**

The tournament is due to complete in mid August so it's all to play for in Round 2 at the moment!

The Summer Tournament trophies will be presented by our sponsor, Webster Associates, during the Autumn Knockout Challenge on Saturday, 31 August 2024.



Caroline Cahill

Autumn Knockout Challenge, Saturday, 31 August 2024

All day mixed pairs challenge.

Our All Day Knockout challenge gives everyone a chance to bowl in pairs (ability irrelevant).

It's all about FUN, FUN, FUN.

If you lose in the 1st round there is the opportunity to try again in the Plate Competition. Everyone will get at least 2 games of bowls.



Refreshments

The kitchen will be open for drinks and snacks throughout the day and pre-ordered food at lunchtime (after Round 1).

There will be tea/coffee and cake for everyone at the end of the day and prizes for the winners and runners-up



Enter and select food orders using the sign-up sheets displayed on the bowls noticeboard in the Pavilion.

Entry is £3 per bowler

Come and give it a go!

Webster Associates will be attending and will be available for anyone to come and have a chat with them.

Jonathon will be presenting the prizes to our Summer Tournament winners.

Caroline Cahill

TREASURER'S NOTES

BONUS BALL COMPETITION – We've had winners!!!

We have been running this fundraiser for the past 4 months. Bonus ball numbers can be purchased for £1 each month and, if your number matches the Lottery Bonus Ball drawn on the last Saturday of the month of play, **you can win £47 and CBSC gains £12.**

Winners

April: No Winner (The winning number square was not purchased so CBSC claimed the winnings).

May: Winner **Mark Whitehead**

June: Winner **Ron Hamilton**

July: Winner **Yvonne Coonan**

COME ALONG BETWEEN 6:00pm & 8:00pm on a FRIDAY EVENING to join in the fun and purchase your numbers. YOU MAY BE LUCKY!! So far this year CBSC has gained **£54.**

EASY FUNDRAISING

If you are purchasing anything online consider joining **Easy Fundraising** and purchase through them so CBSC receives a donation each time you make a purchase. Many thanks to all those who are shopping this way.

EAST HANTS DISTRICT LOTTERY

This bowls year we have received a total of **£279.50** from the lottery fund. The more tickets you buy the more we receive.

The Special Prize for August is the biggest-ever getaway offered by EHDC Lottery. The draw will take place on **Saturday, 31 August 2024:**

A £2,000 Luxury Holiday!

Escape to the forest with a relaxing break at Center Parcs, take the family to Disneyland Paris – or plan ahead, and book a trip to see the beautiful Northern Lights. Whisk your family away or treat yourself to a 5-star European city break!

With **£2,000** to spend on your **dream holiday** the world is at your feet – **you can even take the cash and spend it your way!**

Of course, to give yourself a chance to win you must buy some tickets so why not go to the **EHDC Lottery** website now. **Thank you to all those who have bought tickets already.**

Glenda Smith

ENTERTAINMENT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday, 10 August 2024: EYES DOWN FOR BINGO, 6:30pm for 7:00pm

Saturday, 17 August 2024: CREAM TEA with songs from Andrea. 3:00pm

Saturday, 28 September 2024: QUIZ NIGHT, 6:30pm for 7:00pm
(Additional dates for events in September may be added.)

October 2024: Date to be agreed for a DISCO with DJ Keith.

Glenda Smith

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A Couple of Events from Earlier in the Year (just after the last newsletter was published.)

Spring Knockout Challenge

On Thursday, 25 April 2024, 32 players gathered to do battle in the Spring Knockout Challenge.

We started with everyone playing in an 8 end first round, with winners going forward in the Knockout Challenge and those who came second going on to the Knockout Plate. There followed 2 parallel knockout competitions.

Many of the games were exciting and very close and they were all certainly enjoyed by all who played. Eventually we

reached the state of two finals and these lived up to the entertainment value of the rest of the afternoon, even if the 8 people playing in them almost needed water wings to keep them afloat while they completed the games!



Knockout Challenge Result

Winners Michael Trippick and Richard Stray
Runners Up Les Bright and Mike Richardson

Knockout Plate Result

Winners Ted McGrath and Sam Sadler
Runners Up David Lougher and Vin Thayanukulvat

Very many thanks to Caroline and Ivor, Glenda and Mike, and to all those others who helped in any way to make it such a very happy day. **David Lougher**

Wine Tasting Evening, Friday, 26 April 2024



We had a very enjoyable wine tasting evening at the Club with the theme '*Surprising Wines*' led by our very own **Phill Humphries**.

All the wines proved to be surprising in different, generally pleasant ways. Who knew that India makes an excellent Chenin Blanc or that a wine called 'Barista' actually does have coffee aromas! We hope to hold another wine tasting evening in the autumn with the theme of '*Wines for Christmas*'.

Anne Humphries



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