NEWSLETTER JUNE 2026

At a recent joint meeting of the Management, Bowls and Short Mat Committees the question of communication was discussed and it was agreed that to improve communication between the Committees and the Members a Newsletter would be produced on a bi-monthly basis informing Members of match reports and results, social events , new members and anything else that would, hopefully, be of interest to the Membership.

The success of the Newsletter will not only rely on information supplied by the various Committees but also information from you the Members. New ideas, improvements to the Club and gripes (hope not too many of these) will be welcomed and addressed by the appropriate Committee(s).

Let's get started on the first edition.

Match Reports

The outdoor season started on a high with some good results but in the last few weeks the results have been mixed and not helped by the weather. Some matches had to be cut short because of rain. Results of each match has been posted on the website The fixture list is pretty full and members are looking forward to friendly games and games in the Meridian and Brighton & Hove Leagues as well as in various other competitions.

New Members

Following on from the very successful Open Day I am pleased to report that we have gained a number of new members from experienced bowlers to novices and in particular our very first junior member.

Please make yourselves known to our new members to help them integrate and become part of the Club.

The new members are-

Playing Members	Social Members
Ann Hart	Anoushka Rodgers
Graham Hart	Maija Gray
John Dickinson	Mick Haskins
Choon Dickinson	Daphne Haskins
Sue Parkinson	
John James	
Chris Gray	
Arauxbella Rodgers (Junior Member)	

Woods and other items for sale

There are a few sets of woods, of various sizes for sale in the Club House, at very low prices. In addition there are other items for sale including clothing, again at very low cost. Please bear in mind that for matches only blue clothing below the waist is allowed. However, there is a selection of white and grey items that can be worn for Rota, Aussie Rules and Roll Ups.

Club Competitions

The Club Competitions are being played at the moment and good luck to all those who have entered the competitions and commiserations to those who, will eventually, have been knocked out.

Club Fun Days and Events

A number of 'fun days' and events have been arranged and here are the dates for your diaries -

6th June Pairs Day please bring a plate of food for after the game
13th June Aussie Rules Fun Day
19th June Royal Ascot Race Day followed by an evening BBQ
11th July Bingo Social Evening

Details of these events will be posted on the website and notices posted on the notice board in the Club house in due course.

Website and WhatsApp Training

Some members have expressed an interest in wanting to improve their knowledge of how the website and WhatsApp work**.** In order to facilitate this a number of training sessions have been arranged for WEDNESDAY 17TH JUNE.

It is anticipated that each session will last for 60 to 90 minutes and will include a question and answer session. The first session will start at 10am and be followed by further sessions at noon, 2.00pm and 6.00pm. So if you want to learn more or have suggestions about the website and WhatsApp please try and attend one of the sessions.

Booking Games

The Management Committee agreed to adopt a system developed by Nigel Cooper and Peter Nunn where you will be able to enter your name to play a game on the Peacehavenbowlsclub.com website. The existing game sheets will still be in use. Basically this will mean that there will be no need to physically go to the Club to enter your name on the game sheet on the notice board. The system will go live in the next couple of days . To book a game enter the website and you will see on the home page ‘Book a Match’. A number of upcoming games will be listed and all you have to do is put a tick against the games you wish to be considered for and return it.

Markers Course

Recently Margo and myself attended a Markers Course organised br the English Bowls Umpires Association and held at Horsham Indoor Bowls Club.

The all day course was run by two world recognised Umpires and was very informative in a relaxed atmosphere.

The next course will probably be held on 4th October 2026 (date to be confirmed) and further details will be received and posted on the club notice board in due course.

I would recommend that any member interested should keep their eye on the notice board and I will circulate details when they are known .

Match Secretary

As you may already be aware Sandi is not seeking re-election as Match Secretary and a search is on for her replacement. It is hoped that a replacement is found quickly as very soon Clubs will be wanting to agree dates for matches for next season and an early hand over of duties is necessary. If you think that you would like to get involved please have a word with Sandi.

I'm sure that all Club members would like to express their appreciation to Sandi for all the hard work she has done for the Club over the last few years.

Men's Representative

It is with regret that Jim Warne who has been the Men's Representative for approximately nine years has decided, for personal reasons, to relinquish the role.

I am sure that the Club members would like to express their appreciation, to Jim, for the long stint that he has spent as Men's Representative. I'm sure that, in the future, we will still see Jim sitting on the stool by the bar with glass in hand.

2026 Tour

This year we are going to Worcester where arrangements are being made to play a few games. There are still a few places left – so if you are interested please have a chat with Sandi.

A meeting regarding the Tour will be held, in the Club House, on MONDAY (1st JUNE) at 7.00pm – doors and bar open at 6.30pm

Changing Rooms

As you are aware the changing rooms are fairly small and at the moment, especially the men's is cluttered with numerous bowling bag/cases that appear not to have been moved for a considerable time. Many of these

bags/cases do not have any identification on them. To enable more space to be created it would be appreciated that the owners of these bags/cases would either remove them from the changing rooms or at the very least attach a label to them so that they can be identified. If by 30th June bags have not been removed or labelled they will be removed from their present positions.

Next of Kin

Although the Club holds details of Next of Kin for members in the Club house it is not very useful for away matches. It is certainly hoped that there won't be any occasion that details of next of kin will be required. However, the Club will be issuing labels to attach to your bowls bag or case so that in the event of an emergency your next of kin can be contacted by the Captain of the Day

Aussie Rules

As from next WEDNESDAY 3th JUNE Aussie Rules will start at **6.30pm**. This, hopefully, will give those members who are working, or have other commitments, a little extra time to turn up and play.

I apologise for such a long Newsletter but hopefully it has brought many items to your attention now and for the future. The next Newsletter will roll off the production line on or about 1ST August. Although still informative, it will probably not be so long. Hope you have managed to stay awake reading this! Any items you would like to be included should be emailed to me by 20th July. Responses to this Newsletter are welcomed whether good or bad.

Here endeth the first, and hopefully not the last, Newsletter.

Marsden Scourfield
Bowls Secretary
29th May 2026