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The Newsletter of Olveston & District Bowling Club

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The Chairman's Message

2021 has been a significant year in many ways for our Club. The season started in April in a fairly low-key way with many restrictions on what we were able to do both on the green and within the wider club area. The intensity of activity gradually increased throughout the following summer months culminating in a very busy final few weeks of another successful season.

Individual Team Managers and Captains will detail the achievements of their respective teams later in this publication but one that I must take the opportunity to mention was our first ever success in the City & County of Bristol Bowling Association Clarence Davey Inter-Club Championship. We have been so close to winning this Championship on a number of occasions but never quite made until the famous victory against GB Britton on 28th August. Well done to everyone involved in this significant triumph.

Other successes have continued to be accumulated by the Club both in team and individual competitions and have sustained our ability to demonstrate the competitive wellbeing of the Club as a whole.

To all our new members who joined in both 2020 and 2021 I hope that you have been able to enjoy what has been, as near as we could make it, a normal season and that bowls has lived up to your expectations both as a social and competitive sport.

On a personal level I have found it extremely gratifying to see large numbers of our members regularly using the Clubs facilities and thoroughly enjoying both their time on the green and in post play discussion/debate in the Clubhouse whilst possibly enjoying a drink at the bar. It has been a testament to the continued effort expended by a core of organisers in staging so many events at which members can include themselves.

None of the activity at the Club would happen without the continued hard work of a band of volunteers who work on the green, carry out maintenance, provide catering and deliver service at the bar. We all owe them a deep vote of gratitude for all the work that they put in. Alongside the, sometimes frustrating, work of the various team managers and captains in raising their respective teams and managing match day activity, this is the beating soul of our Club and must never be underestimated.

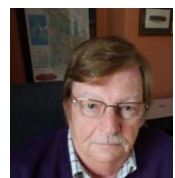
There was one notable event in late September when the Club received a visit from our local MP Luke Hall which you may have read about in the Thornbury Gazette. He was given a full tour of the Club by three of our members and tried his hand at sending down a bowl. He said how impressed he was with our facilities and the efforts we had made to keep open as much as possible during the recent difficulties.

This is my last Chairman's Message either for this Newsletter or as an Update. During my term of office there have been a number of significant issues and which, due to other ways of communicating not being available, has resulted in this being my twenty-fourth. Now you can all relax as you won't have to put up with missives from me anymore. I have tried to keep you all as up to date as possible with the constantly changing situations and can only hope that my efforts helped in your understanding of what, at times, were quite complex circumstances.

For those participating in the Club Short Mat and winter indoor competitions, I hope you have a successful winter season and with the rest of us return to the Club in April next year fully refreshed and eager to take on the challenges of a new season.

As ever, all my best wishes to both you and your families

Robert Harris
Chairman ODBC.



Our President's Message

As October draws to a close and our Bowls Season ends, I extend a huge THANK YOU to you all for the Honour and Privilege of being your Club President this past year. Wow what a year it has been! I just hope that you have all enjoyed it as much as I have. From a very uncertain start as we emerged from the restrictions imposed during the Covid-19 Pandemic, the season blossomed into the most progressive and successful year of my membership and possibly in the history of the Club.

Due to the hard work and skills of individual members, various small groups and committees, we opened the season on time. The Green and the premises were prepared; matches were arranged; teams picked; remote booking systems were introduced (not easy for some of us); sanitation and safety measures were introduced and we got to play and socialise together. **BRILLIANT!!!** A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OUR CLUB OFFICERS; APPOINTEES AND INDIVIDUALS who stepped forward to make things happen during this most trying of times. **WELL DONE ALL.**

The standard of play within the Club has never been higher and dare I say continues to improve. Look out current league team members; some of our more recent members are making exceptional progress.

Our team and individual competition successes have been outstanding. Too many to mention here in full, but no doubt they will be listed elsewhere in this newsletter. Hearty Congratulations to all involved. There were however two outstanding successes that we should take particular pride in; at last ODBC has won the prestigious Clarence Davey Cup for the first time and of equal importance, Sue Latham not only became our first lady Champion of Champions she also won the Gloucester County Women's Champion of Champions. Congratulations Sue we are all very proud of you.

In addition to our usual full programme of matches, the Club have hosted a number of visiting touring sides, VP matches etc and enjoyed a number of Club Days. Of note we also hosted a number of GBA County Events, Bowls England Regional Finals with County Teams from Wiltshire, Somerset, Cornwall and Dorset. It was particularly pleasing to hear compliments from all these visitors on our Green, Facilities, friendliness and the overall ambience of our Club. It seems apparent that our good reputation has been extended over a wider area of the country. Congratulations to all involved.

Luke Hall our Local Member of Parliament visited our Club recently. He was met and shown around the premises by Bob Philips, Ian Barton and myself. As subsequently reported in the Gazette, he too was highly complementary of our Club, the facilities and the manner in which we have navigated our way through the difficulties posed by the Covid19 Pandemic. Before leaving he and his assistant Megan even took the opportunity to deliver a couple of woods. Very promising! Who knows where that might lead?

There have been many highlights throughout my year as President of our fine Club, but of particular joy to me was being able to enjoy a Joint Presidents Day with my old team mate and our immediate Past President Graham Ellis. Heartfelt thanks to you all for your support and remarkable generosity. The fine weather, great catering and happy friendly atmosphere made for a memorable occasion that I shall treasure for a very long time.

When was the last time the current Club President was in Club Finals? Thanks to Gill Hall and Tipperary (Triples); Margaret Drayton (mixed pairs).

Club nights were great fun throughout the season and thanks to Trish and Ian the final one on 11 October ended with a party atmosphere and fish supper.

Now it is done. The Green has already been scarified as a start to preparation for next season. Congratulations to the group of Ladies who gathered on the last day before the scarifying for fun games and a party. It was great to see your enthusiasm and happy faces.

Until we meet again **Very Best Wishes to you ALL**

Trevor Graham ODBC President



Treasurer's Update

In the end we were able to salvage the majority of the season out of the jaws of the pandemic, transitioning step by step from complete lockdown at the start of the year (necessitating the Spring Meeting to be held on Zoom), all the way to a successful Tour and Finals weekend with all the appearance of normality.

Each stage has been carefully controlled and managed to ensure our safety. Thank you to all those who have made this possible.

With the outdoor season at an end, we can now look forward once again to the return of some popular indoor social events and the Short Mat league.

The MC will now need to carry out an end of season full review, prioritising a long list of outstanding major improvement projects and reviewing costings. Even though thankfully we have built up a healthy bank balance, due consideration needs to be given as to how and when these projects are best to be financed.

See you at the AGM

Kevin Dann

Treasurer



Welfare Officer Update

I hope you have all enjoyed the season, renewed your love for the game and had fun and fellowship (as well as competition of course!) Regrettably I have not been able to play due to an ongoing injury.

The outdoor season has come to an end but the club continues with indoor bowling, short mat and various social events. So does my role as Welfare Officer. Once again, I ask if anyone knows of a situation that would be helped by my input, no matter how small please contact me. The days are short, winter bugs are out to get us so sometimes things/people get overlooked. I can provide /facilitate practical, emotional or physical help. Obviously, everything is strictly confidential.

There have been a few health and safety issues arising this year which are being addressed.

Wishing you a healthy and happy winter break.

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The Green Team

As usual the Green Team have been busy all season maintaining the green to allow us all to play. This required the green to be cut three times a week and sometimes more when we had special events. They are now getting the green ready to survive the winter months. Many Thanks to all those who helped and an extra pair of hands next season would always be welcome.



Maintenance Update

This report highlights the major maintenance activities over the past 18 months and includes the general facility support tasks involving the same teams. As with any complex facility, systems wear out and fail, property starts to look shabby, and materials and services must be properly maintained to ensure longevity. The maintenance team have also formed the core of the development group who investigate, survey, estimate costs, plan and oversee larger scale projects to both enhance and maintain our facility.

The list of work undertaken throughout this period is long but I pick out some of the significant projects we have undertaken.

Entrance gates. - Although the replacement of the entrance gates and the eastern boundary fence was undertaken by a contractor, members of the maintenance team and others were involved in clearing the site, preparing and applying preserver to the gates and fence and installing the gate furniture. The whole project was finished off with a replacement sign and remodelling of the entrance pathway.

Paving repairs – many small paving repairs have been completed including a fairly large job to renovate the pathway to the paddock.

North Fence - The team were given massive support from club members when we repainted the long north fence, a big job quickly achieved with the good volunteers who helped.

Changing Rooms Building. – Some renovation work was undertaken to the outside walls of the changing rooms building before the whole was prepared and painted with two good coats of preserver.

Clubhouse - As the first stage of the redecoration of the entire clubhouse, the toilet corridor has been decorated.

Fencing – Extensive repair work has been completed on the fencing between the buildings and the paddock and the regular bi-annual painting has been completed.

Green verge – Minor repairs have been undertaken to the verge on the north and west sides of the green and an extensive survey of the verge has been completed.

Equipment Barn – Significant repairs were completed to the outside walls of the Equipment Barn and the whole has been given two coats of wood preserver.

Outside furniture – All outside wooden furniture has received its annual painting.

Clubhouse exterior – Recently we have commenced the renovation of the wooden exterior of the clubhouse. The south-western wall has been thoroughly prepared and two good coats of preserver applied. The back wall has been started but will progress only as weather conditions are suitable.

Covid safety – The maintenance team have been at the forefront of the Club's Covid-safety work including the initial preparation for opening, maintaining the ongoing sanitisation facilities and the many small tasks involved in keeping the club safe.

Routine tasks – As well as the bigger individual jobs, the maintenance team undertake many routine tasks including rubbish removal, recycling, clearing, brushing and washing external surfaces, furniture moving and, this year keeping the two gazebos' from blowing away.

As many of you who have been a member for a long time will confirm, this maintenance activity is not that unusual and throughout the life of the club, members have always fixed, made, polished and enhanced our premises and I'm sure this will continue.

During the "closed" season as well as multiple "running repairs" we will be repainting all the outside wooden furniture, carrying out some plumbing work in the men's toilet and cellar, redecorating all the toilets, providing better storage in the office and where possible continuing with the outside clubhouse painting.

As with all buildings and facilities there is an inevitable cost to maintaining their integrity and just to complete the work, we have done ourselves and excluding any contractor costs we have spent nearly £3,000 on materials alone.

Many members have helped with the numerous tasks we have undertaken over the past 18 months including supporting the Covid-safe activities, general maintenance and the week-by-week tasks performed to ensure that our enjoyment of the game is enhanced by the pleasant, safe, clean and efficient surroundings. To all those members who have been involved in however small a way I thank you on behalf of all members. However, special thanks should go to the stalwarts of the maintenance team who give their time week on week whatever the weather, Ken Leach, Mike Greedy, Trevor Graham, Bill Main and Geoff Cook.

There are many tasks within the Club both big and small, that numerous members give their time and energies to, many carrying out these tasks quietly behind the scenes and we should all be grateful to those members. However, every member should ask themselves what they bring to the club and wherever possible should find some time to volunteer to help, it doesn't have to be a big job, just lend a hand now and again. Thanks.

Bob Phillips



Fixtures Update

Well, my first full year in the role was an interesting one. The early part of the season was a little disruptive with some clubs playing, others not playing until later in the year and others only deciding at short notice whether to play and, if so, how many rinks. We did manage to organise quite a few 'club events' during those early months though with as many people who signed up for fixtures getting to play. The season itself improved as the months went by although we did have to cancel several fixtures due to a lack of numbers on our part. Having said that, we had some fixtures cancelled by the opposition as well.

The programme for next year is progressing well. We have lost a couple of fixtures with some clubs saying that they cannot fit us into their programme. However, I am hoping to pick up a few new clubs who we may not have played in friendlies previously.

My thanks must go to Janice, Bob, David, Angela and Harry for organising the Ladies, midweek and weekend fixtures. As this year was the first year that we had tried online availability sheets I was more than happy that they all managed to cope with these and actually found it more convenient than traipsing up to the club to collect the paper sheets. I have had this feedback from members too, so thank you.

And finally, on the subject of the online availability sheets, I hope that as many people as possible got to play and coped with the new system. I would not like to think of anybody being disadvantaged due to the sheets now being online. If you have any problems accessing the sheets, signing up or getting information re selection, please contact me. The biggest problem seems to have been making yourself unavailable, once you had signed up. I am afraid that there isn't much I can do with the current system but I promise that I will look into it. The system of online availability sheets is with us now as we move forward. There may be a few changes but nothing too drastic, at this stage.

Enjoy your time playing indoors, playing short mat, or both, or simply having a break from bowls and I'll see you all again next April.

Steven Wharram

Fixture Secretary

Bristol Leagues Overview – Ian Gauld

2021 turned into a far busier year than any of us could have expected. At the start of the league campaign, you will recall, we could only play one league match at home at a time meaning we had to rearrange a number of home games before the season started. On May 20th we played the first dual home ties, but numbers were restricted inside the Clubhouse with table service only, and then finally, on match-day fourteen (July 22nd), we were allowed unrestricted access.

Despite having all the C-19 restrictions to deal with, the league squad's tenacity showed through and is a credit to everyone. In total, we won 49 out of 65 games played. The 1st team won B&D Div.1, the 2nd team were runners-up in NEB Div.1, the 3rd team achieved a highest finishing position of 3rd in NEB Div.2 and the 4th team also accomplished a best finish of 4th in B&D Div.3. In the matches between the 2nd and 3rd teams, each won their respective 'home' match 6-4, and overall shots scored were 100-98 in favour of the 2nd team.

In the NE league cup, the 2nd team lost their first match (preliminary round) at St. Anne's Park, whilst the 3rd team won two home matches, against St. George and Greenbank, to reach the semi-finals at Page Park where their opponents were Kingswood & Hanham. In an extremely tight match, K&H won by 1 shot. In the

B&D Lloyd Trophy, the 1st team won home matches against Keynsham, Canford and Henleaze to reach the semi-finals at Bristol Arrow where a 10-shot win over Bristol was achieved. The final, against Weston, was played at Henleaze and a hard-earned 48-40 victory brought the Club our sixth win from seven finals since 2012.

After holding the role of 1st Team Manager for nine seasons I've decided it's time to take a break from it. I took the role on in 2012, along with Eric Fairweather taking on 2nd Team Manager. In those days we only had two Thursday men's league teams, the 1st team had just finished fourth in the NE League 1st Division and the 2nd team was in the Bristol & District 3rd Division. Eric and I established the cascade selection process which, whilst maybe not perfect, has served the Club well. In the following nine seasons the 1st team won the Division in which they were playing eight times, progressing from being an insubstantial NEBBL side, to being the dominant force in the local area, at the top of B&DMBL.

None of that would have been possible without the dedication and efforts of those involved, nor without the support of the other Team Managers and the rest of the Thursday league squad. The strength of the squad is each individual member, the strength of each member is the squad.

I've always said that we achieve so much more when we all play our part and have the same sense of direction with a common goal. I hope that this continues, if everyone is moving forward together then success takes care of itself.

Men's 2nd Team Update – Ian Barton

Well, what an unprecedented season for all bowls clubs 2021 has been. Starting the season as we were coming out of the worst of the Pandemic but still in it was something none of us could have envisaged or indeed have dealt with before.

Having won the League in the 2 previous campaigns, the Second Team went into this season without 4 well established players from those wins due to ill health, retirements and very sadly, the loss of Ron Greenland. It was always going to be a challenging season with this in mind. We eventually finished in a credible second place, just 2 points behind the eventual winners, KWH, having lost only 2 games in the League and finishing with 144 points, which has only been bettered on 2 occasions in the previous 10 seasons (one of those was by ourselves). On the plus side, some of our new members got valuable experience in the Second Team and will hopefully step up in the coming seasons. So, for once, not a winning campaign but not a total disaster either.

The main trophy that had alluded us as a Club so far was the Clarence Davey. Thankfully, this season, we have won this prestigious trophy and several players from the second team contributed to this in what can only be seen as a very successful campaign for ODBC, yet again.

All the best

Badger

Men's 4th Team Update – Rob Galpin

At least we managed to play some competitive bowls on a Thursday evening this year although it was somewhat less than we had originally hoped for. Of the ten teams in Division 3 of the Bristol & District League 2 did not play at all and 2 others only intermittently, so we played a total of 14 matches. Of these we Won 7 (albeit with 2 walkovers!), Drew 1 and Lost 6 finishing in a creditable fourth position. We managed to beat both of the top teams once during the season.

I would like to give my thanks those members who put their name down to play and I believe I was able to offer a match to most if not all of them at one stage or another during the season. Several of our members new to the club during past couple of years have developed to a good standard and this augers well for next season which will undoubtedly be tougher.

We were without all of our regular skips for most of the season and this enabled members to step up to higher and more challenging positions. Inevitably they did well and several were able to progress to the senior teams as the season progressed.

So many thanks to those who turned out for the 4th Team this season and I hope to see you all on the green during 2022.

Rob

Ladies League B Team Update – Linda Chappell

At the end of our last league season 2019, we were relieved and delighted to be staying in division 2 when at times it looked as though we might be relegated. So, even though there are no official winners or promotions, it is especially pleasing to turn things round and finish this season top of league 2.

I have now decided to step down as Ladies B Team Manager and want to take the opportunity to thank everyone who has played, and all the other League Managers I have worked with, for their support and efforts.

Linda



The Ladies Inter Club Team

Gloucester County League (GCL) – Sunday Mornings

We entered the Gloucester Sunday League a few years ago and it really is one of the most enjoyable Bowls Leagues we play in.

We now have 2 teams playing in Division 2 and Division 5 and we visit a number of Clubs which are not part of our normal Bowls calendar.

A Squad:

The league was reduced to 7 teams following the withdrawal of Churchdown and we finished in 4th place winning 3 of our 6 matches. The league was won by Bristol St Andrews.

B Squad:

9 teams competed in the league and our team finished in 5th place winning 4 of the 8 games played. The league was won by Frampton B.

We did struggle to get a team together on the odd occasion but we fulfilled all the fixtures and many thanks to all the members who took part. There is no doubt that we can win the respective leagues but somehow, we have to plan ahead looking at all the Bowls competitions we enter as a Club and as individuals, to minimise the clashing of matches.

Look to join up next season, you won't regret it!

Graham Ellis and Robert Harris League Managers

South Cotswold League Update

By winning our last four games in Division 2 of the South Cotswold League we ended up second to Malmsbury. An exceptional result in our first season in Div 2, and I would like to thank all those who participated in making that possible. It was not surprising that Malmsbury won the Division since I believe they had a significant advantage in having the only artificial surface in the League. We came up into Div 2 at the end of 2019 with Falcon but they could not survive the tougher competition and finished bottom. I think this reflects the strength in depth and capability we have in our club.

Now we have new challenges to face next season as they have promoted us to Division 1! The league will have a new structure next season as well. Five new teams have joined the League – including our second team. So, there will be four Divisions of seven teams except for Division 4 which will have six teams in it. This means we will play 12 matches next season and the second team 10.

The League will also retain the 18 ends format, starting at 6:30pm, but generally before then. This made the matches last season so much more enjoyable since there is a chance one can get home before 11pm! So, if you want to visit some of the more rural and picturesque greens in the County, together with some tough competitive matches, please put your names on the Availability sheets when they appear for next season.

Norman Taylor

South Cotswold League Manager

Floodlit League – Ian Gauld

The Bristol St Andrew's Club hosted the first tournament of its kind in the city after they secured £27,000 from Sport England to install floodlights at their Derby Road green last winter.

Games began just as the sun was setting and by halfway, the floodlights created a real atmosphere for players and spectators alike.

After the withdrawal of one Club, at extremely late notice, we agreed to fill the space with a second team and a great deal of thanks should go to those who filled both teams.

The A side, our original entry, played in Division One and won four out of five matches, winning eight rinks, drawing one and losing the other. With 33 points and an overall shots difference of 63.5 our team won the league. The B side, played in Division Two, won three matches, winning six rinks and losing four, gaining 24 points and a 29.5 shot difference, finishing in second place.

Everyone who took part has said how much they enjoyed the experience; another Trophy was won, Nigel Cloke and Tony Cullen were spotted on ITV local news and BSA are to be congratulated for a great concept and a well-run tournament.



County Competitions

Once again, our members have brought success and silverware to the Club.

In the men's GBA County Triples Championship Joe Hardwick, Ian Curtis and John Smallwood reached the final and although they lost that final, they had qualified for the National Championships. At those Championships, held at Leamington in August, our lads won two games to reach the National last-16 where unfortunately they lost to a team from Gosport, Northumberland.

Sue Latham won the Women's County Champion of Champions Singles, Ian Gauld reached the final of the County Two-Bowl Singles Championship, Andy Locke and Sue Latham made the final of the County Mixed Pairs and in the first year of the competition we had both finalists in the men's County Benevolent Triples, where John Veasey, Tony Ford & Ted Mangan lost to Joe Hardwick, Dave Wiggall & Paul Bryant.

In the men's local Bristol competitions, we had finalists in both singles competitions. Ian Gauld won the NEB singles and Jeff Cooper was runner-up in the C&CBBA singles. Joe Hardwick & Alan Tregoning won the NEB pairs; Chris Blake, Dave Wiggall & Joe Hardwick won the C&CBBA triples and Charlie Bye, Tony Ford, Chris Bentley & Jeff Cooper were losing finalists in the C&CBBA fours. Sadly, there are no local women's competitions, we really should try and do something about that.

In team competitions the men's team lost their first-round match of the GBA County Cup at Avonvale but had much better fortune in the C&CBBA Clarence Davey Club Championship, where three wins took us to only our second final but also our first ever win with a striking victory over eight times winners (and 5 times runners-up), GB Britton. The women's team reached the final of the GBA Inter-Club (two rinks), losing to Barnwood and the men's A team reached the final of the GBA Two Rink, losing to Redland Green.

Sadly, this year the Bowls England national team competitions didn't go as well for us as they have done in previous years. The men's team lost their second match in the Top Club at Frampton-on-Severn and similarly in the Club Two Fours at GB Britton. In the Tony Allcock O60 Mixed-Two-Rink we managed two wins but again lost against Frampton-on-Severn and after two wins our women's team lost to Kingswood & Hanham in the women's Top Club.

A year of five individual titles and six other finalists, two team finalists and at last a victory in the Clarence Davey; well done to everyone involved.



The Clarence Davey Winning Team



The Lloyd Trophy Winning Team

Club Finals Weekend

The Club's Finals Weekend produced some great matches over a gorgeous 3 days. Well done to everybody who took part either playing, organising or simply watching.

The results are below but the headliners were:

Ian Curtis winning the Men's Championship
Sue Latham winning the Ladies Championship
Sue Latham winning the Champion of Champions

Men's

William Davis Canning - Ian Curtis
Colonel Turner - Jack Drysdale
Men's Two Woods - Ted Mangan
Captain Salmon - Ted Mangan and Len Hall
Ken Worsley - Lawrence Oliver
Sid Hagger - Dylan Griffiths
Fred Mayor Handicap - Jack Drysdale
Tom Ellis Plate - Ian Gauld

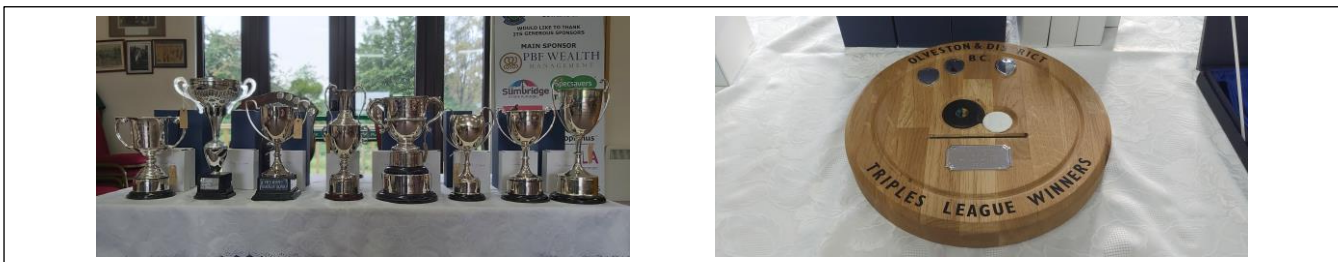
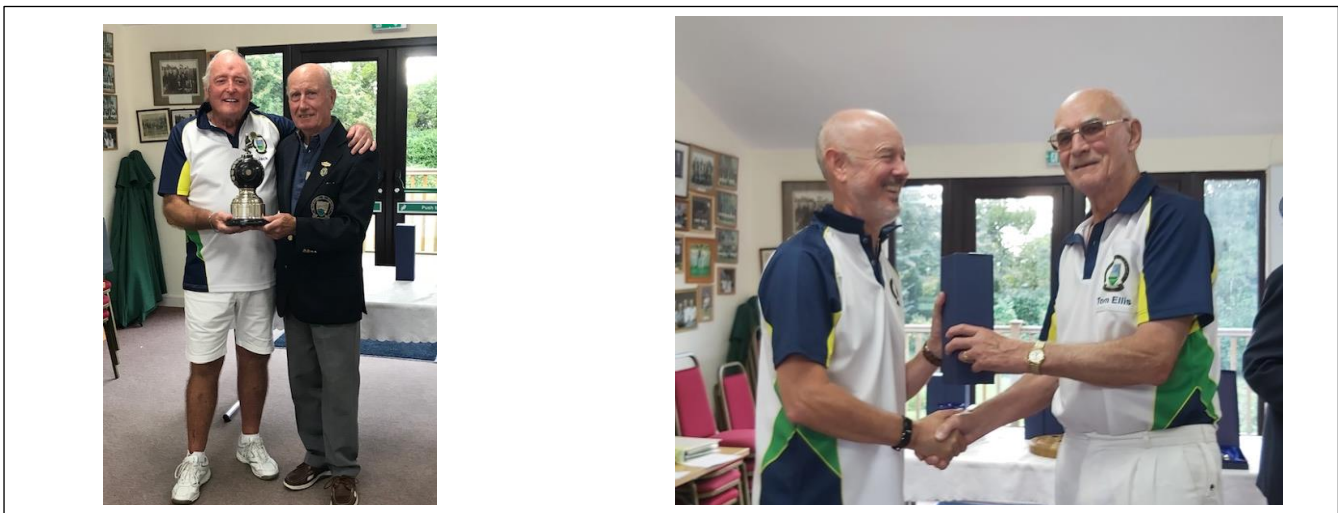
Ladies

Frank Bennett - Sue Latham
Mary Norris Cup - Margaret Drayton
Major Basil Mundy - Annie Muldoon and Brenda Cook
Mary Norris Presidents Trophy - Angela Greenslade
Audrey Worsley Sapphire - Janet Lee Cooper and Carolyn Bovill

Mixed

Triples – Trevor Williams, Jack Drysdale, Lynne Drysdale, Steve Gregory, Mary Grant & Andrea Cragg
James Ritchie Millennium - Alan Tregoning
Fred White - Margaret Drayton and Trevor Graham
Jack Drysdale Champion of Champions - Sue Latham









Monday Night is Club Night

You may recall that when Club Night re-started earlier in the season, we were restricted to 30 players under Covid restrictions. Places had to be booked through Robert and he also drew the tokens so games could be shared out fairly. Many thanks to Robert for doing this. Thankfully, this was lifted eventually and we returned to the “old” Club Night. Numbers were not up to previous years but it was still popular with many members.

We managed to get 2 Fish & Chip Suppers in, the second being on the last Club Night of the year, and everyone seemed to enjoy them! Some Sponsor Nights were played and wine won! Again, many thanks to Sue Wilkins for arranging these. One last thank you to the members who assisted in setting up the rinks.

Winter well

Ian & Tricia

Luke Hall Visit (Courtesy of the Thornbury Gazette)



Local MP Luke Hall visited Olveston Bowls Club (in September) and was bowled over by the club's community spirit and resilience throughout the covid-19 pandemic.

Mr Hall met with the President of the Club, Trevor Graham, Vice Chairman Bob Phillips and Ian Barton who is one of the club's trustees to view the grounds and pavilion.

Luke Hall said: “Olveston Bowls Club is a fantastic club, which has showed incredible resilience throughout the covid-19 pandemic, adapting to the covid-regulations.

"Our rural sports clubs and teams are greatly valued and vital to the local community, and I am delighted that Olveston and the surrounding villages can return to the green once more."

Sponsors Update

Our sponsors have supported 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.

So please support our sponsors.

Sue Wilkins – Sponsor Coordinator

Social Committee Update

The Social Committee have been meeting and discussing some events for the rest of the year. Please get the dates in your diary.

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Race & Pie Night Friday 19th November 7pm for 7.30pm

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

Xmas 3 Course Buffett Meal Saturday 11th December 7pm for 7.30pm

We will hold a raffle and you may get a surprise

Cost: £15.00. Contact Janet Arrowsmith to book your place.



Summer/Winter Lotto Bonus Ball

Winners have been shown in previous Newsletters, and the final winners of the Summer 2021 season are shown below:

Week 18 – 7 August – No 58 Jacky Roberts

Week 19 – 14 August – No 58 Jacky Roberts

Week 20 – 21 August – No 51 Bob Phillips

Week 21 – 28 August – No 41 Jim Ritchie

Week 22 – 4 September – No 34 Tom Ellis

Week 23 – 11 September – No 39 Ann McDowall

Week 24 – 18 September – No 12 Janet Arrowsmith

The Winter game started on the 9 October when number 55 came out for Les Summerfield, followed by 16 October, No 22, Steve Gregory, 23 October – No 19 – John Arrowsmith, 30 October – No 17 – George McDowall

Thank you to everyone whose taking part and for paying so promptly, the last monies were paid by bank transfer on the 9 October!

Good Luck

Ian & Tricia

Umpire's Corner – Jamie Campbell

I had many members come up and ask me about the questions posed in the last edition, but as no one attempted to answer by email, I can only assume they were too diverse? 😊

Here are the questions again with the answers:

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

If a player plays another player's bowl instead of their own, the bowl must be replaced with the player's own bowl. If it had touched the Jack and was marked as a toucher then the replaced bowl is marked as a toucher.

That bowl did not touch the Jack.

If a bowl at rest in the rink of play splits into pieces without having been struck by another bowl, the bowl must be replaced with another bowl from the same set and the end continued.

If that bowl was marked as a toucher, then the replaced bowl is marked as a toucher.

That bowl did not touch the Jack.

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

The bowl from Rink 4 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?

The Skip has acted incorrectly, he should not go onto the next rink.

He has two options, first is to wait until the bowl from Rink 4 enters his rink before making the decision to stop it, or second, allow them to collide and return them to be delivered again.

For all of you swapping the grass for the carpet this winter, here are a few little differences you may (or may not) know about the indoor game.

You may notice you have a bit more room to play on your indoor rink and this is because the minimum length for an indoor green is 34 metres compared to 31 metres for outdoor.

You also won't have to worry about using bowls with a big swing, as the minimum width of your rink is 4.6 metres, 0.3 metres wider than the outdoor minimum.

So, with all that extra room, why not have a bigger jack to aim at?

That is the case, as an indoor jack is larger in diameter and can weigh 453 grams (almost 16 ounces) opposed to the heaviest outdoor, weighing in at only 285 grams.

So, with this nice big jack to aim at, you would be right in thinking it should be easier to 'kill' an end. Unfortunately, that rarely happens as, depending on local or competition rules, the jack is either re-spotted or a shot is conceded if it departs the side of the rink.

Can I say another big thank you to all the members who attended the Marking and Measuring sessions, I hope you enjoyed them and found them beneficial?

If you fancy honing your Marking skills even further, the EBUA are running Markers Awareness Courses throughout the Winter months, the nearest one with available places is at Cotswold IBC on 14th November. Visit the EBUA website <https://www.ebua.org.uk/copy-of-workshops> for further details.



Club Tour

On 20th August about 40 members and partners headed off to Southsea for 4 days of bowls on a rather posh Applegates coach. John and Janet Arrowsmith did us all proud with their meticulous planning which was put to the test when on day 3 we were not able to visit Porchester Bowls Club as planned due to a death at the Club. A few calls later and we were able to head back to Purbrook Heath Bowling Club which had been our first stop on the way down. On Day 2 we visited Leigh Park Bowls Club and their new Clubhouse although we didn't have time to play on the pool table! Our homeward stop was at Wilton Bowls Club and the obligatory pub for a very nice buffet and soft drinks all round! The reception and hospitality at each Club was brilliant and of course special mention goes to Purbrook Heath for having us twice. Our home from home for our time away was the Royal Beach Hotel on the parade opposite Southsea Pier and again they looked after us superbly. Evening entertainment was curtesy of Derek Olive who greatly impressed us with his card tricks and Steve McMillan who tested us with a quiz.





The Last End.....

This month's quiz is who are these players? Just to help all the photos were taken over the Club Finals weekend.

