

Meon Valley Bowling Club

The News section of the website for 2019 – unedited

Winter solstice and Christmas!: The days will be getting longer now and it's Christmas! Have fun everyone.

December 200 club: this month's winner was Malcolm Croucher.

John Linter: Norman (Chatfield) conducted John's funeral this afternoon, click [here](#) if you would like to see the Order of Service. John was well known within the local community and further afield; we will remember his quiet but willing nature and all his efforts on and off the green with us. Our thoughts are with all those saddened by his passing, especially Betty.

Management committee: agenda, reports and minutes of the meeting held on 10 December now available in the Members only area.

Meeting for all lady members: a date for the new diary - Thursday 9 January at 12.30pm - primarily to make decisions regarding S&DWBA league entries and having a lady captain in 2020, convened by Lesley Andrews.

Last chance: to buy your grand draw tickets ahead of the Christmas social event on Saturday (21).

Safety feature: there are now tow extra lines in the ditches of the indoor mats (picture in Gallery) - please push bowls to either side leaving the area behind the mat clear.

Indoor triples league: the full round of matches has now been concluded - see under Leagues, we're back on 2 January for the start of the reverse fixtures.

Health & safety report: has recently been made available and has been added to the reports listed with the other AGM reports in the AGM section in the Members only area.

Green box runner: could you be one of these? It involves regularly emptying the green box, noting the contents and getting the cash to any Post Office. It would a great help to our new Treasurer (Anne Simmons) and her assistant Jen Flinter. for more information contact [Anne](#) or former Treasurer [John Dancy](#).

AGM minutes: and notes from the discussion time are now available in the Members only area.

Hamblin trophy: selection for match on 12 January (date not correct on notice board) now available under League tab.

Indoor mixed triples one day competition: scheduled for Sunday 19 January - the sign up sheet is now available in the pavilion. We'll need between 24-30 players plus a few reserves; if there are too many a draw will be made. The cost will be £5 (entry and mat fees). David and Lesley Andrews are kindly organising the event.

Palmerston Cup: three tough games for the A team who lost on two rinks and drew on one, meant we lost to Milton Park

Inside Bowls: click [here](#) for the December edition.

John Linter's funeral: will take place at 2pm on Thursday, 19 December at St. Peter's Church, Bishop's Waltham. Afterwards there will be refreshments at the Masonic Hall in Botley (not Durley). All are welcome

Selection for friendly matches: for the early part of January are now available under the Friendly matches tab.

Sad loss: John Linter has passed away. John was a very early member of the club, was our President in 2006 and his service was honoured with a life membership. Details of the funeral arrangements will be posted here when they are known.

Comments, suggestions etc.: about how the club is running and constructive suggestions for improvement are always welcome - please channel them through the Ordinary member on the Management Committee, [Dave Reynolds](#), or drop a note into the yellow box situated half way along on the window side of the pavilion. The new management committee will be meeting next week on 10 December.

Indoor triples league now updated: the website has woken up and the results and revised league tables for the indoor triples leagues are now available under the Leagues tab. *An error in the team results and league positions for Friday's league has now been corrected.*

Mixed fortunes on Sunday: we won in the Hamblin Trophy match v Atherley but lost in the Palmerston Cup match v Priory.

Let's all take care: wiping outdoor shoes really well to remove grit and mud on entry; always pushing woods to the corners of the fenders before anyone gets on the mat; warn everyone before you play an intentionally vigorous (firing) shot; ensuring all lights are switched off when securing the building on leaving.

Amended constitution: the new amendments adopted at our recent AGM have now been incorporated into the constitution. Click [here](#) to see a copy, and there's also one in the Members only area.

Ladies in leagues: early in the new year the club will need to decide how many teams to enter in the Southampton and District Women's Bowling Association leagues, and of which type (rinks or triples). It's not as scary as it might seem, and is a great way of increasing your experience and getting to know other clubs and their players whilst playing with your mates. All you need is a pair of white trousers, a club shirt and a free diary on Thursday afternoons between May and August. We need at least 25, preferably 30, to run a rinks and a triples team as we did last season but - even better - if we had many more we could have a third entry. If you are interested be sure that Lesley (Andrews), our ladies' match secretary, knows that by either signing the notice in the pavilion or sending an [email](#).

Help with one day competitions: David Andrews, our competitions co-ordinator, is looking for some assistance with three one day competitions in 2020: President's Shield (Sunday 16 February), Smith Plate (Sunday 7 June) and Penniall Plate (Saturday 15 August). Guidelines on how each of the events should be run will be provided and you may also play, if you wish. To volunteer for any (or all!) of these competitions or to get more information please contact [David](#).

Website snooze: we're having a bit of a nap now until after 3 December.....zzzzzzzz.

DEADLINE: entries for Bowls Hampshire competitions 2020 close on Sunday, 1 December be sure you have signed up - in the locker rooms. Don't worry about the entry fees - the Treasurer will pay now, and send you a message about how much you owe later.

Grand draw: the board is now up - it's a £1 a go, pick your own tickets and pay following the instructions. There's usually a fabulous array of prizes ready for 21 December. Thanks to Sally Hurst who is taking responsibility for this task and helping the social committee

Good news for Lasses!: they won the annual competition against the Lads (I'll whisper the score: 90-59), all went smoothly thanks to Lesley and David Andrews the organisers. Photos in Gallery.

AGM summary: Bill Bailey duly succeeded Sally Hurst as President and all those that were nominated were elected, and two of the three proposals were agreed (see in members only area). There are a few vacancies (vice presidents and on a couple of the sub committees) and the management committee's first task will be to get them filled - please let Judith (Moss) know if you are willing to be considered. Very grateful thanks were given to John Dancy (Treasurer) and Chris Brett (Ladies' Match Secretary) for their efforts over the last few years and we welcomed Anne Simmons and Lesley Andrews in their stead. Formal minutes of the AGM and the informal discussion will be published shortly.

OOOhhhh... there's a problem: if you are a lady (well female will do!) and have not entered the ladies pairs or mixed pairs knockout competitions but are willing to fill in for a couple that have had to withdraw please contact [Howard Felgate](#), the organiser, by this Friday (22). There will be a draw if there are too many volunteers.

Palmerston Cup: selection for match on Sunday 8 December now published under Leagues.

AGM nominations for posts: the deadline has now passed. Please pop into the Members only area to see the list of those seeking election at the AGM next Wednesday. If you are unable to attend and wish to have a proxy vote please contact the Secretary, [Judith Moss](#).

Club tours: details and sign up sheets for the summer tour (Margate, 5-10 July) and autumn tour (Calpe in Spain, 4-13 October) are available in the club, more details are to be found under the Calendar tab.

Lads and Lasses: the teams, order of play, format and rules are now out for this epic event on Sunday 24 November - see details under Calendar. Please be sure to tick your availability in the club, or contact the organisers [Lesley and David Andrews](#). Thanks Lesley and David for taking this on.

DEADLINE: nominations for posts in preparation for the AGM close on Wednesday (13).

DEADLINE: the entry sheets for Bowls Hampshire competitions will be taken down on 1 December.

Palmerston Cup: a good win for the A team against Banister Park this evening by 64-37 shots, 10-2 points. This puts us in second place, equal on points with Lockwood but with 4 shots fewer in the shot difference column.

AGM agenda and proposals: the AGM is scheduled for Wednesday 20 November at 7pm in the club house. The agenda and three proposals have been circulated and are also available in the Members only area.

Inside Bowls: click [here](#) for the November edition.

Want a wheelbarrow?: there's two available - please contact [Pete Fry](#).

Keep the milk flowing: if the milk stock is getting low please look up and call anyone who has booked for the next session and ask them to bring some in.

Christmas!: just wouldn't be the same without a bit of a quiz, the ever popular Oh heck! (no experience necessary), the Grand Draw, carol singing, music and festive nibbles - all for only £3.50. Come and join the fun - it's on Saturday 21 December at 7pm. Please sign up in advance on the Social noticeboard.

Palmerston Cup: a heavy defeat for the B team against a strong Eastleigh Rail team (27-89 shots, 0-12 points).

Presentation dinner: good turn out, excellent meal, trophies handed over and then dancing the night away - what could be better! The Haemophilia Society received a cheque for £1,750 from President Sally and the annual and monthly draw for November for the **200 club** was made: monthly - John Gray (£25) annual - first prize Roger Morfill (£309), second prize Sue Edgington (£206) and, unbelievably, third prize (£103) went to Mary Morfill. It is not known whether the Morfill's also entered the National Lottery. Thanks to the organisers and those that volunteered to clear the room for the indoor mats to be relaid. Photos in Gallery soonish.

Thursday and Friday night triples leagues: week 1 (of 14) was completed, but with a bump or two regarding the rules. They, and the latest results and league tables, are available under the Leagues tab. The rules are also on the notice boards at the locker room end for reference.

Indoor friendly matches: the latest selections for matches throughout November are now available under the Friendly matches tab. Please don't forget to tick your name in the club house to confirm your availability or contact the Captain of the Day pronto.

200 club: October's winner is John Dancy. The bumper prize draw will be next Saturday during the presentation evening.

Thursday and Friday night triples leagues: it all gets going next week (31 October)...but we're still short of a few reserves. If you don't play in the leagues, or if you usually play on Thursday but might be available on Fridays (or vice versa) for a team that is short, please let [Judith Moss](#) know or add your name to the list at the club - she and Heathcliffe will be delighted. All reserves are allocated by the organisers.

Palmerston Cup: wins on two of our three rinks brought an overall victory over Lockwood (54-62 shots, 2-10 points) in the B league. Eastleigh Rail, the defending champions, though whitewashed Fareham to pip us to top spot. More details under the Leagues tab.

Hamblin trophy: not for the faint hearted! This was the first week of this indoor league at Riverside IBC in Winchester - we won on one rink but lost only narrowly on the other to pull off an overall victory by 1 shot. Not likely to get information quickly about how the leagues are shaping up but what we have will be posted under the Leagues tab.

Indoor roll ups: if you have booked to play but cannot get there, PLEASE call the club house on 01489 891871 to let someone know to cross your name from the booking sheet.

Lads and Lasses: the [notification sheet](#) is now up for this annual tussle. If you would like to play on Sunday 24 November be sure to sign up. If the numbers are unbalanced, or there's an overscription, names will be drawn. Thanks to Lesley and David Andrews, the organisers.

Annual General Meeting: the calling notice for the AGM to be held on **Wednesday 20 November at 7pm** at the club has just been circulated. Click [here](#) for the details of important deadlines and how to authorise use of your proxy vote if you are unable to attend. Reports from the management committee (by 6 November) and the agenda (13 November) will be notified here and published in the Members only area, and on the notice board in the club.

Management committee: the agenda, reports and minutes of the meeting held on 8 October are now available in the Members only area. You'll see that David Andrews has taken on being **Competitions Co-ordinator**, a new post. Click [here](#) to see his remit. Thanks David. And there's now a **suggestion box** in the club. Please pop your comments and thoughts on a piece of paper with your name on and Dave Reynolds, the Ordinary member on the management committee, will get back to you unless it is about buildings and lockers when it will be Keith Waller, the Pavilion manager, who will respond.

Friendly matches: selection for the matches at the end of October and beginning of November are now available under the Friendly matches tab.

Indoor knock out competitions: all the draws have been made and are now published under the Competitions tab. Please be sure to read the notice to all competitors drawn up by Howard Felgate, the organiser, to whom many thanks are due for taking on the task of managing the process through to the finals in mid March 2020.

Palmerston Cup: cracking start to the indoor season - a convincing win against Fareham Blue (65-41) brought 10 points and top spot in the A league.

España aquí venimos! Have a lovely time everyone - have a look under Calendar, autumn tour to rouse the green eyed monster.

S&D presentations: it's been knees up week! The men collected their Combination 4 champions trophy (any photos lads?) on Monday. And the lasses feasted on collecting the 4 wood singles (Janet Felgate), 2 wood singles (Joy Travers) and the Rinks A runners up trophies on Friday. Janet also had a speaking part. Photos in Gallery.

Indoor triples leagues: Judith and Heathcliffe (Moss) have juggled and masterminded two leagues (Thursday and Friday) both of 8 teams with 4 people on each squad. It all kicks off on 31 October. More information under the Leagues tab.

Hamblin Trophy: is played on Sunday evenings at Riverside IBC in Winchester, approximately monthly. Click [here](#) to see the selection for the first match on 20 October v Alton Social.

Inside Bowls: click [here](#) to read the October edition.

Palmerston Cup: indoors at Palmerston IBC on Sunday evenings, starts on 13 October. The match schedule and selections for the first couple of weeks have been made - see under Leagues tab.

Coaching for indoors: there are still a few places for the 10am sessions on either Sunday 6 and 27 October. Just sign up on the Coaching/Membership notice board or click [here](#) to send John and Jennie Gray an email.

Time to celebrate: details of the Presentation dinner, 200 draw, trophy giving and disco on Saturday 2 November are out - see the Social tab, and pop along to sign up.

Hurry, hurry, hurry.....: the last few days for entries, especially welcome from less experienced members who have yet to have a go. The indoor triples leagues need a few more - sign up by this Friday (4 October), and it's always good to have loads in the knock out competitions - deadline next Friday (11 October). More details under Leagues and Competitions tabs.

Gallery is back!: there has been a technical blip for 2-3 weeks but it's better now - so we've caught up on a few photos - have a peek.

Change at the top of Bowls England: Chief Executive Tony Allcock has announced his retirement - click [here](#) for the press release.

Chatfield coffee, cake and companionship at the club: there was a smashing turn out for the well established and former members on Tuesday - very many thanks to Janet and Norman for the organisation and the other members - especially the new ones - for the catering, chatting and clearing up.

200 club: September's winner is Mary Morfill.

S&D presentation events: for the ladies it will be lunch on Friday 11 October at Fleming Park (12 for 12.30pm), dress code whites with club shirt and blazer if you have one; the list is now closed. We'll be collecting the Rinks A runners up trophy, Joy Travers the 2 wood singles trophy and Janet Felgate the 4 wood trophy. For the men its a dinner on Monday 7 October at Pirrie Park (6.45 for 7.15pm) to collect the Combination 4 winners trophy - the list closes on 30 September, order through Peter Fry.

Hens and Roosters: sadly, no team sheet available but it will be at the club, 7 rinks and a bit of splicing in to accommodate everyone who wants to play. It all starts off at 1.30pm and finishes with fish/sausages and chips. Sunshine guarenteed! Update ...the Roosters won again, not that they are crowing about it!

Indoor friendly matches: selection now available for the first few matches - see under Friendly matches tab.

Painters and decorators required! [Keith Waller](#) will be delighted to hear from anyone willing to turn up on Saturday 28 September in overalls to help paint the far and back outside walls of the pavillion. Decorators are also needed for the locker rooms.

Older members coffee morning: this will be next Tuesday (24) between 10.30am and mid-day, as a 'thank you' to many older members who have done their stint in earlier years doing various tasks within the club. Norman (Chatfield) is short of cake and general help on the day and is asking for some help - please click [here](#) if you have good news to send to Norman, or sign the notice at the club.

Indoor triples league(s): the sign up sheets for the Thursday and Friday night triples leagues will be up in the club on Monday (16). The **deadline is 4 October**. Please get one of your club mates to sign you up if you can't get there. It all kicks off at the end of October. See under Leagues tab for more details when they become available.

Summer tour: we're off to Margate in Kent from Sunday, 5 to Friday, 10 July (5 nights/ 6 days). 4 outdoor fixtures, dinner, bed and breakfast, and at least one night of live entertainment at the hotel (click [here](#) to see hotel) all for £449 per person. The sign up sheet is on the notice board facing the bar.

Heartbeat: 11 members joined Paul Pritchard to learn how to use the club defibrillator - thank you to all of you - especially if you ever have to use it!

September Cup: we've managed to cobble together the results we have - incomplete I'm afraid, but click [here](#) to see the results so far and the current points for each team. So if we get at least 26 more points than Atherley at home tomorrow (Thursday) we'll retain the trophy. **UPDATE:** although we beat Atherley we were just 10 points short of retaining the trophy. Atherley are the new champions. Many thanks to Peter Fry for the organisation throughout and the two Carols who did an excellent job feeding four clubs on the last evening.

Wedding bells!: two newish members - Ellen Richards and Kevin Grant - are getting married on Saturday in Winchester. They knew each other before joining us, so we're not responsible! They have the best wishes of all the club members for a lovely day and for a long and happy marriage. Congratulations.

September Cup: a good win in the penultimate game v County (away) by 60 -106 shots, 6-42 points. Last matches are on Thursday evening at home v Atherley - all supporters welcome.

Indoor season: the indoor mats will be laid in the afternoon of Tuesday 24 September. Deadline for entries for all knock out competitions is 11 October (finals 14/15 March, please do not enter if you will be away for these dates or for any extended periods during the winter). Click [here](#) for the rules. The sign up sheet for the first friendly is up. Coaching is offered on 6 October and 27 October - sign up on the coaching notice board. Sign up sheets for indoor triples league will be available in the club shortly.

Management committee: the agenda, reports and minutes of the meeting held on 2 September are now available in the Members only area.

Inside bowls: click [here](#) for the September edition.

Candlelit bowls: it's all a bit crazy - if you have signed up you'll need your bowls, bowling shoes, bright clothes and a hefty supply of carrots to be able to see in the dark. Start time 6pm, followed by soup and crumbles.

S&DWBA finals update: the two wood triples fell in the semi final, but Janet (Felgate) is now the S&DWBA 4 wood singles champion for 2019! Super duper!

S&DWBA finals: very many congratulations to Joy Travers - the S&D 2 wood singles champion! Joy takes to the green again tomorrow (Friday) in the 2 wood triples with Lesley Andrews and Kath Owen, whilst Janet Felgate has a crack at regaining the 4 wood singles title she last had in 2016.

September Cup: we lost at Hedge End by 34-20 points, 82-68 shots.

County BC ladies triples tournament: all three Meon Valley teams were undefeated and topped their groups but only one scored enough shots to make the final. Sadly Kate Cassell, Audrey Moore and Sally Hurst couldn't quite overcome a team from County - but very good effort everyone.

S&DWBA finals: Meon Valley are well represented over both days - Thursday and Friday at Pirrie Park. Click [here](#) to see the schedule - all spectators and supporters are very welcome.

September Cup: a resounding win v Hedge End this evening by 99-67 shots and 40-14 points.

Help with painting the rink shelters: Bill Bailey can't do this single handed - so if you're available and willing on Saturday (7th) at 10am to join the gang please let him know. Click [here](#) to send an email.

Club finals - day 2: Geoff Burton, Jean Riche-Webber and John Farley beat Kate Cassell, Dave Andrews and Steve Fisher in the mixed triples final and Chris Robinson overcame Lesley Andrews in the ladies singles. Congratulations everyone. And thanks to Chris Brett and Peter Fry for the organisation of the knock out competitions. Click [here](#) for the full honours board.

Club finals: wow, some amazingly close finals in the men's singles events - 20 shots each, in both! Russell Algar prevailed in the veteran's v Ian Borrow, and Adie Booth won against Phil Walker. Joy Travers beat Audrey Moore in the inaugural Golden Girls. In the pairs Adie Booth and Howard Felgate lost to Dave Andrews (a substitute for John Travers who is unwell - get well soon John) and Ken Balchin, and in the ladies Lesley Andrews and Janet Felgate beat Christine Clark and Chris Batty. Chris Robinson and Howard Felgate won the 2 wood mixed pairs against Dave Huntley and Janet Felgate. We also enjoyed free hot dogs - thanks to organiser Peter Fry and chef Carol Fry. Tomorrow morning at 10.30am (Sunday) it's the ladies final - Chris Robinson v Lesley Andrews and the mixed triples. Photos in Gallery soon.

September Cup: we lost away to Atherley 42-8 points.

S&D women: Yippee! After a resounding win v Lockwood 2 (55-28 shots, 4-0 points) we're definitely runners up in the Rinks A league - our highest position ever! Click [here](#) to see the final results and table (subject to verification and checks).

S&DWBA competitions finals: and Meon Valley feature in many of them - 2 wood singles, 4 wood singles and 2 wood triples. They will be held Thursday to Saturday 5-7 September at Pirrie Park. Click [here](#) to see the full schedule and have a look in your diary to see if you can get along to show your support. Light refreshments will be available.

September Cup: kicked off this evening with a win for us v County (36-21 points, 93-91 shots). In the other match Atherley defeated Hedge End 38-12 points.

Indoor season: it will soon be upon us. John and Jennie Gray are offering some refresher coaching sessions to remind us about playing indoors: 2 hour sessions on Sunday 6 October at 10am and 2pm, and Sunday 27 October at 10am. The cost will be £2.50 (mat fee) - sign up on the coaching notice board. For those that are more confident Tony Cailles, who is organising the friendly matches, will be pleased to see some names on the board for the first match v Colden Common on Wednesday, 2 October.

Coffee morning for long standing members: this is scheduled for Tuesday 24 September between 10.30am and mid-day. We'll need some helpers, with cake, serving coffee and tea, washing up etc. - if you can help please sign up on the ladies notice board (men can help too!).

Club knockout competitions finals: these will be held over the weekend 31 August and 1 September. Please do come along to show your interest and support. There's free teas, coffees and hot dogs at lunchtime plus the bar will be open to add a bit of encouragement. Click [here](#) to see the schedule.

September Cup selections: have been made, click [here](#) to view.

200 club: August's winner is Merv Flinter.

They did it!!!! Chris and Janet are the Bowls Hampshire Over 55 pairs champions after a close semi final against Pembroke Gardens and then a less tense final against Old Basing. Hooray!! Photos in Gallery.

County finals: Chris Robinson and Janet Felgate are playing in the Bowls Hampshire Over 55 pairs semi final (and hopefully the final in the afternoon) at Banister Park tomorrow (Friday) against Pembroke Gardens, the winners of the East

S&D women: despite losing to Waterside (a) by 49-36 shots, 3-1 points, we're still second in the Rinks A league with one match to go. Atherley are confirmed as champions.

New outdoor cupboards: they have arrived! Please contact John Gray if you need access to the coaching resources, including bowls.

Friendly matches: only 2 more to go, selection has been made for 11 September v Alresford (h) but a few more are needed to ensure we fulfil our commitment of 4 mixed triples to play at Mayfield Park (a) on Wednesday 4 September - please sign up on the notice board or contact [Keith Boys](#) direct if you can help out.

S&D WBA Club Championship: we were knocked out at the semi final stage by Waterside by 2 matches to

Green not available: we have the honour of hosting a S&D (men) match v New Forest on Wednesday afternoon (21 August) so the green will be busy between (roughly) 1 - 5 pm.

Penniall Plate: congratulations to John Farley, Patrick Reddin and Jean Riche-Webber who beat Ken Balchin, John Cassell and Sandy Staff in the final. Photo in Gallery.

Green closing and Hens and Roosters: put the date in the diary - Saturday 21 September at 1.30pm - and sign up on the social committee board. The choice of eats is between fish and chips or sausage and chips. It's £7 for members, £8 for non members. Dress code whites.

Friday night triples league: has been drawn to a close ahead of yet another rough weather forecast with the last round of matches not played. There were clear champions - congratulations to Howard Felgate, Jerry Draper, Jean McGovern and Sandy Staff and huge thanks to Chris Brett and Adie Booth who organised the league and provided food and drink. Click [here](#) for the final results and table.

S&D women: getting to the business end of the season now. The Rinks A team won at home against Hyde Abbey (46-37 shots, 3-1 points) to consolidate second place with two matches to go. But the Triples A team, having completed their season, are definitely in the relegation slot with Old Netley's win at Winchester City today.

Penniall Plate: coming up on Saturday - click [here](#) for the teams etc. Car parking likely to be tight (football), and the afternoon a bit wet - click [here](#) for the forecast.

Friday night triples: it's the last week (weather permitting!). Team C - Felgate (Howard) are unassailable, with the runners up spot still open between Team E - Felgate (Janet) and Team D Batty. Final results will be published here as soon as they can be collated.

S&DWBA Club Championship: the semi final v Waterside will be played on Sunday (18 August) at 2pm. It has to be a neutral green so we're off to Pirrie Park. Click [here](#) for selection. Good luck girlies!

Friendly match v Folland tomorrow: **CANCELLED** because of the forecast of very heavy rain

Club competitions: the semi final rounds are due to be completed over the next few days - keep up to date by looking under the Competitions tab. One of the matches in the mixed triples will be starting at 10am - thank you to those willing to bring the start time forward to allow some of the ladies to get off to an S&D competition in the afternoon. Busy, or what?!

S&D women competitions: good news - Janet Felgate is through to the final of the 4 wood singles after her win today.

It's all over - again!: a thumping good win at home to Pirrie Park by 77-53 shots, 7.5-0.5 points brings the Combination 3 league to a close, and a mid table finish.

S&D women: double disappointment this week with the Rinks A team unable to catch top of the league Atherley with a loss by 45-33 shots, 3.5-0.5 points and the Triples A team losing to table toppers Pirrie Park by 28-36 shots, 1-3 points.

Palmerston Cup: gosh, you really get the feeling that the end of the outdoor season is in sight when it's sign up time for this Sunday evening indoor league played in Fareham. See under leagues for more details, otherwise we need names on the sign up sheet at the club by 18 August to determine how many teams we should enter.

Friendly matches: the match v Old Netley on Saturday (10) has been cancelled by our opponents, but the match v Folland on Wednesday (14) is going ahead - selection under Friendly matches tab.

It's all over!: for the S&D men's Combination league season. The league 1 team lost at home to undefeated champions Atherley (40-62 shots, 0-6 points) and are relegated but the better news is that, despite a loss away to Colden Common (50-47 shots, 4-2 points), the Combination 4 team are champions and go up the Combination 3 league next season.

Candlelit bowls: scheduled for Saturday 7 September starting at 6pm followed by soup and crumbles. It's £5 for members, £6 for guests - please sign up and make payment through the social committee notice board by the bar.

S&DWBA Club Championship: we're through to the semi finals on 18 August having beaten Banister Park by 3 matches to 2. As Sally (Hurst) would say 'Well done girlyies!'

Tomorrow's fun bowls and BBQ: the fun and games kick off at 1.30pm for those who have signed up. Wear whatever you like on and off the green - but you still need your bowling shoes to play.

Date for ladies' diaries: all lady members are invited to an end of season tea party on Thursday, 19 September at 3.30pm at the club. Please sign up. Whilst piling on the calories (!) there will be an informal opportunity to look back on the outdoor season, select the lady captain for 2020 etc.

Bowls Hampshire Dolly Gore: Meon Valley have been invited to send a rinks team to represent the South area (women) to play against the other areas in Hampshire on Friday 30 August at Banister Park. Click [here](#) for selection.

S&DWBA Club Championship: the next round is scheduled for Sunday, 4 August at 10.30am at home v Banister Park. Click [here](#) for selection. Please remember to bring refreshments for lunch, including our opponents.

S&D women: selection for the last matches of the Rinks A league season is now available under the Leagues tab.

S&D men: a good win this evening (69-84 shots, 2-6 points) away against Hyde Abbey in the Combination 3 league.

S&D women: a nail biting end to the Rinks A league game at home against Hedge End 1 brought home 3 points (41-39 shots) and keeps us in second spot. The Triples A team though had a tough fixture against County away and went down 55-22 shots, 4-0 points and are in danger of relegation.

S&D men: sadly, it's definitely a bottom of the league place for the Combination 1 team after their loss to Fleming Park (65-59 shots, 4-2 points), but there might be very good news for the Combination 4 team - if only we can find out the score! Watch this space: the Combination 4 team beat Pirrie Park (76-49 shots, 5-1 points) but elsewhere there's a dispute about last week's Colden Common v Pirrie Park fixture which could affect league positions, but a good win away to Colden Common next Tuesday (6 August) should put the title beyond doubt.

Penniall Plate: scheduled for Saturday 17 August. Click [here](#) for the draw and further details.

September Cup: sign up sheet now available for this popular series of triples inter-club matches - please take care with the dates.

Latest selections: the remainder of this season's S&D men's leagues matches and the friendly match v Pirrie Park on 7 August are now available under the relevant tabs.

More players please: for the friendly matches v Hedge End (home) on Wednesday 31 July at 2pm (reserve needed) and three v Pirrie Park (home) on Wednesday 7 August at 1.30pm. Keith Boys would be delighted to see your name on the board, or for you to [contact him](#).

How to use the club's defibrillator: Paul Pritchard, one of our members and connected to Heartstart is kindly offering two opportunities to learn how to use the club's defibrillator: Monday 9 September 2-3.30pm and Tuesday 10 September 10-11.30am. Please do sign up - and get your mates to come along too, you never know you might be relying on them to use the equipment on you.

Inside Bowls: click [here](#) to read the August issue.

Green not available: this Sunday afternoon (28) 1-5pm as we are hosting S&D men v Royal Household.

Southampton Open: Chris Robinson and Janet Felgate are the last remaining representatives of the club - they are in the semi finals of the pairs at Atherley tomorrow (Friday) at 10am. Supporters welcome.

UPDATE: through to the final on Saturday afternoon at 1.30pm at Atherley. **FURTHER UPDATE:** Yippee! They won!! Pictures in Gallery.

Agenda, reports and minutes: of the management committee meeting held on 17 July are available in the Members only area.

S&D men: two matches in the Combination 4 league v Fleming Park B in the last couple of days has resulted in a win (65-45 shots, 6-0 points) and a loss (49-53 shots, 1-6 points) - still top of the league though.

Common sense prevails: this afternoon's friendly match v Colden Common was cancelled because of the very hot weather. Selection for the match v Hedge End on 31 July now available under the Friendlies tab.

Good luck: to all our entrants in the Southampton Open next week.

Mixed triples: first round matches have been played - see updated draw under Competitions tab.

200 club: the winner for July was Roger Morfill.

Presidents Day: we were all decked out - bunting and bright clothes, the weather was kind, the meal lovely, the raffle bountiful and loads was raised for Sally's charity (and her team won too!). Super - pics in Gallery.

POSTPONED: Friday night triples league called off for this evening (19/7) because of the weather.

Preparations for President's Day: 'bright clothes' is the remit - so get rummaging in the wardrobe or zoom off to the charity shop. It's 2pm for a 2.30pm start on the green, the meal after is free, the bar will be open (of course!) but bring your wallets and purses in aid of Sally's charity - the Haemophilia Society.

S&D women: congratulations to Jenny Armstrong, Kath Owen and Joy Travers who are through to the semi finals of the 2 wood triples competition to be played at Pirrie Park on 5/6 September.

S&D men: a loss this evening to County (away) by 80-65 shots, 7-1 points.

S&D women: double agony this week - the Rinks A team got swept off their perch at the top of the league with a 69-18 shots, 0-4 points loss to Lockwood 1 away and the Triples A team lost at home to Winchester City 18-42 shots, 0-4 points.

Summer tour photos: now available under Gallery.

S&D men: some respite for the Combination 1 team who beat Pirrie Park away by 55-67 shots, 1-5 points, and are still anchored to the bottom of the league. But the even better news is that the Combination 4 team beat Mayfield Park at home by 76-38 shots, 6-0 points to zoom to the top of their league.

Two wood mixed triples, Sunday 21 July: due to withdrawals the teams in the draw to play on Sunday at 2pm have been altered, please click [here](#) for details

Club knockout competitions: all draws have been updated - see under Competitions tab.

BH area champions!: Chris Robinson and Janet Felgate won the over 55's pairs South area final against a pair from Andover at Atherley - next up the County finals 19 & 20 August at Banister Park.

Selections: for S&D men's league and the next friendly match are now available - see relevant tabs.

Available on Sunday 21 July at 2pm?: [Peter Fry](#) and [Chris Brett](#) are looking for two replacement players for the two wood mixed triples outdoor knock out competition - please let either of them know if you can help.

Oh no!: the friendly match scheduled for next Wednesday (17 July) against Lockwood has been cancelled by our opponents.

S&DWBA Club Championship: we're scheduled to meet Banister Park at home on **Sunday 4 August** at 10.30am. We'll need 11 players for the 5 types of matches (singles x 2, pairs, triples and rinks). The sign up is on the notice board.

S&D men: in the Championship 3 league we won against bottom team Winchester City (away) by 54 - 98 shots, 0-8 points.

S&D women: the Rinks A team stay top of the table with a win at home against Littleton (51-31 shots, 4-0 points) but the Triples A team lost away at Old Netley (37-24 shots, 0-4 points). Selection for the next few matches now available under the Leagues tab.

Penniall Plate: a two wood, drawn mixed pairs competition scheduled for **Saturday 17 August**. Entry £2.50. Sign up sheets now published. Thanks to Chris Brett, Adie Booth, Sandy Staff and Mike Vaughan for organising.

Up coming social events: sign up for President's day on **Saturday, 20 July** will close soon - the meal is on Sally. Then there's the Fun bowls and BBQ on **Saturday 3 August** - sign up sheet is in the club house. It's £5 for members, £6 for non members.

S&D men: another night of mixed fortunes. The Combination 1 team lost away to Banister Park by 66 - 59 shots, 5 - 1 points and are at the bottom of the league, whereas the Combination 4 team won away to Hedge End 50 - 57, 1 - 5 to close in on leaders Pirrie Park and have a game in hand.

BH area finalists: Chris Robinson and Janet Felgate are through to the BH area finals of the Over 55's pairs.

Inside Bowls: Click [here](#) for the July edition.

Match v S&D President: click [here](#) for the selection for the match on Saturday 6 July at 2.30pm (home), whites with club shirt. A meal will be provided.

S&D men: I know this might sound a bit crazy... but it's either very good or very bad news in the Championship 3 league. We played BTC away, however there has been some confusion about the venue. So the reporting is either we won (92-71 shots, 1-7 points), or it's the complete reverse. Keep your fingers crossed and we'll update this when we can. **UPDATE:** it's good news!

S&D women: double joy as both teams won. The Rinks A team beat Mayfield Park 1 away (31-55 shots, 0-4 points) to retain top spot, and the Triples A team won at home against Sports Centre (35-23 shots, 4-0 points)

Correction to S&D men selection: the information under Leagues for the Championship 3 fixture v BTC tomorrow (4 July) was not correct. The selection for the same match played in May was uploaded in error - apologies. Click [here](#) for the correct edition.

S&D women: back to the top of the Rinks A league with a narrow, hard fought 35-41 shots, 0-4 points victory away against Lockwood 2. Click [here](#) to see the league table.

Elizabeth Way: you might have thought the roadworks were supposed to be over by now - but they are not! The road is closed today (Monday) possibly until 3pm, and might be tomorrow. We'll do our best to find out what's happening and keep you posted.

Bowls Hampshire county finals: Janet Felgate, Chris Batty, Chris Robinson and Sally Hurst had a nail biting match against Milton Park. After a slow start they caught up and were 4 shots ahead going into the 21st end. A tight measure resulted an extra end - which they lost. No disgrace, but a disappointment. Lovely to have a small band of supporters. Janet and Chris (R) were pleased to have their county 'badge' status confirmed - the first in the club.

S&D men: selections across all leagues up top 11 July now available under leagues tab.

Friday night triples league: resumed today - results and table now available under Leagues tab.

S&D men: no joy, beaten at home by Brockenhurst (73-94 shots, 1-7 points) in Championship 3 league.

S&D women: no match for the Rinks A team but the league table has really tightened up with 3 points covering the top 7 teams (and there's only 9 teams in it!). The Triples A teams got beaten at Romsey by 37-22 shots, 4-0 points. Selection for matches 4 and 11 July now published - see Leagues tab etc.

Roadworks in Elizabeth Way: **URGENT** - no access until after mid day today (Thursday, 27) and tomorrow.

Club knockout competitions: now we have passed the latest deadline, these have been updated (although there seem to be some holes in the men's singles results). Go to Competitions tab to see the details.

S&D league results: the Combination 1 team lost at home to Mayfield Park (40-64 shots, 0-6 points); the Combination 4 team won away to Pirrie Park (52-72, 1-5).

S&DWBA 4 wood singles: Marian (Bailey), Joy (Travers) and Janet (Felgate) won through to the last 16 in their matches yesterday - well done. Unfortunately Joy and Janet have to play one another in the next round. All details under Competitions, then S&D women.

Side wall: the carpenters are on site with their skips, insulation, replacement timbers and tools - pictures in Gallery. For everyone's safety, access to the equipment shed is limited - so all equipment is temporarily being stored in the clubhouse. Works likely to be completed by the end of Tuesday (2 July).

Help with hedges please: the hedges are heading for a haircut this Saturday (29 June). Volunteers wanted between 9-11am for cutting/ sweeping duties - just come along.

S&DWBA 2 wood singles: success! Congratulations to Janet Felgate and Joy Travers who are through to the semi finals (and then hopefully, the final) of the main competition and Chris Brett in the Plate - all to be played 5/6 September.

Internal competitions: it's deadline day for the early round of many of the club knockout competitions. The women's draw has been updated, and the men's will be in the next couple of days. Details under the competitions tab.

Calling all chaps!: your club needs you. We have a match v S&D (men) on Saturday 6 July at 2.30pm, followed by a meal. We need at least 24 to sign up... the sheet is up, please whizz up to the club and get your name down and the date in the diary.

Friendly matches selection: for matches on 26 June, 3 and 17 July now published - please go to Friendly matches, outdoors 2019.

200 club: June's winner is Marian Bailey.

'bye, 'bye - have a lovely time: to all those off on the summer tour to Weston-super-Mare. Enjoy!

Trouble at mill...: one wall (nearest the entrance gate) under the cladding needs replacing, and will be receiving attention. Should be safe in the meantime though.

Tony Allcock trophy (2 mixed rinks): we lost v Banister Park.

President's Day: Sally's (Hurst) special day coming up on **Saturday 20 July** - bowls followed by a meal provided by the President - sign up sheet now in the club house.

Good luck: to Janet Felgate, Chris Batty, Chris Robinson and Sally Hurst in the BH fours area finals at Pirrie Park tomorrow (Friday) afternoon against an experienced Atherley team. If you have ra-ra skirts and pom-poms available, we'll be pleased to have your support - it starts at 2pm. **UPDATE:** they won! And are now through to the County finals on 30 June.

S&D men: not a good day either, with the Championship 3 team losing at home to Hyde Abbey (57-80 shots, 1-7 points)

S&D women: the undefeated run, and top spot in the Rinks A league, comes to an end in wet and blustery conditions against Waterside at home (23-38 shots, 0-4 points). The Triples A team match was postponed. Selection for next matches now available under Leagues, S&D women tab.

Help with sweeping dew from green: Chris Batty does this job on Monday mornings and would like another member to take over on alternate Mondays, if you would like to know more, or are willing please make [contact](#).

S&D men: mixed fortunes again this week - the Combination 1 team lost at home against Fleming Park (37-68 shots, 0-6 points) - see photo in Gallery; the Combination 4 team won away to Mayfield Park (56-65, 0-6).

D-Day 75th celebration: a short game of Irish bowls, English weather, eats with your mates, dressing up as though you were in the 1940's, a bit of bingo, head scratching over a quiz (those in advance years had a distinct advantage!), a knees up, a sing along and a raffle - what more could you want? A success - well done everyone. Photos now in Gallery.

Progress in external competitions: loads of good news - in the BH men's competitions Howard Felgate is still in the singles; in the women's competitions, Joy Travers and Janet Felgate have to play each other in the 2 wood Singles to reach the area final, Marian Bailey and Chris Brett in the Pairs and Janet Felgate, Chris Batty (with the help of Audrey Moore), Chris Robinson and Sally Hurst in the Fours have already reached the area finals, Chris Robinson and Janet Felgate are still in the Over 55's pairs. We're in the next round of the BE Tony Allcock (mixed 2 rinks) competition and Chris Brett and Adie Booth are still in the BE mixed pairs...there may be more, it's confusing trying to keep track! And all this is before the S&D competitions get underway. Apologies for any omissions.

Friendly match selection: for match v Solent (away) on 12 June now made - see under Friendly matches tab. **Update: match cancelled.**

Friday night triples league: matches scheduled for 7 June postponed because of the weather. **These matches will now be played on 9 August**

S&D men: no joy, a heavy defeat in the Championship 3 match v Pirrie (away, 85-72 shots, 7.5 -0.5 points).

S&D women: the rinks A team defeated Hyde Abbey (away, 36-42 shots, 1-3 points) to continue their unbeaten league season and - hoorah! - go top of the [table](#) (could be the first time in our history): a priceless birthday present for President Sally. On the down side though the Triples A team lost at home to County (28-38, 0.5-3.5) to fall off top spot.

S&D men: clear loss for the Combination 1 team away to Atherley (82-40 shots, 0-6 points) but a clear win for the Combination 4 team at home to Hedge End (64-43, 5-1). Selections up until the end of June available under Leagues, S&D men.

Inside Bowls: the June edition is out, click [here](#) to read.

Last chance: to purchase shares in the 200 club is 30 June. Please use the slip on the Social notice board, or contact [Chris Batty](#).

Help please: a few more needed to sign up for the friendly matches on the next two Wednesdays: 12th v Solent (A) and 26th v Mayfield (H) - on the notice board, or contact [Keith Boys](#)

Summer tour: there's a meeting for all those going to Weston-Super-Mare on Monday 10 June, 6.30pm in the club house.

Smith plate (drawn, mixed triples): congratulations to the winners Howard Felgate, Norman Simmonds and Lena Frost, and thanks to Ted Quincey and Sandy Staff for the organisation, Adie Booth and Marian Bailey for their work in the kitchen. Picture in Gallery shortly.

Lady Captain's day: coming very soon - on Monday afternoon at 1.30pm. It's whites with a brightly coloured top, plus those sandwiches/ cakes you may have volunteered to bring as part of the hospitality to our visitors from across the district.

Summer coaching course for non members: any of your friends, family, etc. wanting to have a go at bowls? Jennie and John Gray are offering a 4 session course 6-8pm starting in late July. There's a small fee

and all equipment (including shoes, if necessary) will be provided. Click [here](#) for the dates and further details.

S&D men: an emphatic 80-59 shots, 7-1 points win against County in the Championship 3 league this evening makes it a fabulous day for the club. Well done chaps!

S&D women: a double! In the Rinks A league it was a topsy turvey match against Atherley but we just sneaked it by 2 shots (37-35, 3-1 points) to retain our unbeaten run and remain second in the table. The Triples A team had a memorable hot shot (maximum 8 shots on one end) to beat Winchester City 34-39 shots, 1-3 points) and go top of their table. Selections for 6 and 13 June now available under Leagues/ S&D women, please confirm by ticking in club.

S&DWBA competitions: the draws for each competition (except the 2 wood singles and 2 wood triples, for the moment) have been published and are available on the [S&DWBA website](#).

S&D men: a double defeat, unfortunately: in the Combination 1 match v Pirrie Park we lost by 1 shot overall (50-51 shots, 1-5 points), and in the Combination 4 match we lost to Colden Common (63-57, 5-1).

DEADLINE: entries for the Southampton Open (men's and women's singles, pairs and men's triples) need to reach the organisers by Friday (31 May). Click [here](#) to go to the page for the entry forms.

Smith plate: the draw has been made for this mixed triples competition scheduled for Sunday, 2 (not 9) June. Click [here](#) to see the details. Please be sure to confirm your availability by ticking the team sheet in the club house.

BH top club: wow, how close was that?!! We lost to Andover in the extra end in the last match (triples), having won and lost in the singles, winning in the pairs and losing in the rinks.

Open rinks tournament: a very well organised and smoothly run event which was much appreciated by the 24 teams from far and wide. Tremendous thanks to Bill and Marian for the overall planning including securing sponsorship, Adie and Chris and their tireless band of kitchen, bar and tea maids, Howard and Chris (Robinson) for the scoring and Tony Thornley for the raffle. Many others also chipped in. Folland retained the trophy defeating Pirrie Park in the final. Pictures in Gallery soon.

Management committee: the agenda, reports and minutes of the meeting held on 20 May are now available in the Members Only Area.

Friday night triples league: after only three rounds there is only one team unbeaten - that's Howard Felgate's team C. Click [here](#) for the latest scores and table.

S&D men: a win - against Winchester City at home (76-73 shots, 5-3 points) in the Championship 3 league tonight. Selection for the next couple of weeks across all teams available under Leagues tab.

S&D women: a win in both leagues - Rinks A team defeated Hedge End (35-44 shots, 1-3 points) and stay undefeated and stay in second spot in the league, the Triples A team defeated Old Netley (36-31, 4-0) and are also in second spot. See S&D women under the League tab to check all the other results.

Bowls England Tony Allcock Trophy: v Southampton Old Green (H) on Saturday 8 June at 11am. Click [here](#) for selection.

S&D men: mixed fortunes this evening in the Combination 1 league we lost to Banister Park (49-56 shots, 1-5 points) but defeated Pirrie Park (62-57, 5-1) in the Combination 4 league.

Selection: is available for the forthcoming matches against Twyford and Crofton - see under Friendly matches.

Outdoor competitions: the men's and mixed draws are on the website under Competitions.

200 club: congratulations to May's winner - Jean Ellis.

Outdoor competitions: the draw has been made for the ladies' knockout competitions: open singles, Golden girls (veterans) and drawn pairs - click [here](#) to see the full details. The men's and mixed draw will be made shortly.

Thornbery trophy: although there was a very narrow win on one rink, the overall score was not enough to overcome Romsey who now progress to the next round of this Bowls Hampshire competition for women.

Friday night triples league: click [here](#) for the latest results and table.

Introduction of Green equipment box: there are two new boxes in the equipment shed. These contain all the 'stuff' that needs to be on, or near, the green during matches - so it is on hand when needed, is available to everyone and much easier to carry to, and from, the rink. So things like those pesky ditch markers, 30m measure, callipers, peg measure, feeler gauges, white strips etc. For a full list click [here](#) and there's a photo in Gallery. The intention is to have one box at each end shared, if necessary, between rinks. If there is enough demand we'll be running a 'how to measure/ use the equipment session' - email from Judith, plus sign up notice next week.

S&D men: hoorah! We beat league leaders BTC in the Championship 3 match this evening by 82 - 73 shots, 7 - 1 points.

S&D women: a tremendous tussle in the Rinks A league (v Lockwood1) which ended up a draw (37-37) - so both teams remain undefeated and are still in the number 1 and 2 spots in the [league](#) (photos in Gallery). The Triples A team had a victory (21-29 shots, 1-3 points) against a Sports Centre team who played short, and move up to [third](#). Team selections for the next couple of matches now available under leagues, then S&D women tab.

S&D women: we provided 8 players for the district West v East match at Totton and Eling yesterday (Wednesday) and were on the winning side. This afternoon (Thursday, 2pm) there's a top of the table clash between the only two unbeaten teams in the Rinks A league - that's us v Lockwood. Why not come and enjoy the sun - all support welcome. The Triples A team have a tricky fixture away to Sports Centre. Watch this space for the results!

S&D men's league: a mixed evening - in the Combination1 match we lost (45 shots, 1 point) to Sports Centre 70, 5) but won the Combination 4 match (61, 4) against Fleming Park (58, 2) (away).

CANCELLED: the friendly match v Fair Oak tomorrow (Wednesday, 15) has been called off.

Friendly match v Moordown: photos in gallery.

Friday night triples league: it's underway! Click [here](#) for the latest results and table (also available under Leagues)

S&D men's league: in their opening match of the season, the Championship 3 team lost away to Brockenhurst (56-77 shots, 1-7 points).

DEADLINE: Chris Brett will be sending the S&DWBA competition entries after this weekend (**12 May**). Please check with the lists (with Chris) and that you will be available for the scheduled play dates on the noticeboard (including the finals 6-7 September).

S&D women's leagues: a good away win for the Rinks A team against Littleton (20-34 shots, 0.5-3.5 points), and a loss at home for the Triples A team against last season's champions, Romsey (31-41 shots, 1-3 points). Go to the [S&DWBA](#) website to see other results and tables.

Summer tour: only a few places left, and not much time before numbers are finalised. Click [here](#) to see details.

S&D men's leagues: click [here](#) for the latest set of selections.

Friday night triples league: gets underway this Friday, please remember it's **whites**. It's £2.50 entry and then £2.50 per match. Click [here](#) to go to the page with the teams, rules etc. Bar and kitchen will be fully staffed. Spectators always welcome.

DEADLINE: S&D men's competitions entries must be made by **18 May**. See more under [Competitions](#).

S&D men: results - Combination 1 Mayfield Park A 47 (1 point) Meon Valley 54 (5 points); Combination 4 Meon Valley 51 (2 points) Mayfield Park B 53 (4 points).

Smith Plate: this mixed triples all day competition is scheduled for **Sunday 2 June** - it's open to all. The sign up sheet is on the noticeboard, please don't leave it too late...thanks are due to Ted Quincey and Sandy Staff who have stepped forward as organisers

Jubilee Cup: played today (4 May) in sunny conditions but with a chill wind. The winners were Chris Robinson, Janet and Howard Felgate (photo in Gallery) and the President's charity from the money raised from refreshments. Thanks to Lesley and David Andrews for their excellent organisation and various helpers in the kitchen, behind the bar, manning the tea and coffee urn and preparing scorecards. A super team effort.

Selection for BH mixed top club: Click [here](#) - it's v Andover on Sunday 26 May.

S&D women: the rinks A league team won their opening match of the season against Mayfield Park by 37-35 shots and 3-1 points. Click [here](#) to see the latest results and table.

S&D men: the Combination 4 team lost by 6 shots (62-68) and 4 points (1-5) in their first league match of the season v Hedge End.

Selection: for Friendly matches against Alresford, Fair Oak and Fareham in May are now available under Friendly matches.

Open rinks tournament: the details of teams, order of play etc. are now out ahead of the big day (Saturday 25 May), see more under [About us then Open rinks](#). Very many thanks to Marian and Bill Bailey for masterminding this and the crew of helpers that make it work so smoothly. Just need the weather now...

Social: details of the 40's night knees up to celebrate the 75th anniversary of D Day on Saturday 8 June are available under the [Social tab](#). Sign up sheet in the club.

Inside Bowls magazine: click [here](#) for the May edition.

Don Taylor trophy: We won! But it was close (5 shots) in this annual fixture against Hedge End. Photo of our proud (and windswept) President in Gallery.

Public open day: despite the threat of Storm Hannah, 32 members of the public came along to try their hand, under the watchful eye of our coaching team. Thanks to those club members who supported the coaches throughout the day. Although the gale force winds made delivery tricky at times those who persevered thoroughly enjoyed their first experience of lawn bowls to the extent that 50% of those who attended signed up for our beginners courses which commence on Monday and Wednesday evenings next week and continue throughout May. Photos in Gallery.

Friendly v Lockwood on 1 May: selection now available under Friendly matches, then Outdoors.

Women's S&D matches: selection has now been made for the next three weeks. See [Leagues](#) page, then S&D women for details.

Men's S&D matches: selection has now been made for the first 4 matches. See [Leagues](#) page, then S&D men for details.

Outdoor Friday night league: the squads, match schedule and rules are out - see under [Leagues](#) tab.

Clothes for donation and sale: the 'pre-loved bowls clothing' rail will return on Sunday (21 April). All donations for the rail - washed, ironed and ready to hang - will be gratefully received, pop them in the plastic storage box near the rail or leave near in a bag/ box marked for Jennie Armstrong. To purchase, please make payment using the brown envelope provided that shows the log number, description and price and place in the green (not social) box. **Definitely:** leave the hangers, and do **not** borrow any items! All proceeds go back to club funds to benefit everyone.

Public open day: it's next [Saturday \(27 April\)](#), split into a morning and afternoon session. Tell your family, friends, neighbours, work mates - every age welcome. Thanks to those who have signed up on the membership/coaching notice board committing to help on the day. By way of preparation we've been sizing and bagging the bowling shoes (see gallery!) for people to borrow whilst they have a try. We do need a few more pairs of the small sizes (3 and 4), half sizes in every size, and any that are 10 and above. If you have any to donate - thank you - please leave them (clean and laced) in the equipment shed.

Winter break to Potters (February 2020): just a few places left - don't miss out. More information on the [Calendar](#) page, including how to contact Chris Brett and Adie Booth, the organisers.

200 club: the new round of monthly draws is now underway, with Chris Brett the first winner.

Jubilee Cup (Saturday 5 May): the [teams](#) and the [order of play](#) have now been posted - see Competitions page for more information.

Selection: for the first couple of friendly matches have been made - see under the [Friendly matches](#) section.

Signing up: don't miss out on the club friendly matches, Friday night triples, a variety of internal knockout competitions, playing in the S&D leagues, district competitions and friendly matches... there's loads of lists to complete, including entry for the Jubilee Cup (mixed triples, pick you own team) on Saturday 4 May. Plus shares are still available for the 200 club (monthly and grand draw for cash prizes, and helping with the club's maintenance and equipment programme) - slips on the social notice board by the bar.

Helpers wanted: for small odd jobs around the green (contact Bill Bailey) and on the green (contact Pete Fry), a little effort from lots of people keeps the club in good order. Their contact details are available in the Members only area here and in the club.

Green opening: green grass, blueish sky, some sun and birds singing loudly what more could you want! Well over 70 came to stock up with their kit with Bowls direct then christen the green. Plus a fair few others just came to catch up with their mates. The fixture list booklets were out, the new rink shelters looked great and the cakes were scrumptious. Have a peek in the gallery to witness. And we've still got the rest of the season to enjoy...

Introduction of a gallery feature: it's been a bit of a learning curve but we have a willing volunteer - Liz Young - as deputy webmaster and photo editor and we're making progress with loading photos up to the website. Liz can't take all the pictures, so if you see an interesting scene around the club please snap it and send it to [Liz](#). No guarentees that it will be published though, there's only so much space! There are pictures dotted about already, but most will appear in the gallery - see left.

Treasurer required: John (Dancy) will be stepping down after 5 years at the Annual General Meeting in November. Thank you John for your service to the club. If you have some experience in finance and might want to help, please speak with [John](#) to find out what the job entails. It's plain - the club cannot function without a treasurer, so if you have the skills please don't be shy.

Men's match practice: Tuesdays at 5.30pm from 16 April - all welcome, regardless of experience.

League practice for ladies: all lady members who are, or might, be interested in playing in the Southampton & District leagues are invited to come along for practice on Thursdays, starting on 18 April at 2pm. This is the usual day and time for league matches. [Chris Brett](#) will be pleased to answer any queries or provide further information.

Management committee: agenda, reports and minutes of the meeting on 2 April are now available in the members only area.

Inside bowls magazine: click [here](#) for the April edition.

Helper(s) needed: Ted Quincey has kindly volunteered to run the Smith Plate on 2 June. He needs a helping hand, no experience necessary. Please let Judith (Moss, Secretary) know if you might be willing.

Membership: many thanks to the 150+ members that have renewed their membership already. If you have yet to make payment please do so before 1 April (indoor only members have until 1 October though). All the details are in the email sent out today (Thursday). If you are not sure about renewing please let [Chris Robinson](#), membership secretary, know (click on the underline and her email address will pop up). Her number is 01329 235272 if it is easier to have a natter about it than write an email.

Buffet tea and Oh heck: sad to say these events on opening day (Saturday, 13 April) have been cancelled and those who have already signed up and paid will receive a refund in their pigeon hole at the club soon. But the bowls will go ahead (1.30pm, greys and club shirts) - make sure you have signed the list to get a game - and tea and cake will be available afterwards. Don't forget Bowls Direct will be there before the the matches start. Do let them know if there is anything, or a particular size etc. you need them to bring or set aside for you. Click [here](#) to go to their website to see their range and contact details.

Rules for outdoor competitions: click [here](#) to see them; they are now in force. Previously there were different rules for different competitions, and this is to try to standardise them across the board and to reflect standards set by World Bowls, Bowls England and Southampton & District so members will feel comfortable in whatever level they play, and reduce confusion.

200 Club: the March winner is Bernie Riche-Webber - congratulations. Shares in the next cycle of the 200 club still available - see the social notice board at the club.

Friendly matches: with the match against Botley yesterday (Wednesday), the indoor friendly match season came to an end. Very many thanks are owed to Tony Cailles for planning the matches with other clubs and getting our teams turned out to play. It's now over to Keith Boyes who is responsible for the friendly matches outdoors. There are 22 matches scheduled - all the details are under the Friendly match tab - and the sign up sheets for the first few are already on the notice board in the club house. Newer members are especially encourage to have a go, to broaden their experience, meet those from other clubs and generally enjoy themselves.

Summer break: just a few twin and double bedded rooms available for the trip in June to Weston-super-Mare. More details in the Summer tour section under the Calendar tab - contact Peter Fry if you are interested.

New shelters: they have now been installed, but need painting. Please contact Bill Bailey to lend a hand. Contact details in recent email to members and available in the secure Members only area.

Sign up for Friday night triples: now available in the club house until 20 April when the draw for places will be made.

Results of indoor knockout competitions: click [here](#) to reveal the honours board for the indoor knockout competitions, including the playoff between the champions of the Thursday and Friday night triples leagues. Very many thanks to Howard Felgate for organising the competitions (plus Heathcliffe and Judith Moss for the triples leagues) and the finals weekend. The outdoor season awaits - only 4 more Saturdays!

External competitions: this is a new feature under the competitions page. The 'Other external' tab in the left hand column there brings up the details of the information we have received from other clubs about the one day tournaments they run plus the week long Southampton Open. Some singles, pairs, triples or rinks, some single gender, some mixed... be quick though, it's usually first come, first served.

Reminder: Membership should be renewed by 1 April - please help by getting this out of the way - either at the club or electronically, see the details below.

Jubilee Cup: the first of the club's all day competitions, on Saturday 4 May. It's mixed triples with teams of your own chosing. See under the Competition tab for more information and sign up at the club as soon as you can, spaces are limited. Thanks to David and Lesley Andrews for pulling it all together.

Indoor competitions finals: the excitement mounts! The schedule for finals weekend - Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 March (next weekend) has now been published - all the details of each draw are under the Competitions then Indoor tabs. Click [here](#) to see when each will be concluded - do come along and support.

Indoor leagues: the B's (Steve Fisher, Mike Taylor, Richard Foster and Sue Edgington) won the Thursday night league and the A's (Keith Boys, Helen Chew, Andy Mintram and Norman Simmonds) won the Friday night league. Congratulations! And good luck in the play off during indoor finals weekend.

Winter break 2020: it's Potters Resort 2-7 February with Chris (Brett) and Adie (Booth) - more details under Calendar tab. Be quick if you are interested, they need numbers in the next three weeks (by 26 March).

Ladies!: don't forget the S&DWBA coffee morning is next Wednesday (13 March) 10am at Pirrie Park. The tickets are only 50p, pay at the door. The first coffee is free, there's loads of stalls - including our 'Where's

the jack?' and books - a grand draw and Irish bingo. Get your mates organised, find some pennies and come and join the fun!

Friendly match v Lee on Solent (A): to be played on Tuesday 12 March - selection made, see under Friendly matches tab.

Membership renewal: please pop along to the club to pay your subs. It's £100 for full membership, plus £5 to renew your locker hire. Social only membership costs £10. Indoor only membership subs though are not due until 1 October. Electronic transfer is also possible - watch out for details in an email coming soon - **plus correction to sort code (should be 08-92-99) - apologies.** Please tell membership secretary, [Chris Robinson](#), if you intend to switch, or not renew, your membership.

Indoor leagues: it's crunch time! The last round of matches, postponed from the snowy spell in late January/ early February, will be played at the end of this week (7/8 March).

On Thursday the D's (John Gray) play early hoping to beat the G's (Roger Morfill) so they can catch the B's (Steve Fisher) who are just one point ahead. The B's play later either thankful that the top spot is sealed or going all out to beat the E's (Patrick Reddin).

On Friday the C's (Sally Hurst) sit it out having completed their programme with a very narrow win against the F's (Chris Robinson) in their last match. The F's though can do them a favour by beating the A's (Keith Boys) who are just a point behind with a huge shot difference advantage.

The Thursday v Friday champions showdown will be played over the finals week (16/17 March), schedule to be determined.

Friendly match v Fair Oak: tomorrow's match (2 March) is CANCELLED, Fair Oak do not have sufficient players.

Inside bowls: click [here](#) for the March edition.

URGENT - do **not** open emails from either the Andrews' or Baileys' mentioning 'drop box'. It's a virus, permanently delete as soon as you can.

Southampton Open: the entry forms for this tournament (singles, pairs and triples) scheduled for 22-27 July are now available - [men's](#) and [ladies'](#). There's more information and a link to the website under Competitions then the new page Other external. More will be added when details are known.

Indoor competitions: latest updates available under competitions, then indoor.

Friendly match v Colden Common: our opponents have had to pull out, so the match is CANCELLED.

'Bye,'bye - and have a lovely time: the winter breakers set off this morning (Sunday) to sunny Torquay.

Management committee: minutes of the meeting held on 12 February now available in the Members only area.

Latest results and tables: getting near the end of the indoor league season. Click [here](#) for the latest results and tables following the matches played on 21 and 22 February.

Last chance: all indoor friendly match selections are now complete (see under Friendly matches tab) except.... Tuesday 20 March v Lee on Solent (A). So last chance to help Tony Cailles out - please sign up on the notice board at the club.

Keeping us safe 1: are you a qualified medic, paramedic or first aider? We need to know who you are in case of need. Please tell [Judith \(Moss\)](#).

Keeping us safe 2: definitely no lit cigars or cigarettes allowed anywhere near the fabric of the club house or on the veranda at any time. The smoking area is at the far end of the veranda, please dispose of butts with utmost care.

Volunteers needed: could you (with someone of your choice, if you'd rather) run a one day competition? We need an organiser for the Smith Plate on Sunday 2 June and another for the Penniall Plate on Saturday 17 August. All the documentation from previous years is available to help. [Judith \(Moss\)](#), our secretary, will be very pleased to hear from you.

Jubilee Cup makes a come back!: thanks to Lesley and David Andrews this mixed triples competition is to be revived on Saturday 4 May. Get it in the diary. Some more details under Competitions tab and here (sign up, entry fee etc) nearer the time.

Hamblin trophy: information about this has now been tracked down - it's under the League tab. There's only one match to come - this Sunday evening - and unless there's a bit of a miracle we're not likely to feature in the semi finals. But there's always next season....

Men's S&D league fixtures 2019: they're out. Click [here](#) for a printed version, there's more information about how all this works under the League tab.

Members only area: now re-opened. Contact Chris (Robinson) on 01329 235272 if you have forgotten how to access it.

Opening day: the sign up sheet for the unveiling of the green for the outdoor season – on Saturday 13 April – is now available in the club house. This year it will be followed by a buffet tea then, in the early evening, our popular and rather manic card game, Oh heck! More under the social tab. Only eight more Saturdays.
Dress code definitely greys.

President's Shield: the trophy was won by Janet Felgate, Norman Chatfield, Christine Clark and Norman Simmonds – congratulations! And very many thanks to Ted (Quincey) for his organisation.

200 club: the winner for this month is Geoff Burton. Only one month left for this round. There are slips on the social notice board for those that would like to join for 2019-2020. It's £12 per share (you can have as many as you wish). £25 is won each month but the grand draw is in November when there is a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize. In 2018 this was for £250, £150 and £80, but depends on the number of subscribers. Definitely can't win without a share!

Near miss: Sally Hurst, Ken Balchin, Chris Batty and Bill Bailey were beaten in the final of the Open short mat tournament at Hook Bowling Club. But they whizzed back just in time for the Race Night.

Members only area: this has been removed temporarily whilst some technical issues are addressed. This is **not** connected to the recent email from the treasurer about a fraudulent request for transfer of funding.

Inside Bowls magazine: click [here](#) to see the on line edition for February.

Race night: the horses are due to arrive tomorrow (Saturday, 16). Thank goodness the ban on racing due to equine 'flu has been lifted! If you have already paid for your ticket, which includes the curry, then we'll see you in the paddock at 7pm. Remember your purses and wallets.

Bowls Hampshire competitions: the draws for the men's (South area) are now out - more details under the competitions tab.

Friendly match v Botley: the match on Friday 15 February is **CANCELLED** - insufficient Botley players.

President's Shield: the team lists, schedule and rules are out for Sunday (17th) - see under Competition tab. Ted's (Quincey) in charge. Enjoy!

Members' contact details: telephone numbers only will be published in the club house. They and members' email addresses are now available in the Members Only Area - please take a moment to have a look to check your details are correct. Call Chris Robinson on 01329 235272 if you have forgotten how to get access. The full details, including email addresses, for members of the management committee are also available in the same place.

Indoor knockout competitions: virtually all are at the semi final stage - see the under the Competitions tab for all the details.

Management committee: will be meeting tomorrow (Tuesday, 12) and the agenda is available in the members only section. The minutes will be along a few days later.

Palmerston Cup: we were knocked out at the quarter final stage having lost two of the three matches, but with an aggregate shot difference of only 6. Tough matches, hard fought against Fareham Green with many of their players familiar with playing indoors.

Men's committee: David Andrews will be filling the vacancy not filled at the Annual General Meeting.

Indoor leagues: results and tables following matches on [Thursday and Friday night](#) now updated. No matches next week (14 and 15 February).

Indoor friendly matches: selection now available for the latter part of February - see under Friendly matches

S&DWBA league fixtures published: rinks: [2019 Rinks A.pdf](#) , triples: [2019 Triples A.pdf](#) - read the fixtures down the column. Or a combined version is available [here](#).

S&D (men) need a new secretary very soon: more details available from [Adie Booth](#). No women allowed!!

Palmerston Cup: good news and bad news. The Meon Valley B team came 6th in their league so their season has ended. But the A team secured a slot on the quarter finals next Sunday (10th at 6pm) against Fareham Green, the winners of League A. Supporters and spectators welcome.

More players needed: now the bad weather has passed please pop into the club as soon as you can to sign up for friendly matches later in February and the President's Shield (mixed rinks, all day) scheduled for Sunday 17 February.

Thursday and Friday night triples matches **POSTPONED:** because of the uncertainties of the weather, the triples league matches scheduled for Thursday 31 January will now be played on Thursday 7 March and the Friday matches from 1 February will now be played on 8 March.

Bowls England competition entries: the deadline is tomorrow (1 February) - the on line link is available on the Bowls England page under the Competitions tab.

Indoor friendly matches: selections up to mid February now available under the Friendly matches tab. Sadly a clash of bookings at Aquarius means that the match scheduled for 9 February is cancelled.

World Bowls finals: all over for another year. Men's semi finals and Men's and Ladies' finals available under the Calendar tab. Some very close matches and marvellous shots.

200 Club: congratulations to David Huntley - the winner for January.

Wanted - Social secretary after November 2019: the current Social secretary, Marian Bailey, has indicated she will not be standing for re-election at the next AGM. However to ensure a smooth transition she is willing to share her experience over the coming months with a shadow, with a view to their election as her successor. Could you be that shadow? More details from [Marian](#).

Markers courses: want to brush up on the laws of the game and learning how to measure properly? Then you'll be interested knowing about a markers course being offered at Banister Park BC in Eastleigh by the England Bowls Umpires Association. They are for a full day (10am - 4pm), it costs £10 and there is a choice of dates: Wednesday 20 February or Saturday 16 March. Let [Chris Brett](#) know if you would like more details and would like a place.

World bowls: it's on in the afternoons on the BBC from today (Monday, 21) - plus highlights much later each evening - through to Sunday. Enjoy!

Sign up: calling notice for the President's Shield tournament (mixed rinks) on **Sunday, 17 February** will be on the notice board at the club from tomorrow (Tuesday, 22) and under competitions here. Ted Quincey is in charge.

Congratulations!: to Marilyn Masters, Janet and Norman Chatfield on winning the indoor mixed triples tournament. And many thanks to Russell (Algar) for his organisation, and Judith (Moss) for her barmaidng.

Indoor triples leagues: no change at the top for either the Thursday or Friday night leagues - see leagues for latest results and tables.

Health and safety policy statement: now available in the Members only area under Club rules and policies.

Bowls Hampshire competition draws for women: are now available under competition tab. Please take care with dates of early rounds for the pairs competition as they were changed by BH after publication. The draw now (Saturday, 19 January at 6.30pm) on this website is correct.

Men's section get together: sign up for a meal at the Old Forge, Shedfield on Wednesday 6 February, at 6.30pm. Cost £7.

Match v Hedge End Village (A): Selection for match on Saturday, 26th now available under friendly matches.

Correction: with apologies from Heathcliffe, the latest indoor triples league information was not right - but it is now, under the Leagues tab and then indoor on the left.

Torquay tour meeting: if you are on the winter tour to Torquay please come along to the club on Tuesday 29 January at 7pm to finalise those last details. Advise [Adie Booth](#) if you can't attend.

Health and safety officer: [Dave Reynolds](#) (the ordinary member on the management committee) has taken on this new role. Please share with him any concerns you may have.

World Bowls: it might not be on the BBC until next week but it's underway. Go to Calendar and look under World Bowls in the left column, there's a link to live streaming if you would like a peek.

Launch of new club website: following a well attended presentation to members, the new club website was launched on Monday 14 January, in an e mail to all club members from secretary Judith Moss. Members were urged to notify the webmaster ([Chris Robinson](#)) of any errors, omissions or their constructive comments and suggestions. We're in need of a photographer - do you have an artistic eye, decent camera and a willingness to volunteer? If so, tell Chris.

Dew remover: there are 13 volunteers for the daily dew removal duty, Peter Fry needs one more prepared to turn out for 10-15 minutes, one morning, once a fortnight to drag the big brush up and down the green to complete the team. Full training given! Please contact [Peter](#) if you can help.

Indoor competitions: all draws are up to date (13 January) - see competitions tab, then indoor. Thanks to Howard (Felgate)

S&DBA AGM: the annual general meeting of the men's district association will take place on Monday 28 January at 7pm at Atherley BC.

Indoor matches selection: team selections for Lockswood (home, 16/1) and Denmead (home, 23/1) available under friendly matches tab, but match v Wyvern (away, 19/1) cancelled because of lack of players from both clubs.

Open rinks tournament: details are now ready (it will be on Saturday, 25 May) and Marian (Bailey) will be sending them out to other clubs shortly.

Indoor mixed triples (Sunday 20 January): the teams and schedule are out - full details under competitions tab. Please tick availability on the notice board and let Russell (Algar) know if you can't play. Only one reserve left - if you are also willing to be on standby please contact Russell.

Thursday and Friday night triples league: both resume at the end of this week (3 and 4 January). Enjoy! Keep up to date with results under the league tab.

Bowls Hampshire (BH) competitions: the entries have now been submitted and there's an invoice for the entry fee in your pigeon hole - please make payment, including the invoice in the brown envelope, as soon as you can. The draws will be on the BH website probably in early February.

Hedge trim: work has started on getting the hedge right back to the fence on the south side. There's rather more to do before the ground will be ready for paving and then the rink shelters - but it's all going in the right direction.

New club website: **all** are invited to a presentation/ launch of the new club website to find out why it has changed, what is on it and to offer their comments and suggestions for improvements. It's **Sunday 13 January at 2pm** at the club, just turn up. Please let [John Gray](#) know if you are willing to come along at 1pm to help get the room ready, or sign the notice at the club.

Happy new year everyone!: the days are getting longer and it's only 16 Saturdays before the green opens for the outdoor season.