Short Mat Captain - Peacehaven and Telscombe Bowls Club

Position Title:
Short Mat Captain

Reports To:
Club Committee / Club Membership

Term of Office:
Typically one year, renewable by election at the Bowls End of Season Meeting

Purpose of the Role:
The Short Mat Captain provides leadership and coordination for the playing activities of short mat. They act as the link between members, teams, and the committee—promoting participation, sportsmanship, and a positive club culture. The Captain plays an important role in ensuring smooth running of matches, events, and player development throughout the season. Sits on and reports to the Management Committee.

Skills and Qualities:

- Strong leadership and interpersonal skills
- Good communication and organisational abilities
- Enthusiastic, approachable, and fair-minded
- Knowledge of short mat bowls rules, etiquette, and club operations
- Ability to motivate and support volunteers and players
- General computer skills

Key Responsibilities:
Leadership & Representation

- Serve as the figurehead for the club's short mat playing members and represent them on the committee.
- Foster team spirit, inclusion, and respect.
- Lead by example in behaviour, sportsmanship, and commitment to the club.

Team Management

- Oversee team selection in consultation with others.
- Ensure teams are organised and notified for all matches and competitions.
- Support new and existing players, encouraging development and participation.

Match and Event Coordination

- Work with the Short Mat Match Secretary to coordinate fixtures, competitions, and social bowls events.
- Ensure the smooth running of match days, including equipment, and scorecards.
- Ensure the mats are ready for play.
- Organise the annual presentation of awards coordinating with the Competitions Secretary (Short Mat and Bowls), the President and the Vice Captains.

Communication

- Act as a point of contact between players and the committee.
- Communicate clearly with members about team selections, match details, and club events.
- Support promotion of club activities through newsletters, noticeboards, or social media etc.

Club Development

- Encourage recruitment and retention of players across all ages and abilities.
- Promote a positive club image in the local bowls community.
- Provide input to the committee on playing matters and future club development.

Time Commitment:

- Attendance at regular matches, competitions, and club events during the season
- Participation in monthly committee meetings as required
- Approx. 8-10 hours per week during peak season

Support and Training:

- Supported by the Short Mat Bowls Secretary and Competition Secretary
- Access to online short mat resources and training

Benefits:

- Opportunity to lead and shape the playing culture of short mat
- Develop leadership and organisational skills
- Contribute to a welcoming, community-focused sporting environment