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WEST MOORS MEMORIAL BOWLS CLUB

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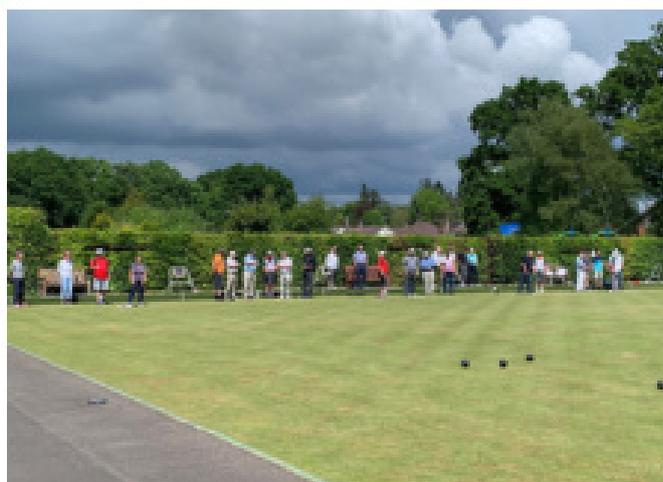
A warm welcome to our WMMBC Newsletter

Welcome to our first quarterly newsletter all about our Club.

This edition celebrates our 75th anniversary and other news and stories. Hope you enjoy!

We would love your input

We'd love to receive any suggestions regarding content for this newsletter. It could be regarding past stories about the club or characters, photographs from the archives, or suggestions as to what content you would like to see. Any wins for the club or individuals or images of our season at home or away. Please send anything you'd like to be included to our Editor, details on last page.



WMMBC News

We had the most successful Open Day we have had in recent years with more than 80 people through the door. Potential members enjoyed a taster coaching session with one of our coaches and joined us afterwards for hot drink and cakes (or a drink from the bar). It was a perfect day for bowling and we had brilliant support from many of our members who as ever gave up their precious time to support the club, be it in organising the day, coaching, meeting and greeting, buddying with new members or managing the kitchen and bar. One BiG thank you.

In May we had a visit from Bowls Direct who brought a selection of bowling clothing and equipment which was a really well attended event.

Following this our team had a busy week with coaching for over 30 ladies and gentlemen who booked during the Open Day. As a result we now have 24 new members who we warmly welcome to WMMBC as the class of 2025! They are already making a big impact, joining our match practice sessions and signing up for internal and friendly competitions.

Improvements to the Club continue with new contemporary honours boards being displayed in the Clubhouse showing past and present winners.

All the notice boards around the club have also been refurbished. And of course we have our smart new shirts and badges which have been well received.

We were also delighted to receive new mats via a sponsorship with GoodOaks Care, who provide care in the home throughout East Dorset.

And we recently took delivery of a new iron, which rolls the green and is splendidly being demonstrated by Dave Oakes in the picture. We should certainly notice an improvement in the surface of the green.





Social Events

Throughout the winter season our members enjoyed a varied timetable of social events including quizzes, a race night, beetle drive, New Year party, as well as our infamous Friday night socials.

Saturday lunchtime is always popular with the bar open to members.

A big thank you to the social team as always and Chris and the bar team, plus those who help in the kitchen to make our socials so much fun.



Murder Mystery

In March a bunch of amateur thespians from the club performed (a loose term!) in our annual Murder Mystery, written by our long standing member and quiz master extraordinaire John Jepson.

Members who attended were treated to a superb dinner and the chance to be amateur sleuths for the evening.

Great fun was had by all and a number of members guessed the murderer and their motive.



KitAid

In May our Vice President Chris and Membership Secretary Kim were delighted to be able to present members donations of unwanted kit to KitAid.

KitAid are a charity set up to fund a home for sports kit to deprived countries where sport is loved but many are unable to afford kit. The charity have donated over 1M items to countries in Africa, Asia, South America and Eastern Europe since 1998.



Garden Heroes

You may have noticed our lovely pots and flowerbeds around the green and clubhouse.

Our two unsung heroes Linda Linge and Patricia Kingdon along with some able assistants have worked tirelessly to create a colourful vision which is a credit to the club and gives all visitors a warm welcome. The pots are sponsored by individual members each year.



Outdoor Bowling

We couldn't wait to get outdoors after a long winter and with a great start to the year weather-wise we started playing (in our new kit) in the sunshine for a change. We continued in high spirits after our successful open day with a friendly against Pelham which was played in great spirits.

Our annual President versus Vice President day had a great turnout with the VP team being just pipped at the post.

Our external teams have all had a good start to the season with some notable results. A team of four of our men were beaten in the semi- final of the Bowls Dorset Men's Fours , but it was a great achievement to get this far. On Sunday 8th June a ladies team consisting of Jill Bell, Kim Best, Karen Oakes and Debbie Fry competed in the the Bowls Dorset Ladies Senior Fours and are through to the County Final. Huge congratulations and good luck in the final.

A friendly match against The Grange took place in early June. Although we were beaten it was a great afternoon, the second time we have hosted the team from Derby. Many of the team know Ray Morgan as he hails from there and they can't wait to return on their next Dorset tour in 2 years time.

We've now kicked off our Friday Night Tripes and Wednesday Night Spoons competitions and look forward to some fun and exciting matches. The next notable competitions will be the Misty Cup, which will be hotly competed for by our novices throughout July and August. The Ladies v Men competition on June 29th, will as always be highly competitive!

We wish all our players a highly successful season and we will be sharing the results in our next Newsletter.

Karen is doing a great job developing our junior team and is passionate about promoting bowls as a sport for all ages. She is running coaching sessions on a Wednesday evening for the scouts and hopefully we'll find some budding future bowlers. More on this in later Newsletters.



Member Spotlight

In each edition of our Newsletter we'll be highlighting one particular member who goes over and above to support the club. Our wonderful Eunice Hartstone spends many an hour cutting the green and generally being a lovely cheerful face around the club. Thanks for everything you do Eunice, it's much appreciated by all!

Sponsors

Once again we would like to thank our sponsors Brewer and Brewer and Atkins Bland for their support this year. Their generous donations really help us to invest in the club for essential maintenance, replace equipment and this year we were able to subsidise some of the costs involved in our new shirts and the 75th anniversary celebrations. In addition we have had sponsorship from GoodOaks for our new mats which look very smart.

Short Mat

We had a fabulous short mat season with many new members with club sessions and internal competitions being very well attended.

We have a large group of players now for league games and even have 2 teams competing in the Dorset league.

16 members of the short mat section arranged a week away in Oakhampton where they played bowls and other team sports and had a great time. They are planning to do the same again next season.

As with the outdoor bowlers there was new kit, including smart red fleeces and gilets and next season there will also be the new shirts available for short mat members.

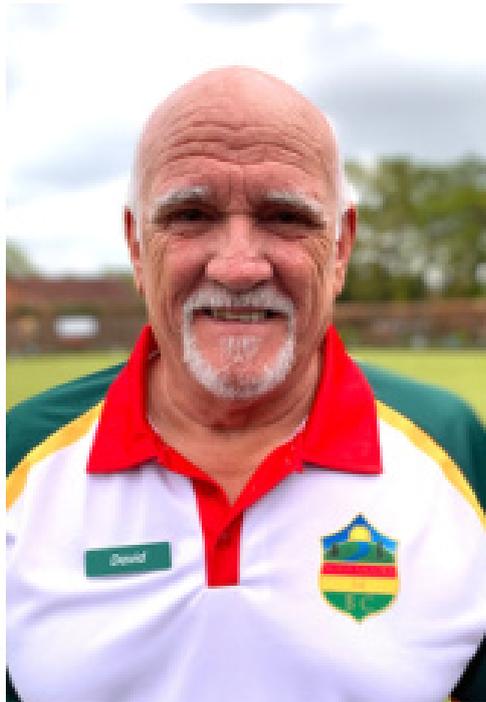
Finals for the internal competitions were held over 2 weekends as there are now 4 competitions to accommodate and there was an excellent turnout to watch these.

Next season will see an extra session on Friday evenings (we will still have our Friday night socials) which will hopefully keep the bar busy, and we will also be welcoming USA members on a Thursday morning throughout the season.

We also hope to see some of our new outdoor members experiencing the short mat game next season.



Spotlight on our committee members



David Rose, President

This is Dave's first year as Club President and he has already made a big impact on the Club.

He joined at an important time for WMMBC, in our 75th anniversary year. There has been a number of changes and investments in the Clubhouse, such as new modern honours boards, new shirts, investment in equipment for the green and a number of marketing initiatives, even appearing with Kim our membership secretary on local radio to advertise our Open Day!

He likes to be visible around the club and is happy to listen to anyone's ideas about how we can become even better.

And of course Dave's always up for a party so we look forward to finding more things to celebrate in the future!



Trevor Brown, Men's Captain

Trevor has been the Men's Captain for 2 seasons and has been playing Bowls for over 10 years. He took up bowls as a less strenuous sport after playing tennis and badminton and joined WMMBC in 2021, having moved to Dorset from Woking in Surrey.

He represents the club in the Bournemouth and District, Bowls Dorset and New Forest Leagues. He also takes part in a number of the association's knockout competitions and coaches new members.

He was previously Vice President and a member of the green keeping team. Trevor says the best part of being Men's Captain is being able to develop the men's section with support from the selection committee.

His second favourite thing is now driving the new roller across the green and imagining that he's driving a combine harvester.



Celebrating 75 years of West Moors Bowls Club

What a brilliant time we had celebrating 75 years of West Moors Memorial Bowls Club. We certainly know how to throw a party!

We had over 90 members of the club attend our celebration and the Mayor and Mayoress of Wimborne.

Members enjoyed a hog roast and of course the bar was open all afternoon. We also had a fabulous performance by PUPs (Poole Ukelele Pluckers and Strummers) featuring of course the lovely Kim our membership secretary.

Three of our members dressed as they would have back in the day, how things have changed!

You can find more pictures on our private Facebook group, so we encourage you to join if you are on FB.

Details on our noticeboard. .



Thank you for reading!

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