

SHEFFORD BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER

June 2015

Welcome to the Summer edition of our newsletter. We have received a lot of positive comments about the previous edition. In particular that it has helped communication within the club, which is the main aim.

CHAIRMAN'S NIGHT

This was a very successful start to the season with a couple of past members re-joining the club. We extend a warm welcome back to Geoff Henry and Rita Faulkner. Many thanks to Jenny for the catering and congratulations on the gorgeous new arrival.

OPENING OF THE GREEN

The opening of the green on our 50th anniversary was a great occasion. It was good to see so many past members attending and the cake Brenda Ford organised was fantastic. Thanks to Maureen Hughes for assisting with the buffet. After an enjoyable afternoons bowling Liz Henry and Mike Hammond were the "Top Lady & Gent".

ANNIVERSARY GAMES

The Bowls England Game is on Thursday **18th June commencing at 1.30**. This is a mixed game with bowlers coming from Counties across the UK. A list has been put up for anyone who wishes to be considered for selection. The cost of the game will be £5 with a meal afterwards. We will need members who are not playing to assist with serving at the meal or doing teas. Please help to make this a great day for your club.

We also have a game to mark our anniversary against Bowls Bedfordshire on Friday **August 14th** starting at **6pm**.

OPEN DAY AND FETE

Despite the weather this was a very successful day. Thank you to the team of ladies who "manned" the Darts Stall – which raised £85. Thank you also to all those who helped support the Coaching – 19 individuals had a go at bowls and 5 have already booked to start the Tuesday and Wednesday coaching sessions.

NEW MEMBERS

The first group of 8 new bowlers are due to complete their 6 week introductory course on the 10 June. We hope that the majority will then join Shefford BC and after a few more practice sessions will be joining in friendly matches. Please be patient and encourage them when they do start, the first few games can be a bit

daunting, remember we were all new bowlers once!

The current Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday evenings coaching sessions will now continue with an introductory course for the new bowlers from the Open Day and to provide practice sessions for the first group.

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

A request has been made by several members to have some skills training sessions. We are happy to organise these. Please talk to Alison if you are interested – with some idea of what you would like to be covered. These would probably be run on a Wednesday evening

TEA ROTA

A gentle reminder - If you cannot do the day you have been allocated either swap with someone or find a substitute. So far it has been going quite well with everyone co-operating.

Shefford are hosting three County Games this season and assistance will be needed with catering. Please contact Alison if you can help on any of these, dates are on the fixture list.

COMPETITIONS

Barry is the competitions organiser this year. Most of you will have already received your first slips, informing you who is playing and when.

With bowls and other commitments availability can be an issue SO PLEASE talk to each other and organise these games in a timely manner rather than leave them to the last minute.

COUNTY AND NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

The club participates in several National and County competitions. Results so far:-

Men

Two Fours: lost to Flitwick 30 to 36.
Over 55's Pairs: Andrew and Barry lost by 2 shots in a very competitive game to Wardown Park.
Top Club: Won at St. Andrews, Shefford now play Meltis away.

Ladies

National Champion of Champion: Jan Northern is doing well and has got through 2 rounds.
County Rinks: Did very well getting through to the semi-finals, lost 17 shots to 19 in a very close game to Bedford Borough.

County Triples: Shefford has 2 teams, Sheila Waggott, Brenda Blanch and Jan Northern were beaten by Biggleswade. Alison Hammond, Brenda Ford and Shay Mumford won at Eaton Socon and then lost to Stotfold in an exciting game on a very heavy green on an extra end. This year Shefford entered the Tony Allock competition which consists of 4 ladies and 4 men over 60. The team played beat Barton-le-Clay and now have a home game against Bedford Borough.

FRIENDLY AND WEEKEND GAMES

Please continue to support these games. It is soooo much easier for the selectors if there are sufficient names down for these games. Please appreciate that phoning around for players is very time consuming.

GREENKEEPING

This season we have had a couple of new additions to the team assisting on and around the green. Derek Wilson and Trevor Belsom have joined the regular mowers and enjoy a cup of coffee as well. Without this regular help the green certainly would not be playing as well as it is and many compliments have been made by visitors. Well done chaps!!

DISABLED TOILET PROJECT

The project is due to start shortly we had a few delays due to funding issues but these have now been resolved.

CLUB TOUR

This year's tour is to Torquay from Saturday 25th July to Saturday 1st August. Anyone who is interested and hasn't been before should contact Brenda Ford for more details.

CLEANING

This year we were hoping to have a cleaner to assist us, this has fallen through. We have not made a rota but if you are available to do a turn it would be much appreciated. Please write in the diary if and when you clean.

SOCIAL EVENTS

The social sub-committee would welcome ideas from members for social events and/or fund raising activities.

A fantastic new venture for this season is a;

Shefford goes Strictly Night.

This is being organised for October 3rd. So put the date in your diary now! The tickets will be £5

per head and for this you will have professional dance tuition as well as a lot of fun.

CLUB SHIRTS and JACKETS

Barry Robinson keeps a stock of club shirts which are personalised to order. For several years the men have worn a rather stylish zip up jacket. These are now available for both men and ladies at £38 each. Orders through Barry please.

ADVERTISING BOARDS

Last year we managed to get some local firms to have advertising boards put up on the club house. There is space for more so if you know of anyone who would like to pay for the privilege and the same time support our club let us have their details and we will follow it up.

OTHER NEWS

We learned that Margaret Bucknell has recently passed away, we extend our sympathy to her family.

Congratulations to Jess Ford who gets married on 5th June.

Any comments or ideas for the next edition please send to Alison on 01462 811548 or alisonr.hammond@btinternet.com



Opening of the Green: Founder members Bill Kefford and John Ford cutting the 50th anniversary cake.