

Fleming Park May 2022 Newsletter

Hi all.

Update from April.

The kitchen floor covering has been renewed, special thanks to Kevin and Norman in assisting in the removal and re-installation of the kitchen equipment.

A big thank you goes to Kevin & Alison Anderson, Mick Betteridge for replenishing three of our hanging baskets the other two are going to be replenished by Paul Bowler on his return from holiday.

The coaching course held on 30th April, was well supported, from the feedback very well appreciated, in fact those that attended have asked if another course could be held. This will be looked into towards the end of the season.

We are again this year participating in Bowls England Big Weekend, on 28th/29th May this is designed to bring new people into bowls, if you think you could help we would like to hear from you.

Australian Pairs Competitions.

Men's Pairs Competition

Twelve teams completed in Fleming Parks inaugural Australian Pairs competition, which included one team from Parkside and one from Follands.

The weather was dry, windy and overcast to start off with, as the competition progressed the sun came out, but the wind did not subside.

There were six rounds with the highest scoring pairs going through to the semi-final. The four semi-finalists were: -



Jim Heard & Martyn Rowell, Alan Forrest & Clive Puttock, Mike Millington & Paul Burton and Paul Sidwell & Mark Wilkinson (Follands)

The final was contended by Alan & Clive and Mike & Paul it was very close, on the last end Mike & Paul needed four shots' to tie the match and force it into an extra end, with Mike bowling the last bowl he delivered a perfect delivery to get the four shots needed. The extra end was also very close, but the experience of Alan & Clive saw them through.

Mixed Pairs Competition.

As with the men's pairs twelve teams took part, with one from Romsey and one from Parkside.

We could not have asked for a better day weather wise sun shone through out.

With teams split into two pools there were five rounds, by the end of these the scores were very close, shot's gained decided the semi-finalist.



Jerry Kennard & Denise Millichip, Mick Betteridge & Dawn Chard, Mike & Karen Millington and George & Angela Alexander (Parkside)

With the runners up from their pool's going on to contend the final, Mick & Dawn and George & Angela. The final was rather one sided with Mick & Dawn run away winners.

On speaking to everyone taking part in both competitions they thoroughly enjoyed the competition no matter what the outcome. They all said they would like the club to repeat these competitions.

Friendlies

The club has arranged two friendlies the uptake so far has been slow, these are put on for the members not the club. So please if you are available please enter your name on the relevant sheets on the notice board. This is a good way for new members to learn the game. We strongly advise you to enter.

It would be good if we can have teams of club members like last year, without having to go to other clubs to fill rinks.

Non Smoking Area

The area around the artificial green is strictly non-smoking, so will be the area to the left from events hall fire exit doors face our green.

We are having to enforce this more as the artificial green suffered another cigarette burn recently.

Forth coming events and fixture's: -

1. Saturday 25th June mixed friendly against Strawberry Hill Bowls Club, home.
2. Friday 8th July mixed friendly against Essex Vice-Presidents Association, home.
3. Wednesday 3rd August 4 rink mixed triples over 55's match against Banister Park, away.
4. Saturday/ Sunday 17th/18th September finals weekend
5. Saturday 24th September Bounds Trophy.
6. Saturday 12th November presentation evening.
7. Wednesday 16th November AGM

Wednesday's and Friday's roll ups are now under way, this a good way for new members to meet and practice with club members.

There will be charge of £1 every time one attends, towards the end of the season we hope to hold a barbeque type event.

Kind regards

Geoff