May 18th 2025

Another very full day of bowling today.

In the morning our men played in their Top Club game against Newick (Away) with a start time of 10am, a slightly earlier start than usual. We fielded a really strong team, the weather was perfect, sunny, with little breeze and were ready for the challenge as Newick are a strong side.

Les Wenham (2-wood singles) and John McMahon (4-wood singles) both lost their games to very strong opponents on a very sluggish green, with some strange lines. The Triples (Steve Ogden, Terry O'Neil and Carl Deller) won their game after going behind initially, they played brilliantly as a team. Shaun and Clive in the pairs got the jump on their opponents and never went behind, they were leading by 5-shots going into the final 18 end. Unfortunately, the Newick pairs called in the umpire on the 18th end to measure and claimed 5 shots, resulting in a tie, so a further end was played, which was won by Newick. The rink, was Martin G, Robin LP, Colin and Barry, they also fought hard resulting in another tie after 18-ends, they played a further end and unfortunately, they lost too. The final result Newick 4 wins to our 1.

The result does not reflect the quality of our team today and even though we lost, the pairs and the rink came so close to winning. Unfortunately, Newick continue forwards to the next round and our Men's team are out of Top Club 2025. Both Shaun and Clive would like to thank all the players, to congratulate and commiserate with each and every one of you, it was not our day, now our focus shifts to the Brighton and Hove league and the various county competitions.

In the afternoon we hosted Buxted Park at home, 5 rinks again in lovely sunshine and light breeze. Our green played really well and Buxted brought a good side and unfortunately, they were ahead across the rinks, except one at tea time, (after 9-ends). The second half saw Buxted creep further ahead and won across all rinks, but it was a lovely day, they were a very friendly bunch and everyone enjoyed the day. The final score was Buxted 109, to our 47.

Thank you to Sandi and Sue O for running the bar, June for the raffle, Peter T, Tony and Gloria for serving the tea and especially Gloria who made some lovely bread pudding, thank you all. Thank you also to the band of loyal spectators who watched the game and supported us.