NEWSLETTER JULY 2026

Having circulated the June Newsletter and received some encouraging responses I have decided to issue the next one in July instead of August mainly due to the fact that there is quite a lot of matters to draw to your attention.

Match Reports

Congratulations go to **SUE LANDER** who has progressed to the Area Final of the **CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS** competition. Having watched Sue, along with several other members, play against a strong opponent from Lewes, Sue quickly opened up a significant lead but her opponent fought back to level the score after 16 ends. Sue kept her composure and came out on top to progress to the last.

The Final will be played, at home, on 8th July at 12 noon. If you can possibly come along and support Sue she will be very pleased.

JOHN McMAHON was playing a strong opponent from Rottingdean Bowls Club in the **COUNTY UNBADGED SINGLES** competition. The match started and after the first few ends the scores were level, after that John lost a bit of ground and fell behind. John never gave up and successfully won the match 21-17 after 23 ends in scorching temperatures. John's opponent in the second round is not known at the moment.

I'm sure that all Members wish Sue and John success in future rounds.

In all the other friendlies, competitions and leagues there has been success and disappointment and also matches cancelled or curtailed because of the weather – either rain or too hot. The results of these matches can be viewed on our website.

Great Result

Last evening (29th June) we played The Drove, at home, in the group stages of the Nicolas Soames Trophy.

Peacehaven had a great result winning all three games and scoring the most points 59-33. The result was 8 points to Peacehaven and 0 to The Drove. This should move us off the bottom of the table and knock The Drove off the top! The results of the other matches in the group are not yet known

Players Wanted

There are a number of upcoming Meridian League matches that, at the moment, do not have enough players. Please contact Shaun (07710 945247) as soon as possible if you are interested in playing.

New Members

Welcome to Jimmy Watts who has recently joined the Club. Please make yourself known to him to help him in integrate with the rest of the Club. New Members will be provided with a Buddy who will engage with them for practice sessions etc and help them become an active member of the Club

Club Competitions

Most of the Club Competitions are well under way and should be completed in plenty of time for finals weekend – 12-13 SEPTEMBER. Dress code for the Finals is Club Shirts and blue below the waist. Casual dress for all preceding rounds.

Club Games Days

You will recall that the PAIRS DAY originally planned for 6th June was postponed because of bad weather and has been rescheduled for **SATURDAY 4TH JULY** starting at **2.00pm.** The dress code is **casual.** Would those Members attending please bring a plate of food for sharing after the game

Fixture Secretary

As I reported in the June Newsletter the Club is urgently seeking a new Fixtures Secretary to replace Sandi. To date there has not been anybody come forward to replace her. This is a very important position and I would

urge any member, or a friend, who has good communication skills and organisation abilities to have a talk with Sandi – 07789 287956 who will be willing to give you further information.

Worcester Tour

Just over 20 members are going on the Tour, slightly fewer than last year.

Next of Kin Labels

If you haven't yet got your label could you please endeavour to do so as soon as possible. The label, when completed, should be attached to your bowls bag or trolly so that in an emergency, I hope there will not be any, your next can be contacted very quickly.

Men's Changing Room

Thank you to those Members who have removed their bags from the seating area. However, there are still a few bags, without ownership details attached .These will be removed from the Changing Room within the next few days if the owners don't take action.

Royal Ascot Race Day

A great day and well supported by Members.

Thanks must go to Sandi, Jacqui and Sue O for preparing and serving a well enjoyed cream tea and to the three Chefs, Clive, Peter N and Me for cooking the BBQ. Thanks to Steve and Peter H for manning the bar and not forgetting our two specialist racing enthusiasts, Martin D and Shaun for arranging the betting opportunities.

Race Nights (Greyhounds)

Some years ago Race Nights were regularly held during the winter and were very popular.

The Club has been offered, and accepted, the equipment to reintroduce Race Nights later in the year. Thanks to the Members who are donating the equipment.

Bingo

Eyes down looking – a bingo social evening has been organised for SATURDAY 11th JULY opening at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. Let's hope we get a full house!

Tea Duties

Thank you to those Members who have recently volunteered for Tea Duty. Unfortunately, there are still a few dates that require volunteers, so if you haven't yet added your name please do so as soon as possible.

Smoking, Vaping and Drinking on the Green

May I remind Members, and if they bring guests, that smoking, vaping and drinking on the green is strictly prohibited. There are signs on the outside of the Club House please observe them.

Tittle Tattle

There have recently been a couple of incidences where Members have been criticising the Club in earshot of visitors from other Clubs.
If you have a problem please speak to the Captain of the Day if it is on match day or to a Committee Member. If the matter is considered to be of a personal nature please raise with the Club Chair. Any moans and groans will be treated confidentially and sorted quickly and you will receive a response very quickly.

Bonus Ball

The current Bonus Ball games are soon finishing so Frank will soon be holding out his hands for your next cash injection – watch out for his communication.

Get Well Soon

You will be aware that Glenn has recently had a knee replacement operation and is currently at home recuperating. I'm sure all Members will wish him a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing him back on the green.

Book a Match

The online booking system is working well and being used by several members.

If you have any suggestions or comments regarding the Newsletter please email me. I hope you find this edition informative and, perhaps, interesting.

If all goes well the next edition will be published on 1st AUGUST so if you have any items you would like included please let me have the details by 20th July.

That's all for now

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