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The Newsletter of Olveston & District Bowling Club

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The Chairman's Message

It was deeply saddening to hear of the passing of Graham Ellis. His illness over the last few years meant many of you never got the chance to meet or know him. You missed the opportunity of knowing a great guy and not a bad bowler. The Clubhouse replacement was a project that was dear to Graham's heart and one that took up a huge amount of his time yet was carried out with Graham's usual professionalism and attention to detail. He also served the Club as Secretary, Chairman and President, although his Presidency was marred by the lock-down of 2020 which meant we couldn't enjoy or celebrate it in quite the way we should have. Graham was a great friend to many of us and he will be sorely missed. We all send our heartfelt condolences to Liz and his family. The clubhouse will always remain his lasting legacy and the club will always remember him. 🌸

And so, to other things that seem really trivial given Graham's passing and Liz and her family's grief:

Here we are already in August with the end of the season, sadly, fast approaching. However, there's still a lot of games for all to play before the end. Club, County and National Competitions and Finals to complete plus Leagues to wrap up and plenty of opportunity for Friendlies, Roll-ups and Club Nights. I'm sure the various team Managers will detail all the successes so far this year and what's still to be decided. For those still in competitions at all levels, whether individually or in teams, good luck in your next rounds.

I'm pleased to say that the April Covid infections amongst members seems to have passed and, thankfully, we escaped any serious illness with all having recovered and back playing again. We have had a subsequent case so Covid hasn't gone away fully and could still strike although bowls life seems to have got back to some kind of normality. I see the scientists are forecasting an Autumn surge but they have in the past been known to be doom-mongers and 'occasionally' wrong let's hope that's the case with this prediction.

The change to navy blue below the waist seems to have been well received although changing from white as well, and at short notice, did cause some to have concerns. I'm sorry if this was you but there's rarely a right time to announce clothing changes and it was as a direct request from a number of members. The result did remove any confusion on what to wear and when, and we have received favourable comments from other teams on how sensible a decision that was to have taken and that they'd like to do something similar.

Towards the end of this month the nominations for next year's Officers and Post Holders will be posted in good time for the AGM. Current Officers and Post Holders are eligible for re-election, if they wish, but your name is invited for any position and competition for posts is healthy. Yes, even for Chairman. Please consider if there's any way you can contribute to the smooth running of the club and speak to any member of the MC, or the current post holder, if you want more information. We do rely on member volunteers for pretty well everything we do.

Best wishes

Geoff Cook

Chairman



Our President's Message

After a slowish start into the Season due to Covid there was a smooth transition up to speed, though a few friendly games were called off and we had to lend some players to make up team shortfalls, then things really kicked in with Club Nights, Triples nights and competitions starting.

As President, I have had the privilege this year to attend a number of Hosted events, Inter County matches etc. and I have been proud to hear comments from the visiting players Regarding (a) the fantastic state of our green and how well it played (b) Our Club house and the facilities we have around It and (c) the superb standard of our catering and Hospitality. What a privilege to be President of one of the top greens and top clubs in the County.

I must also mention our members, I was, and still am amazed by the support shown by you all on my Charity Day. Seven full rinks on the green and seventy-two people for a sit-down meal, I know that Jan and I enjoyed the day as did my invited guests from the Macular Society and going by the amount collected on the day it seems that you all enjoyed it as well. Thank you all for attending (but don't feel that you have to stop contributing).

I wish you all successful bowling for the rest of the season (except against me!)

John Paton (2022 President)





Treasurer's Update

There will be a prize at the AGM for the person (except for Ian Curtis!) who has the nearest guess for the number of Crusty Loaf pies, pasties and pizza slices etc enjoyed by the league teams this season. This doesn't include all the bacon rolls served up on Sundays.

I wouldn't like to think how many cups of tea/coffee and biscuits have also been consumed at our friendly matches.

What this helps to demonstrate is that the Club has a sizeable weekly consumption of food at matches (all now free of charge as match fees are covered in your membership fees) and that Jan Arrowsmith and the Catering team of helpers do a remarkable job in purchasing, preparing and providing food not only for these regular matches but also for our special Club events and several major hosted matches each year.

Similarly, there is an annual turnover at the bar of over £20,000. Again, this goes to show not just what a thirsty lot you are, but also what a major business undertaking this is, and how well Derek Olive and his bar staff team keep this facility running smoothly. It doesn't just involve the serving of drinks, but also the purchasing, stocking, cleaning glasses and pipes whilst not forgetting the cashing up and banking of takings.

This provides a significant boost to the Club finances, and thus helps to subsidise your membership fees.

Congratulations to John Paton and all helpers who contributed to a very successful President's Day on all fronts, not just financial. At time of writing, contributions to John's chosen charity (The Macular Society) have accordingly doubled to now stand at over £1400.

After a very busy and competitive season, we can now look forward to enjoying the Club Tour to Plymouth and the Club Finals weekend next month.

Kevin Dann

Treasurer



Welfare Officer Update

I hope you are enjoying a really successful and enjoyable bowls season. The weather has been kind (if a little over exuberant 😊) but it has meant we have been able to play in great conditions for both social and 'serious' matches.

It has also brought some very sad times where we all stand together to remember those who have left us or who are undergoing treatment.

We are a close club where support is brilliant. I am here if anyone would like, or knows anyone who would like some input from me.

Gail

E-Mail: Gail@gailowe.com

Clubhouse Outside Decorating

I am pleased to say that the outside decorating of the clubhouse and the balcony rails has been completed with only the deck preservative remaining. Many thanks to all who took part in this major activity but with special thanks to Mike Greedy who completed the lion's share of the work.

Window Cleaning

Thanks to those members who responded to the call for window cleaners. Kevin, Dave and Jean completed the initial task and they will be joined by other volunteers to go on the rota for regular cleaning.

Additional Storage

The major task of providing additional dry storage with the siting of another shipping container is currently under way with site preparation, cleaning and painting the existing container. As soon as access is confirmed, we will arrange for an additional container to be delivered and sited next to the existing one. Over the coming months, the new container will be painted, insulation and lining installed. Hopefully the additional storage will be fully operational before next season.

Trophy Cabinet

After some difficulties with the manufacture of the glass doors, the trophy cabinet has been completed and the first trophy displayed.

Autumn tasks

As soon as the season is finished, we will clean and dismantle the two gazebos and pack them up for storage.

"Off-season" Activities

Work is now under way to plan the off-season activities which will include the annual work on the outside seating and some internal decoration.

Facility Developments

Still on the list of major works is the replacement of two sides of the green and the permanent repair to the rear of the roofs on both buildings. Other proposals for new developments are being considered.

As always, many thanks to the "few" who undertake the regular tasks and carry out the majority of the planned activities. We will continue with our Monday and Friday working parties throughout the closed season and any who would like to join us would be most welcome from 8.30 until 10.30.

Bob Phillips



Fixtures Update

Here we are at the business end of the season already, with the final stages of internal and external competitions getting closer, and our own Club Finals just weeks away.

We have had a couple of heatwaves (in Britain, really?) since the last Newsletter back in May but we still managed to get most friendlies played. Depending when this Newsletter goes out, since the last one then we will have played about 50 friendlies. However, we still have about another dozen friendly fixtures to play before the season ends. And, don't forget that we have our first floodlit friendly to play in October, at Bristol St Andrews. If you haven't got your name down yet then do so. I don't pick the teams but you need to have your name down to have a chance of playing.

One last thing. I am already in discussion with my counterparts in other clubs about next year's friendly fixtures. If you have any thoughts on club's we don't play then let me know and I'll see why and whether we could.

And finally, I hope you've enjoyed the fixtures so far, and try to get the most out of the remaining ones as it'll be another 6 months before we're back on the grass again.

Steven Wharram

Fixtures Secretary

Rink Diary is Coming in 2023!

As I mentioned in the previous Newsletter, next season we will be adopting the popular application 'Rink Diary' to book rinks and sign up for fixtures. I appreciate that this is going to be a big change for many but I hope that you will all see the benefits in going down this route.

For many of you, I hope that it will be an easy conversion. I do understand though that for some of you it is going to be an unwanted or difficult change. To the latter, I want to say that we'll do all we can to minimise the stress and/or inconvenience. I hope to be providing instructions and training in the application during the closed season so that, come the beginning of next year, everybody will have had the opportunity to see it and try it out. In part, I will be using guides that are already being used by Dursley BC as they have been using it for a couple of years now. In addition, I am hoping that I can encourage a number of people to sign up as buddies for those that need additional help and guidance.

I have had numerous people approach me during the season about this, so I feel that there is already a willingness to take this forward. However, if you have any queries or questions at all, then please stop me for a chat.

Steven Wharram

Fixtures Secretary



Men's B Team Update – Ian Barton

Following Thursday evenings victory over SLAT (St Anne's Park) the Men's B Team have been crowned Bristol North East League Division 1 Champions. Well done and thanks to all the players who have contributed to that success throughout the season.

Badger



Men's C Team Update – Dylan Griffiths

It has been a mixed year for the Men's C team with a very important final game at home on Thursday against Bristol St Andrews.



Ladies League A Team Update – Jan Lee Cooper

The start of this season seems a long way off now (04 May) and I was filled with trepidation at that point about what was ahead of us – for me, in particular, taking on the role of League Captain in my first full season with ODBC; nothing venture, nothing gained so they say. We had a slow start to the season but came into our own after 6 games and held off our nearest rivals (Portishead RBL A) until the last couple of games when, sad to say, we couldn't keep up the momentum. We have therefore finished the season in 3rd place behind Henleaze A although on equal points but with 3 fewer shots!!

I'm grateful to all the ladies who have played so well every week, and also to those ladies who have been drafted in from our other teams to cover occasional absences. Thank you for the support given in my first season in this role.

Well done, too, to Carolyn and Brenda for their efforts in running the League 2 and 3 teams respectively, ensuring our presence in all 3 Ladies' League Divisions.

Jan Lee Cooper



Ladies League B Team Update – Carolyn Bovill

The Olveston B Team finished in 5th place in Division 2 this year. Despite a couple of extremely cold evenings back in May, there were some very enjoyable (and close) matches. There were times when it was touch and go whether we could field a team, but it was only a lorry fire on the M4 that got the better of us back in June. A huge thank you to all those ladies who stepped in to help us out over the season, particularly the new members, it was much appreciated.

Carolyn Bovill

B Team Manager

Ladies League C Team Update – Brenda Cook

Well, what a Season the Ladies are having this year. We've had some lovely friendly Matches. Some we've won the others we won't talk about but I think we'd all agree It's been nice to get back to some kind of normality (whatever that is).

Some of our Sailings have been a bit hit and miss with people jumping ship as I'm about to pull Anchor but that's also been rectified by others willing to jump aboard at the last minute. So, for that your Captain is very Grateful.

A full log will appear at the end of season in 2-Heavy 2-Wide but for now Thanks ladies you're very supportive.

Bren (Captain Cook).

South Cotswold League Update

How quickly the season has gone by and the comparison between the A team and B team could not be more different. The A team have had a very, very, difficult season playing the top teams from around Gloucester in Division 1, whilst the B team have had tremendous success in Division 4.

The A team only managed two wins and one draw throughout the season. Often losing 10 – 0 to the best teams in the county. We ended up having a close fight with Dursley for the relegation place. It all turned on the match between us on 2nd August and fortunately we beat them 10 – 0 putting us 5pts clear with the last match to play. However, the squad was then decimated for the last match of the season when the fixture clashed with two Bristol League Cup games and subsequently, we lost to Victory Park. However, with Dursley losing their last match we can still look forward to next season in Division 1. I would like to thank all members of the Club who gave me tremendous support throughout the season.

Norman Taylor – A Team Manager

May you live in interesting times – that's the famous Chinese curse – and they might just be right!

So, like a lamb to the slaughter, I duly arrived for duty in April 2022– clueless!!

No idea about “filling in cards”, “rink selection” or emailing-in results to the League Secretary - it was a whole new world. Norman and Rob Galpin were both very kind and helpful – but neither mentioned when to order the pies from Ian, or when to turn the pie heater on and at what temperature setting...

“Pick your skips first” – I was told...

and so, the journey began...

Well, off we went with a great bunch of guys; some with scar tissue, some new to the fray, together with a barrow-load of good intentions, and a great guide-on-the-side called Ken...

It was Ken who thought it might be a good idea for the whole team to shake hands with one another just before the match (he said it would intimidate the opposition – and he was RIGHT). The problem was that it didn't take long before word got around and it took me 15 minutes to walk past the clubhouse – to this day Mike Greedy never fails to shake my hand.

Then the concept of “Pods” was introduced to allow the teams to identify with a closer unit on the green; that led to “Flipper” and the eventually the inevitable nickname “Dolphins”

But, do you know what; ...we won and we kept on winning...

Various internal coaching courses later, including a great video session by Ken and grafting in a good number of relative newcomers to the sport and we were flying...

BUT - there's always a downside

- Harry's sense of humour;
- Bob's 47th recollection the same day of his final delivery at Malmesbury;
- Watching Dave Lewis deliver a bowl with his right hand whilst he shakes hands on a bowls sale with his left....
- Pinderman – for reasons too many to list
- The need to expand hard drives to accommodate all my emails

At times, I know that there has been a frisson of non-conformity about us, and a huge appetite for fun; but beneath it all there is a cold and resolute conviction to eviscerate the opposition. That too has worked.

Thanks, are too many to list in full, but I would mention:

Ken Tudor for SO many things;

Geoff Cook – for his unfailing support to the team;

Trevor Graham – for his relentless advice...

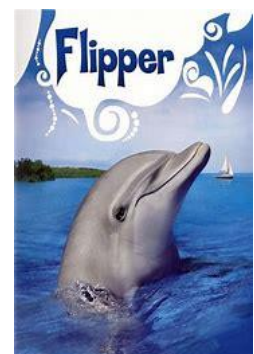
Joe for turning out to watch us and Ian who always showed interest in our progress;

John Paton who never forgot to encourage

The journey continues...

Flipper

Phil Tellwright - B Team Manager



Internal

The men's Club competitions are now at the quarter-final or semi-final stages and there have been some exceptionally close contests in the more than 175 games played so far. I apologise for the late production of the draw for the Championship 'Tom Ellis' Plate, but there should still be sufficient time to see these matches played. Due to the excessive temperatures forecast for Friday 12th August, three of the Triples league matches were postponed and these should be re-arranged to be played before Friday 26th August. It's looking like we're going to have a great Finals weekend and thank you to the majority of the members for abiding by the competition rules and not giving the Competition Secretaries too much headache.

External

A lot of outside competitions have been played since the last Newsletter in May, some are now finished and others are at the latter stages.

The Gloucestershire County Championships have all but completed, except for the major finals, and our Club has once again had success in these. I'm pleased, and personally delighted, to report that we have three combinations who have reached County finals and thus qualified for the England National Championships. Chris Blake and Ian Gauld in the Pairs; Chris Blake, Dave Wiggall and Ian Gauld in the Triples and Lawrence Oliver, Alan Tregoning, Paul Bryant and Ian Gauld in the Fours. We also had some near-misses; in the Singles Championship Paul Bryant reached the quarter-finals and in the Two-bowl Singles he was defeated in the final and in the Fours quarter-finals Chris Blake, Mike Humphries, Dave Wiggall, and Rob Smith lost by 1 shot. The County Benevolent triples are still being played and we have two sides playing each other in the quarter-finals, and in the Mixed Pairs we have one of the semi-finalists, Andy Locke and Sue Latham. Additionally, Paul Bryant and Rachel Winter-Alsop reached the all England last-32 of the National Mixed Pairs.

In the City & County of Bristol competitions, we have three players in the Singles quarter-finals and five in the quarter-finals of the two-bowls singles, three of the Pairs quarter-finalists, one triples quarter-finalists and one fours quarter-finalists. In the North East Bristol competitions, we have a singles semi-finalist, a two-bowl singles quarter-finalist, and a triples semi-finalist. These will all be reaching their conclusions over the next couple of weeks with the finals in September.

Olveston at the National Finals

As previously mentioned, we have some members playing at this year's National Finals at Victoria Park, Leamington, where the Commonwealth Games bowls was recently held.

Their schedule is as follows;

25th August 9:30, Chris Blake, Dave Wiggall and Ian Gauld in the Triples (runs until Final on Sunday 28th 9:30)

28th August 9:30, Chris Blake and Ian Gauld in the Pairs (runs until Final on Tuesday 30th 2pm)

4th September 2pm, Lawrence Oliver, Alan Tregoning, Paul Bryant and Ian Gauld in the Fours (runs until Final on Tuesday 6th 2pm)

Also, we've had four players, Chris Blake, Paul Bryant, Ian Gauld and Joe Hardwick represent Gloucestershire during the County's journey to the National Finals in two competitions.

Those competitions are as follows;

10th September 9:30 Middleton Cup [six rinks] (final 2pm) 11th September 9:30 Balcomb Trophy [two rinks] (final 2pm)

If you'd like to support our lads or indeed go on another day to witness the atmosphere then tickets can be purchased here;

<https://www.bowlsengland.com/tickets-benfinals22/>

The Clarence Davey Winning Team from 7th August.



The County Cup Team



Ladies Competition Update – Margaret Drayton

The ladies have been busy this season not only being involved in County Competitions but also in National Competitions too.

12 ladies entered various County Competition and achieved different degrees of success:

- Sue Latham reached the Final in the 2 Woods Singles, unfortunately losing to Val Osmond, Henleaze.
- She also was in the Finals of the Senior 4s with Gill Hall, Fran Stockford and Jan Lee Cooper, but they were unable to beat the team from Caer Glow.
- Fran Stockford was in the Final of the 4 Woods Singles but unfortunately lost to Kay Gent from Caer Glow.
- Margaret Drayton reached the 2 Woods Singles Semi Final where she lost her match by just 1 shot against Val Osmond.
- Sue Wilkins played in the Play Offs of the Unbadged Competition but was not able to win her match.
- Fran Stockford and Jan Lee Cooper got through to the Semi Finals of the Pairs.
- In the Triples, Sue Latham, Fran Stockford and Annie Muldoon reached the Quarter Finals.

In the Bowls England Competitions, Sue Latham is the Area Winner of the Senior Singles and competed at Ilminster as one of the last 32 in the Country.

Sue Latham was also an Area Finalist in the BE Senior Pairs.

Sue Latham and Andy Locke have reached the Semi Finals of the Ken Griffin Mixed Pairs Competition to be played on the 28th August.

The ladies were also involved in the Bowls England Top Club. They played in 5 rounds of this competition reaching the Area Finals having beaten some strong opposition along the way. The Area Finals were against Barnwood and although the ladies played really well, we were not able to win on the day.

In the County Inter Club, we did not do so well and went out in the early rounds, but there is always next year.

The ladies have done the club proud this year with all that they have achieved. Well done to you all.

Mid-Week Friendlies – Bob Emery

I would like to thank all members for their continued support for the mid-week friendly fixtures.

I know at times it has been frustrating with other clubs being unable to raise a team or turning up with only a few players- we have "lent players" to the opposition on occasions so that games can go ahead-my thanks to those club members who agreed to "switch sides" for these games. Some weeks despite us having enough members to fill 6 rinks we have faced clubs who can only field 2-3 rinks. This needs to be looked at for next season- perhaps we play two of these "smaller" clubs at home at the same time so that as many of our members as possible get a game

So far this season 80 different members have been selected for the mid-week matches. Some have played the odd game and some have been nearly ever present. In the last few weeks, it has been great to see some of our new members putting their names down for games. I would encourage all new members to make themselves available when they can- it's a friendly introduction to "team bowling" and a place to learn and play with some more experienced bowlers without the pressure of "league points etc"

We have had a very good season so far-suffering just two defeats-the first on the first match of the season at home to Avonvale (excuse, they had played 3 games by then!!) and the second last week away to Begbrook (excuse-none!!-lots of us had a bad day!!)

RESULTS to date (12-08-22)

Played 17

Won 15

lost 2

Shot difference plus 320

This year mid-week friendly fixtures continue through September with the last match on Wednesday 28th- so there is plenty of opportunity to get involved

Bob Emery - Manager Mid-Week Friendly Teams

Monday Night is Club Night

Club Night is still proving very popular with lots of our new members coming up to join in. As we all know, it's a great way to gain experience and play in different positions! This season we have had the traditional "Beatties Hot Dogs", sausage rolls and pasties, Crusty Loaf Sausage Rolls and a real treat with The Computer Store Sponsor Night when we had Pork & Apple rolls.

There are still some sponsor nights before the end of the season with the chance to win wine so watch out for the emails.

We have recently introduced a signing in sheet as it is very hard to count the number of players – please add your name when you arrive at the Club if you want to take part. Some members come to watch or to just enjoy the social side of the evening.

Thanks

Tricia & Ian

Summer Lotto Bonus Ball

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Week 8 – 28 May – No 20 – Sam Aghaei

Week 9 – 4 June – No 24 – Sue Harris

Week 10 – 11 June – No 1 – Dylan Griffiths

Week 11 – 18 June – No 21 – Janice Leach

Week 12 – 25 June – No 6 – Ted Mangan

Week 13 – 2 July – No 1 - Dylan Griffiths

Week 14 – 9 July – No 45 – Joan Allen

Week 15 – 16 July – No 23 – Annie Muldoon

Week 16 – 23 July – No 26 – Tony Cullen

Week 17 – 30 July – No 12 – Jan Arrowsmith

Week 18 – 6 August - No 20 – Sam Aghaei

Week 19 – 13 August – No 59 – Ian Gauld

Thanks

Tricia & Ian

Umpire's Corner – Jamie Campbell

As many of you will already know, I was lucky enough to be selected as one of the Commonwealth Collective volunteers at Victoria Park, home of Leamington Bowls Club.

It was a privilege to be able to take part in this wonderful showcase of our sport and to watch the world's best bowlers at very close quarters.

The only fly in the ointment for me was an incident during the men's singles section match, between New Zealand and Jersey on day 6. This was a very competitive match going to 31 ends with Jersey's Ross Davies finally taking the match 21-19. It was just after the completion of the 25th end, which NZL's Shannon McIlroy won with one shot, that as I attempted to add this to his total, the scoreboard had other ideas! Much to the amusement of the BBC commentators, who did not spare my attempt at disguising it, the number fell apart! They also got the camera to zoom in after the next shot score at 26 ends (see photos).

So, when you are asked, "who broke the scoreboard on livestream TV at the Commonwealth Games", you can answer, the culprit is a member of our club! 😊

A couple of members did ask if I had officiated at any of the matches, the answer was no, I have a few rungs of the Umpire ladder to scale before I get that kind of honour. However, I am proud to report that prior to the games in January, I received a letter from the Chief Executive of World Bowls asking if I would be available should any of the overseas ITO's (International Technical Officials) be unable to travel due to COVID regulations.

If you have been losing sleep attempting to answer the question from the last edition, the wait is over.

I asked:

During a fours match after winning the previous end, the Lead of team A, delivers the Jack straight into the ditch. The Jack is re-delivered by team B Lead, but it hits his Skip, who was not paying attention and is diverted off the rink.

What happens now?

You would be correct in thinking that because the Jack has now been delivered twice, it would be placed on the 2m mark and Lead A places the mat where he/she prefers and delivers the first bowl, but unfortunately, you would be incorrect.

The problem is, as the Jack was displaced by Lead B's Skip, we now have to apply the Law of displacement for a Jack in its original course:

*Law 38.1.1.1 If a jack in its original course is displaced by a member of the team that delivered the jack, the opposing lead must place the mat as described in law 6.1.1 and re-deliver the jack, making sure that it is centred, **but must not play first.***

So, we have a very unusual result where the winner of the previous end, does not play the first bowl!

Until the next edition, keep the questions coming!

PS. Thanks to Alan Tregoning for the definition of the word 'CLYPE'.

See if you can find out where I first heard it. 😊

In 2021/22, a review of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls was undertaken and the Crystal Mark Fourth Edition was approved at the Biennial WB Council Meeting in August 2022.

You can download a copy of the Laws and the associated changes document from the link below:

<http://www.worldbowls.com/laws-umpiring/laws-of-the-sport>

If you have any questions about the Laws of the Sport, please feel free to email me at tracy2jamie@virginmedia.com

Jamie Campbell



Coaching News

I would like to congratulate Phil Tellwright on leading his newly formed South Cotswold League Team to the Fourth Division Title, with a 100%, 10 /10 Win rate in the Division. This was a remarkable achievement at any level, but even more so, as many of the players in the team were relatively new to the sport, with some only having had a few weeks of experience of playing bowls.

During the campaign Phil took the opportunity to arrange some coaching sessions with me, for his squad members and I hope that these sessions in some small part helped the players archive this title success. We covered several aspects of competitive play in the sessions, but “Head Reading”, “Back-End Play” and “Controlled Weighted Shots” were the main areas for discussion and practice.

Well done team, a brilliant achievement – now to take what you have learned from this season to the new challenge that Division 3 will bring.

“Ongoing Coaching”

Please remember, if you need any help, with your game/development, please contact one of the Club’s Coaching Team. Myself, David Wiggall, John Paton, Trevor Graham, Alan & Jean Lambourne are here to help you, we can work with you as an individual, as a pair or if you have a small group looking for pointers in the same area, get together and we can run a group session for you. We will always do our utmost to accommodate you.

Enjoy your Bowling and remember
Practice with a purpose, play with a passion.

Ken Tudor

Club Coaching Co-Ordinator
“Coach Bowls” Level 2 Qualified



Sponsors Update – Tony Cullen

We have been well supported by our sponsors this year including two new ones, The Computer Store and Phoenix Flooring.

Please see the full listing in the Members Handbook and continue to support them.

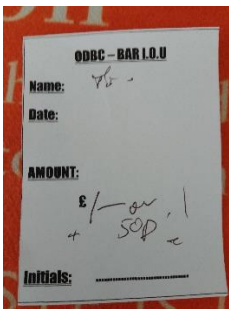
We also look forward to welcoming them to the Club for our Sponsored Club Nights.

Tony Cullen – Sponsors Co-ordinator.

Bar Update – Derek Olive

I am very pleased to report that nearly 50 members have, or will have, done a shift on the bar by the end of the season. This is a really significant move to getting more members involved in the running of the club. The main positive of this is, that even if a member who is scheduled to do a shift is a “no show”, then there are always members present who can, and do, step in to help keep things on an even keel.

We are now seeing 70% Card and 30% Cash which is allowing us to reduce the overhead in both time and effort in dealing with cash floats. It has led to a slight increase in the number of IOUs, but I am also very pleased to report that these are being paid promptly and with little or no chasing. I am trying to keep a stock of IOU slips by the till, which I prefer members to use as they are laid out to allow members to include name, date, time and amount owed in a readable form, so there should be no need to use scraps of paper! I do have one IOU that is in line for an award this year, a picture of which is below. If anyone recognises it then I will happily take the payment!



I am also pleased to report that I have been able to add several products to the bar after requests from members, including Doombar Zero, Thatcher's Zero, Malibu, Rio and, of course, Budweiser! I can't stock everything and anything, but don't hesitate to ask as you may get lucky!

Any minor issues that have occurred are really that – “Minor” and should be viewed as what my daughter calls “1st World Problems”!

Visitors continue to express how much they appreciate the cheap prices, and excellent surroundings and service – long may it continue.

Lastly, my core team of 6 members continues to clean and stock the bar weekly, which means less than once per month for each person. If you have not yet been involved in any way on the bar but would like to help then just contact me and we will train and include you.



Commonwealth Games



Recently we were lucky to have a lot of bowls on TV at the Commonwealth Games but in the build up to that Ian Gauld took part in a friendly with the Cook Island team who were based at Frampton Upon Severn BC.



Ken Worsley

Ken Worsley was a Full Club member and then a Life Member for a great number of years. His contribution to the club was tremendous and covered all areas of maintenance and improvement over that period as well as finding time to play a good number of games.

Sadly, Ken passed away last year but even before passing he prepared one last gift for the club. Ken wanted to leave his beloved club a legacy.

Now that Ken's estate has been settled, we have been informed that he bequeathed to the club the magnificent sum of £5000.

The MC will work with his brother, Ray, and sister-in-law, Audray, to decide how best to use this legacy in a way that Ken will always be remembered for his great service to the club over so many years.

Those that knew Ken as a bowler but were unable to attend his funeral should have a good chat with Ray and Audray and find out what a full and interesting life Ken had. He was so much more than just a good bowler and servant to this club.

On behalf of the whole club: **Thank you Ken.**

Geoff Cook

Chairman

Graham Ellis

We started this edition with mention of the sad passing of Graham and it is only right that we end it with some photos of him on the green in recent years. His presence on and off the green will be missed by all of us that knew him.

