



Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club



Hi everyone

The Sixpenny Handley short mat team were promoted to Division 3 this season, after a shaky start, due to cancellations for various reasons, we did very well and managed to hold on to fourth position in the league. I would like to thank all the players for their commitment to the team as I know it was not easy at times.

The Tanners also did very well coming fifth in their league.

The outdoor green has been well used by the hardy winter players but we now have to get it ready for the summer season.

Dales, the company who installed our mat have been back this week and installed aluminium grippers to hold the mat in position, replacing the wooden grips that had rotted away. Dales will have to return and stretch the mat when the weather gets warmer.

Gordon Beckley and I have been maintaining the mat and ditches throughout the winter and just recently sprayed it with moss killer.

The May Bulletin will be the last one that we will be putting together so if anyone would like to take it over please get in touch, if not it will be the end of the Bulletin.

Wishing you all a good summer season.

Dave

CLUB PRACTICE DAYS

Sundays at 2.30pm and Wednesday evenings from 6.00pm
when no league or friendly matches are taking place

OUTDOOR BOWLING MATCH FIXTURES 2019

DORSET MEN'S DIVISION 2 EAST

Monday 29 April AWAY at 6.00pm against Wimborne A

WESTBROOK MIXED TRIPLES

Friday 3 May HOME at 2.30pm against Wilton

FRIENDLY MATCHES

Wednesday 1 May HOME at 2.30pm against Cranborne

President's Message

After a busy February March saw both teams playing out their final league matches. We did have our Short mat pair's day which was thoroughly enjoyed by those attending. Victors on the day were Cliff Miles and Roy Best while Stella Symes and Karen Ellis were runners up.

In mentioning Karen I am sorry to say that both Karen and Geoff have found that the long journey here is too demanding and will not renew their membership for the coming season. Needless to say we shall miss them not only from a bowls perspective but also from the enthusiastic way they helped in all club activities. We wish them well and hope that they will maintain contact with us and perhaps pop in for the odd rollup.

On the social front we had our usual trip to Poole Stadium Greyhound Racing where I suspect most of us made a generous contribution to the Bookies Benevolent fund! But it was an enjoyable way to be relieved of our money.

I hope you are all looking forward to the outdoor season when hopefully we will experience the sort of success that last season brought.

Ron

Social Calendar

Our winter social evenings have now finished and will resume again in October, although we were few, we had some enjoyable evenings.

The dog racing at Poole went well as usual, the meal was very good and the weather was fine so we could see the racing clearly and I think we had a couple of members that came away with a profit and everyone still had their shirts on.

We have opening day in April and the bar will be open and also some light refreshments available.

As you know, we have a thespian in the club and those of you who have been to see him at The Studio know the quality of his performances. If enough of you are interested, Paul and his small cast are happy to perform his latest venture for us in the clubhouse. I suggest a theatre/supper evening for about £8 a ticket sometime in April or May as part of our social programme I need to know how many of you would be interested in coming. This venture would need a lot of planning and expense and I would be grateful if you could let me know if you would be interested to come before we agree to go ahead. The price of the ticket would include supper. Thanks.

Val

Some important dates for April

Wednesday 3 April at 7.00pm The Bowls Club Annual General Meeting - in the Clubhouse. Please attend if you can.

Saturday 6 April at 7.00pm – Ron's Quiz night. - Please contact Val on 552607 if interested.

Saturday 13 April at 1.30pm is Opening Day - when your annual subscriptions are due. If you know anybody interested in joining the club bring them along to try it out. Refreshments will be available and the bar will be open.