Oak Hill Bowls Club

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Oak Hill at Potters

Following the conclusion of the outdoor bowls season,

and with some preparations for next year well underway, here is our latest news.

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Charitable status

Many of you will have heard that our application for the club to be granted charitable status as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation has been accepted by the Charity Commission. This puts the club on a new footing with a number of potential advantages. The club will retain the title **Oak Hill Bowls Club** under registered charity number 1220357. The club has been granted charitable status because of our activity promoting the sport of lawn bowls. This acceptance means we have a number of further changes to make.

The Commission accepted our application on the main condition that the social activities of the club were covered by a separate organisation, including the management of the bar. Over the next few weeks, we will therefore be working on a separate application to Companies House to establish a new company – a Community Interest Company with suggested name **Oak Hill Bowls Social Club** – to manage all the existing social activities of the club. We have been advised that this application should be processed more rapidly than our CIO application.

Club AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the club will be held on Saturday 5th December at 11am. At this meeting, in addition to receiving annual reports from the club captains, treasurer and president, we will ratify the appointment of the club's initial trustees - John Abson, Paulette Cowan, Pete Headland, Rhys Lewis, Yin Man and Julian Shulman.

These trustees are named in the club's governing constitution document, based on a proforma from the Charity Commission.

In addition to the trustees, we need to appoint officers to manage the club on a day-to-day basis. These will be defined in a separate document and at the AGM we will accept nominations and vote to elect officers of the new club –

Club President
Club Secretary
Club Treasurer
Men's Captain and Vice-captain
Ladies' Captain and Vice-captain
Fixture Secretary
Competitions Secretary
Green Ranger
Men's Membership Secretary
Ladies' Membership Secretary

A nomination sheet for these officers has been posted on the notice board in the club-house. Nominations can also be submitted directly to Sian Allen using the separate single nomination form that will be circulated with this newsletter. Please remember that each nomination must be proposed and seconded, and also have the agreement of the nominee. Nominations must be submitted by the 1st December. Voting at the AGM is restricted to life members, full-playing members and associate members.

Club Competitions and Finals Weekend

The majority of the finals of club competitions were held over the weekend of the 13th / 14th September.

The results were –

Ladies' Championship - Paulette Cowan beat Sian Allen
Men's Championship - Terry Doe beat Martin Woodrow
Ladies' Handicap Singles - Louise McKie beat Lynn Wallis
Men's Handicap - Erol Hussein beat Jason Laurence
Men's 2-wood Singles - Martin Williams beat Matthew Tang
Ladies 2-wood Singles - Sian Allen beat Louise McKie
Junior Singles - Bill Germaney beat Paulette Cowan
Vets Singles - Terry Doe beat Bill Germaney
Novice Singles - Chris Burvill beat Vernon Raymond
Men's Pairs - Terry Doe & Mike de Campi beat Rob Petty & Brian Usher
Ladies Pairs - Sian Allen & Ines Asis beat Paulette Cowan & Lynn Wallis
Mixed 2-wood Pairs - Martin Williams & Vernon Raymond w.o (walkover) Matthew Tang & Chris Burvill
Mixed Triples - Erol Hussein, Sian Allen & Yin Man beat Damian Treanor, Louise McKie & Julian Shulman



Men's Champ
Terry Doe



Ladies' Champ
Paulette Cowan



Novice Singles
Chris Burvill

Community Interest Company

Oak Hill Bowls Social Club

At the AGM we will also bring members up-to-date on the preparation and processing of our application to register a company to manage the social activities of the club.

This will involve the election of directors of the club, as well as the officers responsible for its day-to-day management. We hope that this application will be submitted and accepted well before the beginning of next season, so are provisionally planning to hold the first AGM of the Social Club on Saturday 6th March.

John Golding Memorial Trophy

We play a number of indoor matches during the winter and would encourage members to put their names forward for these games. Our first match, against Glebelands, as the first of two legs for the John Golding Memorial Trophy, was played on the 7th November, with Glebelands taking a 113-76 lead into the second leg to be played on the 20th March.

For those who do not know, John was the President of Oak Hill when the club celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2006. He was also President of Glebelands at the time of his death. In his will he left a bequest to our club and we decided to use it to purchase a trophy for which the two clubs compete. We used the rest of the bequest towards the purchase of some new club shirts – the current design.

Potters

Thirty Oak Hill members and friends enjoyed a lovely trip to the Potters resort in Norfolk from the 19th to the 23rd October. Many thanks are due to Jackie Robinson for organising the trip.

We entered 5 teams in the bowls competition, with 38 teams taking part. We all played 4 matches against other teams, with Oak Hill having a successful tournament. Three of our teams qualified for the quarter-finals and one team – Tom Hobden, Annika Strandberg, Julian Shulman and Martin Woodrow – reached the final, only losing to a very close measure on the last end.



Open Triples League

Our open league on Tuesday mornings concluded on the 22nd September, when the final matches were followed by a buffet lunch when all the participating teams were presented with their prize money. The overall standard of play was very good, with the competition among the teams very close.

The eventual winning team were the "Scorpions" (Terry Doe's team, comprising Terry, Rhys Lewis, Andrew Cohen, Hassan Jamal and Gary Burns).

U3A Groups

In the summer we held a group for members of the Barnet U3A (University of the Third Age) on Friday afternoons. We had 7 members attending on a regular basis and we hope that some of them may well join Oak Hill next season.

On the back of this venture, we have arranged with Glebelands to run a similar group, also on Friday afternoons, from 2.30 to 4.30pm. So far we have had 11 U3A members come along, and another 2 have contacted us in the last couple of days, so again, we hope that this initiative may result in some prospective bowlers at Oak Hill.



Christmas Meal

A number of us enjoyed an "end of season" meal at the Railway Tavern on the evening of the 1st October. Many thanks to Derek for organising the event, and also for his work with the Tavern.

We will be holding a Christmas meal at the Railway Tavern on Thursday 10th December from 1pm to 4pm. The cost will be £18.75. Can you please let Derek or Jackie know if you are able to come. It would be great to get a good number of us together to share a meal, and to be able to support one of the club's most loyal sponsors.



North London Hospice

The club has for a number of years provided support for the North London Hospice. Due to your generous donations we have donated over £250 to the hospice this year.

