

SHEFFORD BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME:- here are some reminders of what is coming now the season has finished and an update for you on the results of finals weekend.

GREEN KEEPING

The "green team" have worked hard all season to keep the green bowling well and are now busy with the winter work. In case you didn't realise the green needs regular attention during the winter to maintain it and prepare for next season. The team have scarified the green, put on some top dressing and reseeded the bare patches. During the winter the grass will need cutting occasionally and spiking regularly. If you are able to help even occasionally Colin or Mike Evans would love to hear from you. No previous experience needed just a willingness to assist

MAINTENANCE

Over the winter the maintenance team will put up trellis at the side of the concrete hard standing near the car park. They are putting up a shed on this hard standing so that the benches etc can be stored there instead of in the changing rooms. We are also hoping to relay the path slabs to improve access to the clubhouse. If you can spare any time to help please contact Aaron Buckingham or Mike Evans

COACHING

We are already looking at coaching for next season and have a number of prospective new bowlers interested. If you know of anyone who might be interested please put them in touch with Alison. It has already been suggested that we run a session for members on reading the head. Any more ideas you have for improving your game would be welcome.

CLUB SHIRTS and JACKETS

A form has been introduced for placing (and tracking) your order for club shirts and jackets. The forms are on noticeboard by the kitchen. Please complete and hand or e-mail to Alison **with your cheque or cash**. The shirts take about 6 weeks to come through so think about ordering now ready for next season. A reminder.... there is a dress code for roll ups, greys below and predominantly white tops.

Bowls shoes **MUST** be worn at all times on the green.

COMPETITIONS

The finals weekend was well attended with spectators enjoying the refreshments available. A big thanks to all those who provided the cakes which were certainly enjoyed by everyone. Congratulations to all the winners.

Ladies 2 Woods

Sheila Waggott 16 Janet Thomas 15

Ladies 4 Woods

Alison Hammond 21 Jan Northern 18

Ladies Pairs

Brenda Blanch 16 Sylvia Lawrence 13
Jan Northern Janet Thomas

Mens 2 Woods

Richard Ford 16 Trevor Belsom 13

Mens 4 Woods

Richard Ford 21 Mike Evans 11

Mens Pairs

John Batcheldor 28 Adrian Allen 13
Andrew Peacock Chris Hogan

Mens Triples

John Batcheldor Barry Andrews
Trevor Belsom 20 Aaron Buckingham 16
Mike Hammond Mike Evans

Bill Kefford Trophy

Richard Ford 15 Connor Hart 12

Adam & Eve

Brenda Blanch 22 Colin Kane 16
Connor Hart Shay Mumford

Mixed Triples

Janet Thomas 17 Carol Rooker 10
Chris Hogan Aaron Buckingham
Richard Ford Adrian Allen

SOCIAL EVENTS

It has been agreed that we should have additional social events during the winter and on the 3rd Friday of each month Kay Evans is organising a programme of events:-

20th October – Bingo with a fish and chip supper

17th November – Quiz night teams of 6 player
15th December – Christmas Fun Night – mince pies and mulled wine.

All these start at 7pm in the club house, this is an opportunity to keep in touch with members during the close season.

Contact Kay on 01462 647122 if you have any queries.

Whist Drive – this will continue on the 1st Friday of the month at the STMA. It costs £3 for an evenings of friendly banter over a game of cards. There is always competition for the top and of course the bottom prize.

PRESENTATION EVENING

The date is set FRIDAY 3rd NOVEMBER.
It is not too late to book a ticket and even if you are not a competition winner please try to attend. This year the price has been kept to £7.50 which includes a buffet, dessert, and cheese board. Invite friends and family everyone is welcome. The entertainment is "It Takes Two" a duo who play a mixture of music.

AGM

Another date for your diary 14th November.

The wallpaper is up and there is still time to put names down for the various jobs. Just because there is already a name down it doesn't stop you from putting another name down as choices can be made on the night.

There is still time to put in any proposals of change to the Constitution. To date we have one proposal, all paperwork for the AGM will be sent out at least a week before the AGM and it would be great to see as many people as possible attending because remember this is your club and you have a say in how it is run.

OTHER NEWS

Pam Wyatt has been in hospital and suffered sepsis. Pam is now recovering slowly at home, we wish her a speedy recovery.

Alison & Mike Hammond went up to Scotland to participate in the Lochgoilhead Bowls Club Open Pair's competition. Despite HEAVY rain on the Friday before and Sunday after the competition the Saturday was glorious and the scenery spectacular. They ended up winning and Shefford Bowls Club was mentioned in the local newspaper – The Wee Goil. Two of the competing pairs were from Bannockburn Bowls

club – where Shefford played on its tour to Scotland in 2012.

Extract from "The Wee Goil" Newspaper.

The Bowling Club's final Open Competition for 2017 season was sponsored by Iain Christie of Haste Ltd. Bowlers from Bogleha, Ardentinny, Stirlingshire, Shefford in Bedfordshire and our own finest competed on Saturday 9th September, for their names to be added to the Autumn Pairs Shield



Iain Christie presenting the Shield to Mike & Alison Hammond from Bedfordshire.

The weather was fantastic, a lovely sunny warm day, and after five games of six ends semi finals and finals the winners were Mike & Alison Hammond from Shefford Bowling Club in Bedfordshire with runners up Andy Weir and Innes Malcolm from Bogleha.

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