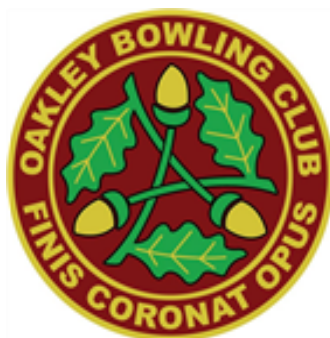


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FROM OUR PRESIDENT - JIM FITZGERALD



I hope you are enjoying the glorious weather at the moment, though at times can be uncomfortable to play in.

At our Open Spoon Drive on the 22nd April we had 56 members attending with 45 playing, which is a good turnout. A great day was had by all, thank you to Club Captain Barry for all his hard work as organiser of the day.

The Oakley C.A. Sports Weekend on the 29-30th April produced 17 new members signing up on the day and further new members signing during our Bowls for Fun events. Many thanks to all those involved in making it a successful weekend. I would also like to welcome the new members to Oakley Bowling Club.

We have played 6 friendlies up to date and I would like to thank those members who participated in these games. It was great to have a win against Basingstoke Town. Again I have to thank Club Captain Barry for all his hard work in organising these games. I would like to emphasize that any member can play in friendlies, new and old, so please check the sheet and put your name down should you wish to play. They are good fun and a way of improving your game.

I would like to congratulate all the members who have progress to the next round of the various competitions.

There is not much more to say except enjoy the rest of the season.

Captain's Log

from Barry Lee, Men's Captain



Hi to you all. Well June nearly over, and a lot of bowling has been done. I said in the 1st issue of the chronicle that we open on the 22nd April. A total of 56 members attended the afternoon, 44 of them took part in the Spoon Drive. We did the draw and played 4 ends then a second draw for another 4 ends then in for a cup of Tea and a couple of biscuits arranged by Margaret. Then after a good natter we all went out for another little session.

We had a job to find the Lady winner (as she forgot to do her card) but with help from Sean we announced that Hazel Solomon had the highest score just by 1 shot with Virginia Budd coming second. For the men Richard Startin was the winner with Malcolm Grime coming second. Well done to all the players and Thanks to the other members.

On Friday 5th May the men not bowling, just watching and helping for the Ladies playing the IOW Ladies Touring Team. It was a happy and enjoyable day.

Our 1st Friendly was Sunday 7th May when 24 Bowlers went to Devizes to play them as part of their 100th Anniversary. We all received a Coaster of their 2 greens and Pavilion, the weather was quite warm and sunny and the nice tea concluded with scones, jam & cream. The score was 94-127 (-33). We had 2 winning rinks, Peter Bown, Val Ryan, Frank Tuffs, Margaret Lee. with +4 shots and Jocky, Keith Turnbull, Averil Adams, Pat Fitzgerald. With +1 shot. Now comes the embarrassing bit, I got the wrong team down as the Highest winning rink. I did ring both teams and the Presi apologising and am hoping he has amended my mistake.

Our 2nd game was at Hawley on Saturday 13th May, again a nice sunny day (the green was not at its best). Alas we lost that game also 45-95 (-50) we did have 1 winning rink well done to Ian Rickman, Vera Rhodes, Barry Lee, winning by just +2 shots. Well done Ian having a good start to his season.

Our 3rd game was at Basingstoke Town, they had to drop 1 rink through lack of players. So only 5 rinks played AND we had our 1st WIN !! with 99-71 (+28) and 4 winning rinks & 1 drawn rink. The top rink was Stan Mond, John Ryan, Paula Taylor, Camila, with 24-11. The other winning skips were Derek Easton, Peter Bown, Keith Turnbull, and Jocky's rink Drew. I must thank those who stood down, Frank Tuffs, Ian Rickman, Martin Smith, and myself. The weather was a sunny day with a few clouds, and we won!!.

Now we come to our 4th game, this was at Waterlooville where we just got a team after a lot of ringing round. 6 Triples. The score was not as good 70-148 (-78). Thanks to Jim Dixon, Vera Rhodes, and Lesley Allard, only losing by 1 shot. My records show we have only won there once in over 20 years, 2003 (+39). The green is Synthetic and nearly like an Indoor green.

We move on to our 5th game where we hosted the Burghfield club as their Pavilion is not built yet and they were not able to have us at their green, their club did pay for their food. Unfortunately, it was our 1st home game I had a phone call 4 days before the game saying that they could only get 18 players, which meant I had to stand down 6 of our players they all kindly agreed not to play so a big thank you to Sandra Lee, Vera Rhodes, John Wilson, Shirley Goodwin, Mary & Keith Turnbull. This is what makes our club the best. We did not win but had 2 winning rinks. Very well done Val Ryan, Paula Taylor, Lesley Dumelow (+4) and Rita Meakin's rink with (+1) total score 88-100 (-12)

Next was our 6th game at Thatcham, I rang the Captain he said he had 18 players but would get 24. When we got there the captain said very sorry 3 have dropped out which made 3 full rinks and 3 Triples. We made sure that the scores on the triples had 25% of their total deducted. We still lost 84-118 (-34) well done to Peter Bown, Laura Butler, Vera Rhodes, Mary Turnbull with (+6) and Keith Turnbull's rink winning by +2.

The 7th Game should have been against Farnborough , The Captain rang to say we will have to cancel due to lack of players. They have a ladies Competition in the morning and the men have one in the evening.

You will be pleased to know 'thats it'. Jean & Ted, Peter Stewart, Charlie, did not get to play in their first friendly this year yet but hope they will have their names down on other games . So far 45 members have kindly played and I know at least 4 of our new members will be playing very soon.

Spencer's Snippets

from Spencer Kerley, General Secretary



The Open Weekend on 29th and 30th April was a great success and taken together with the Bowls4Fun course has resulted in our having recruited since last season a total of 25 new member. We welcome them all to the Club and hope they enjoy playing with us. Integrating new members into the Club is important and this year we have reserved rinks on the green on Thursday evenings so that new and existing bowlers can play some social games and, as necessary, receive advice from our coaches. Recruiting so many new members involved a good deal of work and our thanks go to the Recruitment and Retention Sub Committee for all their efforts but particular thanks must go to our Vice President Peter Bown and our three coaches Ruth Bown, Sue Dixon and Martin Budd who have given up so much of their time.

The canal boat trip on the Basingstoke canal proved a big success with 40 members taking part as the “John Pinkerton” made its way up to Winchfield and, with the sun out, members were able to enjoy the scenery before, on the return leg, going into the warm cabin and making use of the bar facilities. Thanks go to the Social Sub-Committee for organising the event.

Our attendance at a Car Boot Sale at Swallowfields proved very rewarding with over £550 being raised for Club Funds. The Club's thanks go to all who dug out items for sale but special thanks go to Ric, Martin, Barry, Kay, Janie, Pat and Jim, Barbara and Bob and Elaine and Simon who arose so early and worked so hard to achieve such a splendid result.

Well done to all the Oakley players that have qualified for County Area Finals. At the time of writing, individuals had qualified in the Men's Singles (2), the Men's and Women's Two Wood (Heather Statham having progressed onto the County Finals), the Women's Pairs, the Men's Triples (2), the Women's Triples, the Men's and Women's Fours and the Men's Senior Fours.

The Club's congratulations go to Nicole Rogers who has reached the Final of the County Junior Singles and will represent Hampshire at the National Championships in Leamington. Nicole has been selected also to represent England in the Junior Internationals to be held in July in Londonderry, Northern Ireland.

The Club is delighted that Bowls Hampshire has chosen three of its players to play in its inter County Championship teams. Ashley Nethercliffe has this year again been selected for the Middleton whilst Ruth Bown is again in the women's equivalent the Johns Trophy. In addition, this year Nicole Rogers made her debut in the Johns in Hampshire's big win over the Isle of Wight. Nicole has also been chosen for the Walker Cup team and is believed to be the youngest player to represent the County at this level.

The Clubmark assessor will be visiting the Club on Monday 24th July to review our accreditation and the visit has been timed to coincide with the afternoon's Spoon Drive for which we hope there will be a good turnout to demonstrate how well we are doing as a Club.

Ladies Secretary's Salutation

From Lesley Allard, Ladies Secretary



Many congratulations to all those who have reached the BH Area Finals, especially after having to play in the exceptional heat of the last week.

The North Hants Women's Bowling Association competitions have also been taking place and some of our ladies are doing very well too.

!NORTH HANTS LADIES FRIENDLIES !

Ladies, why not take advantage of what North Hants WBA has to offer, especially their Friendly games. These are for all lady players whether experienced or not and are a good way of getting to know ladies from other Clubs in a non-competitive, friendly atmosphere. There is a list of Friendly games to be played in August on the Notice Board in the ladies' cloakroom. Please do support Averil Adams, the President from Oakley, in her year of office. I am sure that you will enjoy yourself.

GET WELL SOON

It is good to see David Clewer playing again after his serious operation. We hope that Eric Lamkin is doing as he is told and managing not to fall in the garden again. We look forward to having you back with us Eric!

Best wishes to Margaret Cannell who I understand is now feeling better and is driving again.

CONGRATULATIONS

The Club's Congratulations and Best Wishes go to Fred and Eileen Smith (Martin's Parents), who celebrate their 70th Wedding Anniversary this month. Until last year Fred was one of the mainstays of the team at our Annual Barbeque, only 'retiring' after the age of 90.

90 seems to be the new 70 these days. Ron Baxter, age 90, was in the winning Club Drawn Triples team recently and Frank Tuffs, age 96, still puts up a mean wood or two.

Last week, in the Ladies League, my opposite number from Kingsclere was the legendary Joan Walker, age 97. The long jacks were a bit much for her but she still plays a good game (and talks for England). She sent her regards and especially asked after Nancy Goosey.

We are all looking forward to Jim's tour based in Sidmouth. Here's hoping for some good weather then!

Special Thanks

DENIS CARTER

Margaret and family would like to express their thanks for all the cards and flowers they received after the sudden death of Denis.

He would have been humbled and honoured at the number of Oakley Bowlers who attended his funeral and wake.

Thanks for donations of £900 which was shared between Oakridge House and Naomi House.
Margaret Carter.

JACK HIGH RESULTS

From Coral Wearn

<div>  <h1>Jack High Draws</h1> <h2>- 2017 -</h2>  </div>				
November	£30	75-Trevor Wearn	£10	37-Roger Coombs
December	£30	39-Jim Fitzgerald	£10	25-Fred Smith
January	£30	180-Terry Varndell	£10	14-Barbara Goodyear
February	£50	88-Frank Tuffs	£10	65-Christine Easton
March	£50	41-Florrie Ramshaw	£10	36-Peter Stewart
April	£50	25-Fred Smith	£10	23-Norman Frost
May	£50	74-Pat Fitzgerald	£10	43-Pat Goodall
June	£50	123-Derek Easton	£10	27-Linda Smith
July	£50		£10	
August	£50		£10	
September	£50		£10	
October	£50		£10	

On the Green

From Trevor Wearn

As I write this the incredibly hot Mediterranean-like summer we've been experiencing for a few days seems to have deserted us and we're back down 10°C to a temperature we would normally regard as pretty good for an English summer. Typically though, also for an English summer, it's cloudy and there's a wind blowing – but no rain! Despite forecasts of thunderstorms and torrential rain for our area today, they seem to have passed us by, and that, I hate to say, is a problem right now as the Green could definitely do with a good dousing. It's strange, but no matter how much the irrigation is used, and our water comes straight from a well, it's only rain which seems to green it back up. The regular application of a wetting agent has helped any available moisture spread evenly through the soil, but the greatly increased use of the Green by our very healthy membership (I wonder how many other clubs in the county have to put up 7 rinks to keep up with the demand for games) is beginning to take its toll. So, unless it rains soon, you may have to get used to bowling on a brown 'Green' – but it will be quick! What am I saying, this is England, it will rain soon!

As many of you probably know I had a bit of a splat with a ladder and a tiled patio while over in Spain at the beginning of May, which left me in a bit of pain and an inability to do much work for a couple of weeks, and I would like to thank those on the Green Team who 'went the extra mile' and took on my share of the work and put up with me giving 'advice' from the safety of the banks. Unfortunately this highlighted the point I was trying to make in the last issue of the 'Chronicle', which was the vulnerability of all of us on the team in our advancing years. Things can go badly wrong and inevitably will put extra strain on the team when they do, underlining the need for more help. Sadly I did not receive a single comment, let alone any offers following that article.

Back now if I could to the usage of the Green, in a few weeks our involvement in all the various competitions will be over and there will be plenty of available rinks, but at the moment it's a fine balance trying to spread the wear evenly over the Green, putting competition games on preferred rinks and accommodating leagues etc so if you cancel a game for any reason and you have a rink booked, please make sure you cancel that booking as well. Also there are still some members expressing a preference for a rink for a Club competition, but if you read the guidelines on the cover of the Rink Diary this is not allowed.

Sermon over, the gardens and Green are looking particularly good as usual (find me a club which looks better!) with hardly a weed in sight, that is apart from the few stubbornly sticking out from the bottom of the hedge. They're not supposed to be there, so if you see one, please feel free to pull it up. None of us on the team will mind one little bit!

Enjoy the rest of the season (it never seems to last very long, does it?) and good luck to all of you still involved in competitions,

COACHING

From Ruth Bown

23 New Members have been recruited since the start of the season, what a beginning!

During the last month, Sue, Martin and I have put most of these new members through the “Bowls 4 Fun” sessions, one of which was a theory session due to inclement weather – we went through the etiquette of the game, some of the basic rules and the standards we wish to uphold as a club.

Those who can have also been regular attendees of the Monday afternoon drives and they are coming on in leaps and bounds. Sue, Martin and I have tried to attend these sessions to ensure they are helped and given correct advice on bowling technique, and how to ‘play in a game situation’.

All the new members are very keen and are now ready to start playing friendly games and league games. So, if you captain a league team and are short of players, do get in touch with some of these new members. Peter and I have a full list of their contact details - so no excuses!

I have advised all the new members to purchase proper bowls shoes, a pair of grey and white trousers and some waterproofs. They are still using club bowls, but again I have given them all links to places where pre-loved bowls are available and the details for Cotswold Bowls Shop. If they need to borrow bowls from the club, I have advised them all that as long as they contact either me, Sue or Martin and return them ASAP this should be OK.

Thursday night continues to be "Club Night", and as of 6th July this is open to **ALL** members. Where possible your three qualified coaches will be in attendance and a plan is being put in place and will be posted on the notice board in the clubhouse as to the aims and objectives of each session. This is subject to rink availability but two rinks have been put aside every Thursday so hopefully we can get approximately 2 hours of coaching in each week.

This is followed by a trip to the Malshanger Club for a well-earned drink and a chat about what went well, and what didn't go quite to plan, and allows you, the membership, to chat to the coaches about general or specific queries.

Tuffs Teasers

from Frank Tuffs

Flower Anagrams

1. Shy pip goal
2. A shunt ploy
3. More rips
4. Had ail
5. Lace mist
6. Ruin a gem
7. Coin rave
8. Worn pods
9. Love it
10. Rap mule
11. A wee pest
12. Up in tea
13. I not ace
14. A train con



Editor's Corner (Sandra Lee):

QUOTES BY FAMOUS PEOPLE

"For every minute you remain angry, you give up 60 seconds of peace of mind"

Ralph Waldo Emerson, US Philosopher (1803-82).

"Always forgive your enemies; nothing annoys them so much"

Oscar Wilde, Irish Playwright, Novelist and "Poet (1854-1900).

1st Year of Gardening

My first year of spending as much time as possible in the garden. I am not a natural gardener, as soon as creepy crawlies appear I'm off!

I have persevered this year and have a colourful garden with geraniums, begonias and many plants I cannot remember their names. I do love my roses, though two of mine obviously didn't read the instructions as they have both grown way above their height, one was 6ft but has now reached the top of the house which makes it a job for Husband with ladder when it comes to dead heading.

We have lots of birds, who would think small birds could eat so much! The two robins follow us around the garden. The mistle thrush decided to land on our dining room window ledge and knocked on the window no doubt wanting fed and spotted us eating.

We had a young injured pigeon who came and sat on our wall near the back door waiting for us to come out. Husband was very helpful in catching it, mind you never knew a pigeon could run so fast. He took it round to the animal rescue place in the village and we have since heard that our pigeon is thriving.

Can someone explain to me why after weeding you go out the next day and more have appeared. Is there a weed fairy that pops up during the night?

After my small attempts in the garden it has given me a greater admiration for everyone who looks after our green, gardens, pots etc. Thank you all very much.

As its not rained its time to go and water the garden!

Bowling in April is such fun!

Thanks to Jonathan Rouse for this picture of some of our members bowling at the start of the season.



Thank goodness the weather has improved!

Tuffs Teasers - Possible Answers

1. Gypsophila
2. Polyanthus
3. Primrose
4. Dahlia
5. Clematis
6. Geranium
7. Veronica
8. Snowdrop
9. Violet
10. Primula
11. Sweet Pea
12. Petunia
13. Aconite
14. Carnation