



Oak Hill Bowls Club

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Membership

We have had a promising start to the season with a number of new members joining the club, and one or two "old faces" bowling again after a break of a couple of years.

The new members include - as full-playing members, John and Rose Norman (John has already taken part in the 2-wood pairs competition) and as Associate members, Jay Patel, Rita Parmar, Tammy and Andy Dunham, and Luz Martinez.

At the latest count, this brings our bowling membership to 54 full-playing and 14 associate members. It is particularly good that the number of women bowlers has been boosted by these new members.

At least 8 other potential members have had initial coaching in the last couple of weeks, so we can be hopeful of more new members joining the club in the next month. It is particularly gratifying that, without exception, these new bowlers have remarked about the warm welcome they have received at our club, so we hope that all our members will make them feel very welcome and that they will enjoy their time at Oak Hill.



Barnet u3a Group

Our group within the Barnet u3a has continued to meet on Friday afternoons. We have had between 4 and 8 members every week. A number have been paying £5 per session after having had their first 3 free sessions.



Some have shown an interest in joining as Associate members, in which case we will discount their cost of membership by the amounts they have already paid. Mike Lillywhite has actually paid to join the club as an Associate member, so will be able to take part in other club activities, in a similar way to other Associate members.

One condition of the Friday afternoon group is that it is exclusive to members of the u3a, so any of our members who belong to the u3a are welcome to come along at 2pm every Friday.

50/50 Club

Members can purchase numbers for our new 50/50 Club scheme, to raise funds for the club, from Kay Comer. Please join this fund-raising initiative – “you must be in it to win it”.

The winner of the first draw, at the end of May, was John Abson. Future monthly winners are guaranteed a prize of at least £80 – more if additional members take part.

Club Competitions

The men's 2-woods singles competition was held on Monday 25th May, with Martin Williams and Matthew Tang qualifying for the final, which will be held at our finals weekend in September. The 2-wood pairs competition took place on Saturday 13th June. 24 members took part, including a number of our newer bowlers. The pairs who reached the final were Vernon Raymond and Martin Williams, and Chris Burvill and Matthew Tang.

In order to give more members the opportunity to take part in competitions the officers have agreed to extend the entry date for competitions to Saturday 27th June, the date of the mixed triples competition. The draw for the remaining competitions will be made at the club-night on the 2nd July, so there is still time for members to make additional entries.

The remaining fixed-date competitions (mixed triples, Aussie pairs and Bob Sawyer Trophy) will be open for full-playing and Associate members to take part. For these competitions we will no longer insist that members dress in whites. However, we would ask that all players wear either a white or club shirt.

Club Shirts

We have sent off an initial order for the new club shirts and jackets from Zapkam, with the club bearing the cost of postage. For future orders Zapkam have the facility for individual members to process their own.

However, if several members require shirts it may be more economical for them to process a collective order. Please let us know if you require a new shirt and/or jacket and we will try to co-ordinate this.



England Call-up

Having had another successful para bowling tournament, this time in Leamington Spa, Rhys has been selected to represent England in the 4-nations para bowls tournament in Ayr Scotland, from the 22nd to 24th June. It is a huge distinction for Rhys and a worthy reward for all the hard work he puts into his bowling.

As at the end of the 24th, with just one singles match to play against Scotland, Rhys had lost a pairs match against Wales on the last bowl, lost a pairs match against Scotland, won a pairs match against Ireland, won a singles match against Ireland, and then won a singles match against Wales.

Playing at Leamington Spa over the weekend of the 21st June, Rhys has qualified for the National Finals of the Para Singles competition. Playing with Aaron from Harperbury, they have also qualified for the finals of the Para Pairs.



Sponsors

One way of maintaining our club subscriptions at a reasonably competitive level is through the financial support of a number of sponsoring companies. This year, the firm of solicitors who have been handling our CIO application and the ongoing discussions with Barnet Council about a new lease – Vanderpump and Sykes – have joined this list of sponsors. In addition, we are very grateful for the continuing support of Churchills Funeral Directors, Burlington Wealth and the Railway Tavern.

We plan to invite some of these sponsors to come to the club on future barbecue club-nights to give a brief explanation of the services they offer, anticipating that these services may be useful to some of our members. We are hopeful that we might be able to add to this list of sponsors, so would be very pleased to hear from any members with ideas of individuals or companies that might be willing to provide financial support to the club.

ASM/Green Maintenance

ASM have asked that we make the green available for a whole day in early / mid July for them to apply the summer granular feed. We have agreed that they carry out this work on Thursday 9th July. This means that the green will not be available for play throughout that day, as ASM will be applying the feed in the morning and they require the feed to be watered in during the day.



Club-nights and Post-match Catering

The programme for club-night refreshments for the next few weeks is –

- 25th June – Fish and Chips, organised by Ian Wilson
- 2nd July – Barbecue prepared by Junior Brewster and Mike de Campi
- 9th July – TBA, cooks Louise and Sian
- 16th July – Barbecue prepared by Martin Woodrow
- 23rd July – Kebabs take away, or fish and chips

On the 11th June we had a very enjoyable film night, organised by Julian and Annika, when 20 members watched the film “Mrs Harris goes to Paris”, starring Lesley Manville.



We still require volunteers to provide the food and lay out the tables, etc. for various evening matches. A list is posted on the notice board near the kitchen. Sian has produced a sample shopping list and guideline budget for providing a ploughman’s supper to help those who have not done this before.

Club-night Bowling

We would encourage members to come along on Thursday nights and join in bowling before the club-night food. To give sufficient time for members to bowl and then enjoy the evening food, the food will be served at 7.30pm.

Starting on the 2nd July we will be running the **Acorn trophy** on a fortnightly schedule. Details will be put on the competitions notice-board and we would encourage members to come and enjoy some slightly different formats of bowls.

We will be running a markers course on the 9th July, and would encourage all members who are likely to mark any club singles matches to come along. Please let us know if you would like other specific training or assistance and we will try to provide this.

County Competitions

Our men lost to Townsend in the Top Club knock-out competition and to Sawbridgeworth in the Top Ten competition. They have played one County league match against Potters Bar, winning on both rinks.

Our ladies lost their first County League match against a very strong team from Welwyn Garden City.

Vets League

In our first five Vets league matches we beat Selborne by 7 points to 1, won at Winchmore Hill by 6 points to 2, won by 8 points to 0 at Cockfosters, lost by 6 points to 2 on a difficult green at North London, then won by 8 points to 0 at Arnos. Our next matches are away at Potters Bar on the 28th June, at home to Bury Lodge on the 1st July (match postponed from the 11th June) and away to Bishopswood on the 2nd July. After this, most of our remaining matches will be played at home.



Prentice Cup

Our team beat Muswell Hill on both rinks in our first match in the Prentice Cup, but then lost narrowly on both rinks against Bounds Green. The format of this competition is a team of 8 players (open to both ladies and men) with 1 rink playing at home and 1 rink away. The next scheduled matches are against Bury Lodge on the 30th June and against Grovelands on the 14th July.

Enfield & District Sunday League

In our first match in this league our team beat Holtwhites by 4 points to 1. In their second match we lost narrowly against Grovelands by 3 points to 2. Our scheduled match against Bury Lodge on the 21st June was cancelled because of the forecast of very warm weather.

Individual District Competitions

These competitions have now, in most cases, reached the last 16 stage. As far as we are aware, the following individuals / teams have reached the last 16 in their particular competitions –

- Singles – Rob Petty, Mike Levy, Junior Brewster
- Pairs – Junior Brewster and Julian Shulman, Damian Treanor and John Abson, Martin Woodrow and Bill Germaney
- Triples – Rhys Lewis

Apologies to any members who have also reached this stage, without their results being recorded on the notice board that we have viewed.