



Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club



President's Message

January may have been a quiet month with nothing to report but February has been quite different. We have had the Short Mat singles Day which was well attended and it was good to welcome both Karen and Geoff to the event. After a fun day the eventual winner was Geoff with Pat Oxford as runner up.

We also had the Valentines afternoon tea thanks to Val and her helpers. This again was well attended and included some of our new winter outdoor members. The quiz was popular and though it was only a fun event the glory for most correct answers went to our new winter members.

Some of us went to Dinton for a short mat friendly game which was enjoyable even though we were unable to win.

On a more serious note several of us attended a one day course at the clubhouse on emergency First Aid. We all enjoyed the event and came away feeling competent to handle any future emergency within the club.

March will start off with a friendly against Sherfield English on 3rd and Pairs day on 10th so the end of the short mat season looks to be going out with a bang though there will be no trophies to be won in the leagues.

You will all be receiving details of the AGM from Colin and as ever we will be looking for some new blood to fill vacancies to ensure the club continues to be viable and able to enter the various leagues. **Please give serious thought to how you can help with running the club!**

Ron

CLUB PRACTICE DAYS

Sundays at 2.30pm and Tuesday evenings from 7.00pm
when no league or friendly matches are taking place

INDOOR BOWLING MATCH FIXTURES 2019

SIXPENNY HANDLEY BLACKMORE VALE LEAGUE 3

Tuesday 5 March HOME at 7.30pm against Stalbridge Eagles

Wednesday 13 March AWAY at 7.30pm against Stalbridge Harriers

Friday 22 March AWAY at 7.30pm against Buckhorn Stags

TANNERS BLACKMORE VALE LEAGUE 5

Friday 8 March AWAY at 7.30pm against Keystone Robbers

Tuesday 12 March HOME against Sherbore Westenders

FRIENDLY MATCHES

Sunday 3 March HOME at 2.30pm against Sherfield English

Sunday 10 March **Pairs Day** from 10.30am to 5.00pm at the Village Hall.

Social Calendar

Thank you everyone who came to our afternoon tea on Valentine's Day, and especially to everyone who helped and baked on the day.

As we have decided not to do Wimborne st Giles teas this year we thought a couple of afternoon teas in the clubhouse, open to everyone, might be an idea as a fund raiser and also introduce others to our bowls green and clubhouse. More about this later in the year.

The final **social evening** dates this season are on at 7pm. Thursday 7th and 21st of March at the clubhouse.

Sunday 17th March is **dog racing evening** at Poole Stadium, the coach will pick up from the village hall at 4pm and then St Mary's Close, Handley Park and lastly the crossroads bus stop some minutes later.

Saturday 6th April is **Ron's quiz night** in the clubhouse at 7pm. Entrance is £3 per person to include tea and biscuits. The bar will be open. If you would like to take part, would you please let me know so I have some idea of numbers, no need to put in a complete team we can organise ourselves on the night if necessary.

Saturday 13th April is **Opening Day** when all annual subscriptions are due.

Lastly, if anyone has lost a small gold ring which was found when the clubhouse carpet was being cleaned, could they get in touch with me. This could have been dropped some time ago; I hope we find the owner.

Val

Minutes of the Committee Meeting Wednesday 16th January 2019 @ 7.00 pm

Present; Ron Jermyn Colin Chambers, Pat Hoddy, Pat Oxford, Val Martin, Stella Olsen, Ann & David Adams.

- 1. Apologies;** None
- 2. Minutes;** Minutes from Thursday 15th November 2018 Committee meeting signed as correct by **RJ**. Proposed by **Pat Hoddy** and seconded by **Stella Olsen**
- 3. Matters arising;** no matters arising from the minutes.
- 4. Reports:**

President's report; Thanks to Gordon Oxford for standing in as vice president whilst Ron Jermyn was away. **RJ** has organised the next article for the Downsman.

Secretaries report; CC. Dales have confirmed by letter their intention to re-tension the mat in late March 2019 (exact date to be confirmed).

First Aid course to be arranged by **CC** 4 members confirmed, **RJ, SO, DA & CC** two more members needed.

Committee discussed the possibility of purchasing a Defibrillator to be in the clubhouse, the cost could be spread between the Bowls Club and Penny Tap with access via key code to clubhouse or located in the Penny Tap again with key access, this topic to be explored with Penny Tap.

Youth Academy: Paul Chalmers is waiting for confirmation of dates for the next coaching course **CC** has also agreed to take the course.

Match Secretary; PO has confirmed she will not be playing in the Westbrook League and possibly not bowling in any other competitions in the coming seasons. A vacancy still exists for Match Secretary; members will be approached at the next AGM in April 2019.

Social Secretaries report; VM In place of a social evening on the 14th February a proposed afternoon tea in the clubhouse with sandwiches tea & coffee at a cost of £3.00 per head, bar will also be open coupled with a small quiz for entertainment.

Sunday March 17th has been reserved for an evening meal at the dogs, Poole Greyhound Racetrack (Popular with members).

22 or 23 March has been proposed for a quiz/beetle drive.

Green Keepers report: DA removal of moss around the green continues in readiness for the new outdoor season in April. Mr Brian Tanner has agreed to clean the carpet in the clubhouse.

- 5. Any other business. DA.** Has confirmed he will no longer run the Westbrook League and only concentrate on the Men's League for the coming season, therefore we need to find a member prepared to take on the Westbrook League. In view of the lack of members willing to step up and take on some of the roles within the club organisation, the future of the bowls club was discussed, if at the next AGM we cannot fill the roles of Match Secretary and Club Captain then we will inform Dorset Bowls that Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club will no longer take active membership of any competitions and operate only as a social bowling club with its own internal competitions.

DA. Informed the committee that since the opening of the Penny Tap the area around the access drive leading to the Pavilion and the Bowls club, particularly closer to the top of the drive has seen serious damage to the box hedging, empty bottles, crisp packets and cigarette ends littering all areas, this coupled with handfuls of stones being thrown halfway across the bowling green playing surface. Those that run and have responsibility for the Penny Tap have on several occasions been approached to help sort out this problem, however, to date no solutions has been forthcoming. As we have always maintained the areas outside the clubhouse with grass cutting and hedge trimming etc this will no longer take place, a letter to the Parish Council who have overall responsibility for the recreation area will be drafted to inform them of our action not to carry out maintenance to the said areas.