



# 2-Wide 2-Heavy

## The Newsletter of Olveston & District Bowling Club

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### The Chairman's Message

At last, the season has got into something like full swing and lots of members are now well engrossed in their league seasons as well as individual competitions. I am sure that there will be quite a lot of news about these activities in the sections to come. However, I would like to highlight just a small number of events that we have held at the Club in the last few weeks.

The first was the arrival of the Ladies 2-rink teams from Somerset and Herefordshire to play a round of the Bowls England Walker Cup. This proved to be a fascinating afternoon of ladies' bowls with Somerset achieving a solid victory to progress to the next round, the regional final where they beat Worcestershire.

The following week we had the honour of hosting the regional finals round of the Bowls England men's 2-rink Balcomb Trophy. This turned out to be nearly 8 hours of extremely competitive and enthralling bowls on a very hot day. We had England International and Commonwealth Games players performing their art on our green to a very high level of bowls. An engrossing day with, again, Somerset being the final winners after the two very a hard-fought match that they had to play against, firstly Wiltshire and then Cornwall.

Then last Saturday we had our own President's Day. Probably unique because we actually celebrated the period of office of two Presidents. Our current President Trevor Graham offered to share the day with last year's President, Graham Ellis because he had been denied such an occasion by the impact of Covid-19. This turned out to be a truly excellent occasion for both of the two gentlemen involved. The format of the bowls seemed to appeal to all the players who spent some time on the green and the following meal was very much appreciated. Significant funds were also raised in support of Action for Pulmonary Fibrosis being Graham's chosen charity from last year.

This month will culminate in our Club being the host venue for the GBA Ladies Finals this Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> July, another major occasion for us to undertake.

The coming two months will provide many varied opportunities for all members to play some bowls and enjoy being a member of our cherished Club. We have Finals Day to look forward to in September and an extra-long season through to the middle of October.

But finally, I have been thinking back over the last 18 months or so about the impact that Covid-19 has had on our Club and all our members. I would never have dreamt that what has happened would happen. It has caused a tremendous amount of work for the Management Committee and others in the Club which could not have been envisaged. Being where we are in a stable position when a number other Clubs have struggled somewhat is testament to all those who have worked tirelessly to achieve this outcome.

So, at this time I have decided that the end of this season will be an opportune time for me to bow out of my role as Chairman and I will not be seeking re-election. I have found these months more arduous, tiring and stressful than I envisaged would be the case in 'normal' circumstances. Furthermore, after a period of what will be 9 years at the end of this season as Bar Manager, I have informed the Management Committee that I wish to retire from this role at the end of this season. Alongside this I will also relinquish being the master key holder for the Club.

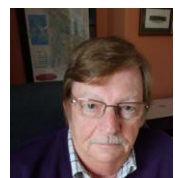
Looking forward from a personal perspective, not having any official responsibilities in the Club for the first time in many years should give me more time to actually play some bowls, chat with fellow members and enjoy

the facilities that I may have had a small role in helping to create.

All my best wishes

*Robert Harris*

Chairman ODBC.



## Our President's Message

Fellow members of OLVESTON AND DISTRICT BOWLING CLUB,

After the trauma of Lockdowns and restrictions of 2020, the early months of 2021 showed little improvement. Nevertheless, with some relaxation of restrictions in April and tremendous efforts by our Club Officers and others to create a well sanitised and safe environment for us all to enjoy each other's company, on and off the Green, we were able to open the season on time.

As a matter of fact, I have not visited one other Club that even comes close to matching the excellence of our sanitation facilities and regimes.

Hearty congratulations to ALL who played a part in establishing and maintaining what must be the safest Bowling Club environment in the WEST, if not the whole country.

I know that some of you have found the remote systems somewhat challenging, but give thanks to Robert (Chair); Nigel (Sec); and Steve (Fixture Sec) and all those who have devised and operated the systems. With your good-natured co-operation, we have operated the systems successfully and in safety.

WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW MEMBERS, I hope you are enjoying your early days in our great club, we are glad you chose to join us.

As for performance, our league teams are all doing well; our representative teams and individuals have and are enhancing the reputation of The Club. Well done to ALL.

Our Bowls Drives and Club Days have been well supported. We have already hosted a Gloucester v Wales VP's match; an inter County GBA (Women's Division) Play-offs - Walker Cup; Bowls England Regional Finals between the Counties of Cornwall, Dorset, Somerset and Wiltshire - a first for us. All of which have received plaudits for the warmth of our Welcome, Facilities and Friendliness. Thus, enhancing our reputation far and wide. Well done to all involved.

Most recently on 24<sup>th</sup> July I was happy and proud to share my often-postponed Presidents Day with my old team mate and friend Graham Ellis our 2020 President.

It was a great day for us. The weather wasn't great but the little showers did nothing to diminish the enthusiasm, friendliness and generosity of the huge crowd in attendance. Thank you all so much for making our day such a memorable occasion and raising about £500 in support of Action for Pulmonary Fibrosis. You were ALL magnificent.

I am truly grateful and proud to be numbered among you as a member of our magnificent Bowling Club.

Very Best Wishes to one and all for the rest of the season.

If you are still in competitions, compete well; if you are playing friendlies, just enjoy your games and have a good time.

If you made it this far WELL DONE!

Trevor G



## Treasurer's Update

Whilst in the background Covid remains a real on-going threat, we must now begin to turn our attention to the future and plan how best we are going to emerge “better and stronger” after the restrictions of the past couple of seasons.

Firstly, we must give a HUGE vote of thanks to all those who have managed the operation of the club during the pandemic and thus provided the opportunity to play bowls in a safe environment.

For the time being, in line with Bowls England guidelines, members are still encouraged to continue with the good practices of sanitizing, mask wearing and social distancing. Making payments for drinks by card is also preferred.

The gazebos have certainly proved a most popular and helpful addition. Originally installed to assist in complying with social distancing requirements, they now remain to provide outdoor weather protection from the vagaries of the British climate.

As a result of all the externally-enforced restrictions during the last 18 months, the only major task undertaken has been the new gate and fencing - and even this was the lower priced medium-term solution rather than the preferred more expensive long-term proposal. We are consequently now faced with a long list of essential major maintenance and improvement tasks to catch up on, which need to be prioritised and progressively tackled over the coming years.

Income levels have of course suffered from the reduction in this year's membership fees, the foregoing of rink fees, the absence of raffles and social/fundraising events, limited sponsorship receipts and reduced takings at the bar.

However, savings in the level of catering provision and further government support grants received in respect of the extended periods of Covid restrictions have helped to compensate for the shortfalls. We thus remain in a strong financial position to face future challenges and uncertainties.

Kevin Dann



### John Arrowsmith Green Manager

As usual the green team have been busy all season maintaining the green on your behalf. This requires the green to be cut three times a week and sometimes more when we have special events like the south west finals of the Balcombe cup and the finals of the Gloucestershire Ladies BA. It has been a difficult season to get the surface into a reasonable condition mainly due to weather conditions. A fairly wet winter resulted in large areas of the green being covered in moss, which can be removed with chemicals, but this tends to result in bare patches. The winter was followed by a dry very cold spring followed by a wet period. The end result of this was that the grass was very slow to regenerate and it took until the end of June before we had full coverage.

We had a bit of a scare in June when our green adviser, John Swift, thought that we could have a leatherjacket problem, thankfully this has turned out not to be the case. Leatherjackets munch away at the grass roots and some bowling greens in our part of the country have been forced to close their greens because all the grass has died back.

We have a bit of trouble from the crow family who tend to dig small holes in the green searching for insects but this is easily controlled by infilling the holes with top dressing and seed. Some of you may have noticed the bowls leaving the ground on occasions, especially on rinks 1 and 2 away from the clubhouse. This is due to small hollows in the grass being caused by thatch dieback, these normally show as dark green patches. Again, I am gradually reducing them by infilling with top dressing but it is a slow process. A heavy downpour this week resulted in a number of large puddles forming along the clubhouse/changing rooms side of the green. This we will attempt to address during the close season.

The green and maintenance teams are a friendly bunch of men and ladies and we do our best to keep everything in as good as state as possible but **a few more members involved in these activities would be very welcome.**





## Fixtures Update

It's been a strange season with regard to friendlies. We started by losing some fixtures for various reasons but thanks to the midweek and weekend captains, we were able to play some well supported club events. However, we have had to cancel a few fixtures recently due to a lack of numbers and I don't know why. When we have played, even with the different Covid protocols at clubs and the general reduction in refreshments, everybody seems to have enjoyed their bowls. Let's hope that continues.

I have been pleasantly surprised and happy with the reaction to the online availability sheets. I've had numerous people tell me that it's easier to sign up online than to have to go to the club when they possibly didn't need to check on the latest lists. Thanks to Robert for continuing the phone-in rink booking system but we'll revert to the paper-based system for the rest of the season. These are two things that I hope we can improve in the closed season to bring you something better next year.

Finally, with thoughts already turning to the 2022 season, I'm thinking of clubs that we've not played for a while, if ever. If anybody has any thoughts on new clubs for friendlies, then please get in touch.

Regards,

Steven Wharram

Fixtures Secretary

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## The Role of The Trustees

As you will see from Clause 6 of the Club's Constitution as set out in your Club Handbook, four Club Members are nominated by the General Committee to act as Trustees of the Club and the Members so nominated are appointed by the Membership at an Annual General Meeting. The appointment of the Trustees is for Life or until they Retire or are no longer a Member of the Club.

The Role of the appointed Trustees is essentially to seek to ensure that the Club's Affairs, the Club's Assets and Finances, which are legally vested in the Trustees, are properly and efficiently administered by the General Committee on behalf of the Membership.

You will also see from Clause 6.2 that the Trustees carry a specific Duty of Care for all aspects of the running of the Club and they must, at all times, remain conscious of and maintain an overview of the actions of your General Committee and, when deemed necessary highlight and address any concerns they might have with any aspect of the actions or the performance of the General Committee.

Thankfully, as a long-time serving Trustee of your Club, I can say on behalf of the other Trustees namely David Gledhill, Ian Barton and Janice Leach that we have been required to act regarding any concerns we might have had about the Administration of the Club on only a few occasions.



**Jim Ritchie.**

## Ladies League 1 Update

After a challenging start to the bowls season, Olveston Ladies Team have maintained a good position at the top of the league.

With one game to play this season we have played 13 games, won 9, lost 2 and shared points for 2 due to Covid restrictions and a cancelled game.

Due to the early Covid restrictions there are no changes this season regarding promotions or relegations but as a team we were able to maintain our momentum and played some great successful games. Well done to all who contributed to this success.

Thank you for your continued support this season

Annie Muldoon

## Ladies League 2 Update

It's official – we finished top of League 2! Congratulations to our regular players and everyone who contributed throughout the season. No prizes or promotion this year but still a great achievement.

Special thanks to Annie and Tracy for their co-operation and support.

POS	TEAM	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	S/for	S/aga	S/diff	Points
1	OLVESTON B	12	9	1	2	395	308	87	74
2	REDLAND GREEN	12	9	1	2	379	287	92.5	68
3	PAGE LADIES A	12	6	1	5	319	330	-11	54
4	HENLEAZE B	12	6	0	6	326	309	17	48
5	GREENBANK	12	5	0	7	341	406	-65	38
6	CANFORD	12	3	1	8	268	304	-36.5	32
7	CITY AND PORT	12	0	4	8	210	294	-84	22

Finally, well done to the first team who were second in their league to Ardagh and to Tracy for her determination to put out a 3rd team when it seemed near impossible. Good luck to the 3rds in their final matches of the season.

Thank you to all my regular bowlers and to the other ladies who have willingly played for us when needed.

Linda Chappell

## Ladies League 3 Update

I would like to say it has been interesting! from a moment of weakness shut in after three months of COVID an email popped up and I think I thought they won't let me do that as I haven't even played a proper match. Then, within seconds came back the answer and here I am.

It has not been easy to put together teams but the Ladies have been very supportive and we even won some matches, I have enjoyed playing with them all.

Tracy Campbell

## Gloucester County League (GCL) – Sunday Mornings

We are midway through our fixtures having played 3 of our 6 matches although by the time of printing, we will have played our next match.

The A team stand third in the league with 10 points with our next game against Cheltenham B who are just 1 point behind us.

Our last 2 games are both away – Cam who are the league leaders and have not dropped a point so far and our final game is against Bishops Cleeve who sit bottom of the league. Still, plenty to play for by both teams.

Graham Ellis

## South Cotswold League Update

We are holding our own in Division 2 of the South Cotswold League following our promotion in the last season we played, having won four matches and lost five. However, Division 2 is tough and I have to thank those players who have supported us this season for keeping us where we are; it has taken the equivalent of our B team to hold our position! We came up with the Falcon club who we beat by 1 point at the end of last season, however they are now anchored to the bottom of the division, whilst we hold a mid-table position with three matches left to play. The South Cotswold League is one of the few that have promotion and relegation this year. I can only be pleased we have such strength in depth in our Club – particularly on a Tuesday night when there are two other cup matches being played.

Although many of the grounds are beautifully situated with conventional greens, we were one of the first to go to Malmsbury and try their new artificial surface. It took many of us playing that night a long time to get used to it and this gave Malmsbury a great advantage such that they beat us comfortably. From the results it appears that many other teams have suffered at their hands when playing them at home. No wonder they are top and most likely to go up.

I'm very pleased that the League saw sense in reducing the number of ends to 18 and the start before 6:30pm. This has made the matches more enjoyable since there is a chance one can get home before 11pm! So, if you are looking to gain a little league experience and visit some of the more rural and picturesque greens in the County, I'm looking forward to seeing your names on the Availability sheets in the very near future.

**Norman Taylor**

South Cotswold League Manager

## County & National Championships and Competitions (Ladies)

We had 13 Olveston ladies involved in the County Competitions this year as well as some entering the Nationals, all with different degrees of success in these external competitions.

Sue Latham has succeeded in reaching the final of the County Champion of Champions (which she won).

Sue Wilkins did very well to get to the play offs in the County Unbadged competition.

Jan Lee Cooper progressed to the 4<sup>th</sup> round of the County Champion of Champion where she lost to Sue Latham.

Tricia Barton won 2 rounds of the County Champion of Champions before losing in the 3<sup>rd</sup> round.

Both Sue Latham and Tricia Barton entered the National Champion of Champions but lost in the early rounds.

Three teams all managed to play in the quarter finals of the Senior Fours, but were unlucky to advance any further.

Jan Lee Cooper, Sue Latham and Margaret Drayton all won through to the third round of the 4 Wood Singles.

Lynne Drysdale played in the quarter finals of the 2 Woods Singles, where unfortunately she lost.

Sue Latham and Annie Muldoon reached the last 8 in the County Pairs.

Sue Wilkins and Debbie Tudor reached the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the County Pairs.

The Ladies are still involved in the County Inter Club, having beaten Henleaze, Ardagh and Canford.

In the Top Club competition the ladies won against Henleaze before losing in the next round to Kingswood and Hanham.

Congratulations go to all of these ladies. It is great to see Olveston being represented within the County and flying the flag for the Club.

To all the other ladies that entered any of the County competitions, I hope you have better success next year, but above all continue playing to play enjoyable competitive bowls.

From Margaret Drayton

We will catch up on the Men's successes next time. At the time of writing though we do have John Smallwood, Joe Hardwick and Ian Curtis through to Leamington in Triples. Well done Gents.

## Club Competition Update

After a shaky start to the season the competitions are progressing well. Thank you all for your cooperation regarding the comps. There have certainly been some surprises along the way which proves the old adage "it's on the day that counts"

Angela and Steve have kindly organised the Men's Plate competition which I am assured is published and should be up and running.

Thank you to the ladies who have stepped in at the breach to replace those who unfortunately have had to withdraw for personal or health reasons.

The finals weekend is only about 6 weeks away and we are looking forward to seeing you all whether it is competing, spectating or volunteering to help.

We have appreciated the hard work of the MC and all those who have worked tirelessly this season to comply with the Covid rules in keeping us safe and able to enjoy our bowls season.

Annie & Reg



## Monday Night is Club Night

This is still popular with members and with the easing of restrictions, we are now back to pulling your own disc from the bag! We are not back up to the numbers seen pre pandemic but those who come seem to have a good evening!

On Monday the 2nd August, just as members were turning up, the heavens opened and down came the rain, causing our green to flood - the worst we have seen since becoming members, reminding us that we are all at the mercy of mother nature!

We are hoping to get 1 or 2 Fish & Chip Nights in before the end of the season – watch out for an email telling you when! There will also be more Sponsor Nights – again notification emails will be sent by Nigel – bottles of wine to be won!

Ian & Tricia

## Welfare Officer Update

I hope you are all having a wonderful return to an almost normal bowls season, catching up and have not forgotten how to do it like me!

The club is buzzing with the sound of woods but very importantly laughter and competition both at home and away. How we all need it.

I have not been able to play myself due to an ongoing injury but have been in touch with a number of members by phone, card and email. My role as Welfare Officer of your club is to try and assist in any way I can, however small the issue. So, this is a plea to say I am always available for you to contact if you know if anyone has a health, personal or bereavement issue. I may not be able to do anything but can make contact and offer support.

Everything is treated in strict confidence.

We are a great club

Gail Welfare Officer

01464623709 or 07949920851

## Sponsors Update

Our sponsors are still supporting us through yet another year even though all have had a difficult 18 months.

If you need to refresh your mind on the companies supporting our club, please look in the front on the Membership Fixture book and you will see all the adverts for each sponsor.

PBF Wealth Management being our main sponsor, we also receive commission on top of the lump sum we gain. Pedro also attends our sponsor nights. Below are some photos from Sponsored Club Nights.

So please support our sponsors.

Sue Wilkins – Sponsor Coordinator





## President's Day

When I finished my Presidency, I had assumed that whilst not the year I had hoped, that was that! However, Trevor approached me and asked if I would like to share his Presidents Day with him and also any monies raised to go to Pulmonary Fibrosis. This was so kind and generous of Trevor and much appreciated. We worked closely together to ensure that the 26<sup>th</sup> July was a success.

The support of the membership was incredible and despite the occasional shower, a great day was had by all.

A personal thank you to all who made it happen: Jean and the Catering team, Robert and the Bar team and of course Ian from the Crusty Loaf for cooking the delicious Lasagne. To John Arrow and the green team and the maintenance team for laying everything out. And of course, the three Ladies who did a sterling job in selling so many raffle tickets.

A final thank you to the members who attended and to those that were unable to attend but still bought tickets / made donations / contributed to the Spider and of course gave so generously the huge amount of raffle prizes!

We took a wonderful £569-45!

Since Liz and I started raising money for PF back in 2019, we have achieved so far around £4100. Thank you all so much – I am very humbled by your generosity.

There are still some “goodies” at the Club – pens/notelets and bottle openers all donated for the PF cause by my good friend John Such of Linela.

Once again, to you all, thank you.

**Graham Ellis**





## President's Day Photos



## Maintenance Team Update

In the past few months, the maintenance team have carried out a variety of different activities. Until “Freedom Day,” we continued to perform the cleaning duties at the Club, keeping the floors and toilets clean and generally cleaning and tidying up. We were lucky to be joined by Sue Latham who is not only a good bowler but is also expert with both a loo brush and a vacuum cleaner!

Ken Leach, who for many years has been known for his prowess with a paint brush has been promoted to head of rubbish and, with his apprentice, Geoff Cook, has made the journey to the bins a twice weekly ritual.

Meanwhile, Mike Greedy has been repairing the equipment barn and finishing off the outside renovation of the Changing rooms. Trevor Graham splits his time between gardening duties and general maintenance whilst Bill Main and I do odds and ends and walk around with a clipboard and tape measure! A sturdy latch has been installed on the front gates and minor banging and bashing has been carried out in a number of spots around the site.

The whole team have assisted with the sanitising activities ensuring the Club is hygienic and Covid Secure throughout the whole of the season to date. This service has now been scaled down although hand sanitisers and “spray and wipe” will be available for the foreseeable future.

Very recently we have returned to more traditional activities and as well as detailed planning for major work to provide better storage facilities, replacement of two sides of the green and other “longer term” improvements, we will be starting the outside treatment of the main clubhouse.

We will start work on the “toilet entrance” side first and assess the requirement before possibly calling on members to support a “working party session.”

We must thank all our team members who commit time on a Monday and Friday morning to ensure the facilities we have are well maintained and always ready for Club members. Please offer your support with whatever time and skills you can give. You don’t have to turn up every week, just let me know that you are willing, and I’ll add you to the list of those I can ask to help with future work.

Bob Phillips





## Social Committee Update

The Committee have been meeting and discussing the events we hope to put on for you, the members. The situation with Covid 19 seems a little clearer so that we can plan some events in the future with confidence. Please get the dates in your diary and contact Sue with your teams and numbers.

Contact: Sue Wilkins on:

[Sue.wilkins947@icloud.com](mailto:Sue.wilkins947@icloud.com)

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### **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2.30pm – Cream Tea.**

This will take place at the club house - Scones, Jam and Clotted Cream & Tea. Please contact

Sue Wilkins as we require numbers contact details below – you pay on the day at the door.

£3.00 per person.

### **Quiz & Pie Night – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 7pm –7.30pm start**

Cost: £2.00 per person on night

Teams of 6 people – please let me know your team.

You can turn up on the night, but we cannot guarantee that we will have spare pies so please contact me and I will place you on a list.

### **Race & Pie Night Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 7pm – 7.30pm**

Come and have some fun and laughter – you may even make a profit.

Further details will be released shortly.

### **Xmas 3 course Buffett meal Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December 7 – 7.30pm**

We will hold a raffle and you may get a surprise

Cost: £15.00. More details to follow.



## Umpire's Corner

**Jamie Campbell**  
Club Umpire

After a very well attended Markers Guide session in June, I have been asked if I could run another, but it will have to be late in September, so watch out for an email from Nigel with details.

I haven't had any questions from members so here are a couple to get you thinking.

1. Name two occasions when a bowl that has NOT touched the Jack, can be marked as a toucher.

2. Two bowls are delivered at the same time on adjacent rinks.

The bowl from Rink 3 has been delivered on a wide bias and the Skip on Rink 3, thinking that the bowls are going to collide, stops the bowl from Rink 4 before it crosses onto his rink. Was he correct in his action? (Explain how you come to your answer please.)

Email your answers to me at [tracy2jamie@virginmedia.com](mailto:tracy2jamie@virginmedia.com)

All correct submissions will win an ODBC decal for your scorecard holder or bowls bag, so get those Law books out!

If you have any questions you like to see answered here, please contact me either directly at: [tracy2jamie@virginmedia.com](mailto:tracy2jamie@virginmedia.com) or through Nigel Cloke, the Club Secretary at: [odbcsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:odbcsecretary@gmail.com)



## Summer Lotto Bonus Ball

Winners so far:

Week 4 – 1 May 21 – No 14 John Paton

Week 5 – 8 May 21 – No 15 Graham Morris

Week 6 – 15 May 21 – No 50 Sue Latham

Week 7 – 22 May 21 – No 7 Richard Bennett

Week 8 – 29 May 21 – No 44 Bob Borland

Week 9 – 5 June 21 – No 17 George McDowall

Week 10 – 12 June 21 – No 50 Sue Latham

Week 11 – 19 June 21 – No 14 John Paton

Week 12 - 26 June 21 – No 19 John Arrowsmith

Week 13 - 3 July 21 – No 23 Annie Muldoon

Week 14 - 10 July 21 – No 1 Dylan Griffiths

Week 15 - 17 July 21 – No 1 Dylan Griffiths

Week 16 – 24 July 21 – No 59 Ian Gauld

Week 17 – 31 July 21 – No 48 Gordon Richards

## Friendly Captain Updates

### Mid-Week Update

This season has been quite a challenge at times, and I would like to thank previous captains Geoff Cook, Nigel Cloke for their help, support, and guidance during the season to date

On the plus side we were able on one occasion to field 3 teams on the same day, quite an achievement for the club bearing in mind that unfortunately many lady members were not available due to league commitments. We have also fielded teams on a Thursday when the same applies to the men's leagues.

On the negative side we had games cancelled/changed at short notice as teams decided they did not wish to play because of COVID, poor weather or wished to reduce the number of players they had planned to bring. We were on occasions able to arrange in house games of "Oak v Elm" to try and give as many Olveston members a game of bowls as possible

My thanks to the members for their support and interest in playing mid-week and especially earlier in the season re their flexibility about rink positions when I was trying to ensure that as many members as possible were getting game time

Of late we have seen a decline in numbers wishing to play, especially in away games and I would ask members for their continued support so that we don't have to cancel any more games as we cannot raise a team. I would also ask that you ensure you respond to the selection email confirming your availability (or not) as soon as possible as this allows any reserve team members to have plenty of notice of a selection or allows me plenty of time to try and find some "willing volunteers". If you have put your name down to play on the availability sheets and find your circumstances have changed and you will no longer be available for the game, please either let Steve Wharram, know or preferably go back into the availability sheet, enter your name and after your surname state no longer available or can't play etc-this will be of great help in the original team selection and also lets me see how many players are actually available

Figures from the season so far (up to and including 21-07-21)

- 73 different members have been selected to play in a mid-week fixture
- 21 games have been scheduled against other clubs
- 6 games have been called off/cancelled
- From the 15 games completed against other clubs we have scored 975 shots and conceded 863, winning 10 games, drawing 1 and losing 4 games
- Biggest wins 62v27 St Andrews and Kildare, 66v21 Port of Bristol
- Biggest defeat 25v 57 to Canford (we had 3 teams playing that day!!)
- 3 club games "Oak v Elm" have been arranged. One was abandoned due to the weather, from the two games completed Oak are winning 93 v 84 for Elm

Once again, many thanks for your support-it is amazing how quickly the season is progressing there are now only 12 mid-week friendly games left.

Bob Emery



## Saturday Captain Update

Since taking over the arrangements of the Saturday friendly matches at the beginning of the season I have had to learn to manage the club's online availability lists on the website. In those 16 weeks we have had 15 matches scheduled and 7 club events. Unfortunately, 5 matches had to be cancelled due to us not being able to find enough players mainly on days when we had two away matches on the same afternoon. I have been fortunate in having Adrian Meads as an assistant which has been a great help especially when we have had clashes. Our match at the end of July was against a new club, Eastville played at Eastville Park and resulted in a win for Olveston but they deserve credit for the effort they are making in trying to resurrect an old green.

David Hughes

## ODBC Bristol League Records 2011 to 2019

Please see the following report kindly put together by Eric Fairweather. It has been a busy and relatively successful few years.

By the year 2011 ODBC had been running two Bristol League teams for many years.

1<sup>st</sup> Team was playing in Division 1 of the North East Bristol League where there were 2 Divisions.

2<sup>nd</sup> Team was playing in Division 3 of the Bristol and District League which had only recently been extended from 3 to 4 Divisions so that all teams played each other twice for the first time. This move had actually resulted in O&DBC 2<sup>nd</sup> team starting in Division 4 and eventually getting promoted back to Division 3.

### IN THE YEAR 2012

It was decided as a trial that the 1<sup>st</sup> Team would represent ODBC in the Bristol and District Lloyd Trophy matches and won that Trophy for the Club for the first time ever. They also won the NEB League Division 1 and were awarded the League Cup. This showed that the 1<sup>st</sup> Team was likely to do well if they played in the Bristol and District Leagues where the top 2 Divisions were considered superior to the Bristol North East Leagues.

2<sup>nd</sup> Team had won the B&D Division 3 League, and were awarded the League Cup and would be promoted to Division 2 the following year.

At this stage discussions took place about the Clubs situation in the various Leagues. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Team's promotion to B&D Division 2 provided a good opportunity to swap Teams 1 and 2 from their respective leagues. Some club members felt that having been promoted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Team should play in Division 2 of the Bristol and District League for the first time. Others felt that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Team would struggle to survive in that Division and the opportunity for the 1<sup>st</sup> Team representing the club at that level immediately would be lost, resulting in them having to start their turn in Division 3. Others felt that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Team might even struggle to survive in Division 1 of the North East Bristol League as 1<sup>st</sup> Team had previously been relegated to Division 2 of that League on one occasion.

A 3<sup>rd</sup> Team was formed in 2012 and played in North East Bristol League Div 2 &. Finished 8<sup>th</sup> out of 9.

### IN THE YEAR 2013.

The Team change had taken place.

1<sup>st</sup> Team - played in B&D League Division 2 which they won comfortably and were promoted to Div 1.

2<sup>nd</sup> Team – Finished 7<sup>th</sup> in Division 1 of the North East Bristol League.

3<sup>rd</sup> Team – played in North East Bristol League Division 2. They were runners up and promoted.

IN THE YEAR 2014.

1<sup>st</sup> Team - Won B&D League Div 1 and also won the Lloyd Trophy,

2<sup>nd</sup> Team – Finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in North East Bristol League Div 1

3<sup>rd</sup> Team – Finished 9<sup>th</sup> in North East Bristol League Div 1, and were relegated

A 4<sup>th</sup> Team was formed and received a late call up to B&D League Div 4 and finished 8th.

IN THE YEAR 2015.

1<sup>st</sup> Team – Won B&D League Div 1

2<sup>nd</sup> Team – Finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in NE Bristol League Div 1 and also won the Knockout Cup on home turf versus Bristol St George.

3<sup>rd</sup> Team – Finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in NE Bristol League Div 2, and promoted again

4<sup>th</sup> Team – Finished 5<sup>th</sup> B&D League Div 4

IN THE YEAR 2016.

1<sup>st</sup> Team – Won B&D League Div 1 and also won the Lloyd Trophy

2<sup>nd</sup> Team– Finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in NE Bristol Div 1. & won the Knockout Cup V Page Park at Bristol St Andrews.

3<sup>rd</sup> Team – Finished 7<sup>th</sup> in NE Bristol Div 1

4<sup>th</sup> Team – Finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in B&D League Div 4

IN THE YEAR 2017.

1<sup>st</sup> Team – Won B&D League Div 1 and also won the Lloyd Trophy.

2<sup>nd</sup> Team – Finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in NE Bristol League Div 1.

3<sup>rd</sup> Team – Finished 7<sup>th</sup> in NE Bristol League Div 1.

4<sup>th</sup> Team– Finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in B&D League Div 4 and were promoted

IN THE YEAR 2018.

1<sup>st</sup> Team – Finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in B&D League Div 1.

2<sup>nd</sup> Team – Won the NE Bristol League Div 1

3<sup>rd</sup> Team – Finished 6<sup>th</sup> NE Bristol League Div 1

4<sup>th</sup> Team – Finished 10<sup>th</sup> in B&D League Div 3 and were relegated

IN THE YEAR 2019.

1<sup>st</sup> Team – Won B&D League Div 1 and also won the Lloyd Trophy.

2<sup>nd</sup> Team – Won the NE Bristol League Div 1.

3<sup>rd</sup> Team – Finished 5<sup>th</sup> in NE Bristol League Div 1.

4<sup>th</sup> Team – Won B&D League Div 4 and were promoted again



## A Message from Annie and Reg

Following Reg's recent illness we have been overwhelmed by your many and continued kindness. What a great bunch of people you are.

Thank you

Annie & Reg

## The Last End.....

So, this month's quiz is whose knees are these? The young lad featured last month is of course Geoff Cook!



And finally .....This is a photo of last Monday evening's Club Night. Let's hope this week's weather is a little kinder.