



Oak Hill Bowls Club

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As we come to the conclusion of another season, here's our latest newsletter

New members

We are pleased to welcome a further number of new members to Oak Hill since our last newsletter - Gary Thatcher, Marc Folan (son-in-law of Lillian Brett-Golding, one of our ex-members and a previous ladies captain of the club), Nuala and Jim Maher, and Ines Asis.

Unfortunately we also have to say a farewell to Mike Marques, who is moving to Plymouth with his job. He has made major contributions to the club over the past few years, not only on the green as an experienced skip, but also for his cooking the food for our barbecue club-nights and some of our weekend competitions.



Charitable Incorporated Organisation Application

In our last newsletter we reported that the Charity Commission had rejected our application for the club to be registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

Our application had been submitted under the category of "amateur sports club" and while the commission indicated that they were happy with the main part of our application, they expressed concern that the social activities of the club, and the fact that we have a bar, did not entirely fit in with their definition of charitable status.

We have therefore sought advice about the way forward, and at a recent meeting of the club's elected officers, we agreed that we should seek to –

- Submit a revised application for the bowling side of the club to be recognised as a CIO;
- Separate out the non-bowling activities of the club, i.e. the social activities and management of the bar, as a separate entity and apply for these to be managed as a Community Interest Company (CIC).

We will be holding an extra-ordinary meeting of the club, when we will be presenting these suggestions to our club members – see below.

Club-nights

The programme for the next few Thursday evening club-nights is –

- 4th Sept Mike's farewell barbecue
- 11th Sept Fish and chips
- 18th Sept Salmon and rice
- 25th Sept End of season buffet



Spanish Night treat

The sign-up sheets will be shown on the notice board outside the kitchen, so please put your name on the relevant sheet by the Tuesday of the week, so that we know how many to cater for.

Extra-ordinary Meeting and President's Day

All club members are therefore invited to an extra-ordinary meeting at 11am on Saturday 27th September.

This meeting will be followed by a buffet lunch. In the afternoon we will have the normal game of bowls for President's Day, culminating with the presentation of trophies and awards for this season. If the weather is not good enough for us to have the game of bowls, we will follow the lunch with the presentation of awards. Prior to the extra-ordinary meeting we will circulate some material explaining the reasons behind our suggestions to apply for CIC / CIO status.



Club Competitions

Most of the club competitions have now been completed to the semi-final stage, with the finals to be completed on the weekend of the 13th / 14th September. The competitions have been very competitive and a good number of different players have qualified for the finals –

Men's Championship – Rhys Lewis v Damian Treanor

Men's Handicap Singles – Erol Hussein v Martin Woodrow

Men's 2-wood singles - Jim Moss v Antonio del Vasto

Men's Pairs – Rob Petty & Terry Doe v Mike Levy & Bill Germaney

Ladies Championship – Sian Allen or Louise McKie v Paulette Cowan or Annika Strandberg

Ladies Handicap Singles – Paulette Cowan or Louise McKie v Sian Allen

Ladies 2-wood singles – Sian Allen or Gloria Fligman v Paulette Cowan or Louise McKie

Ladies Pairs – Jean Smith & Lousie McKie or Gloria Fligman & Lynn Wallis v Sian Allen & Annika Strandberg or Sarah Beaumont & Paulette Cowan

Mixed Triples - Diane Poletti, Yin Man & Terry Doe v Sian Allen, Brian Davidson & David Conway.

Mixed Vets Singles – David Bowler v John Abson

Mixed Junior Singles – Damian Treanor v Matthew Tang

Aussie Pairs – Gloria Fligman & Julian Shulman v Brian Davidson & Yin Man

Due to exceptional circumstances the final of the 2-wood pairs competition has already been played, with Junior Brewster and Wing Yuen beating Kay Comer and Terry Lovell.

The winning triple in the Bob Sawyer Trophy was Annika Strandberg, Rob Petty & Liam Murphy.

We are also running a separate new competition for bowlers with less than 2 years' playing experience.

External Leagues

Our members have enjoyed a number of creditable achievements in external leagues and knock-out competitions. In Hertfordshire competitions our men finished in third place in a very competitive division of the inter-club league and also reached the quarter-final of the top ten competition. Despite their lack of numbers, our ladies completed their matches in the inter-club league with some very close results. At the individual level, Antonio Del Vasto reached the quarter-final of the county singles competition.

In local competitions we are also likely to achieve further successes. Subject to confirmation, we believe that we have finished second in the Vets league with 85 points, just a single point behind Potters Bar.

With two matches to be played we are in contention in the Day Cup. We are also placed second in the Enfield & District Sunday league, with one match in hand over the currently top team.

In the Finchley & North London finals Terry Doe was victorious in the Tudor Cup, the singles competition for last year's club champions. John Abson was the runner-up in the Officers singles competition. Mike De Campi & Rob Petty reached the men's pairs semi-final.





Open League

16 teams have been competing in our very popular Open league on Tuesday mornings with a high standard of bowling and competition. The first set of round-robin matches has now been completed and the league split into 2 divisions according to placings after the first round of matches.

We have received a number of very positive comments from participating teams about the competitive nature of the league, its organisation and also the quality of the green.

Finchley Bowls Week

The Finchley Bowls Week competitions will be held in the week beginning the 8th September and a number of our members will be taking part.

New Phone Number

We have a new phone number for the club
07512 824572

This is to make sure we respond quickly to calls (the old number was a landline at the clubhouse) and to achieve savings on the cost of the phone.



Close Season

Working Party

During the close season we are hoping that a number of members will be able to help with "sprucing up" the club-house and green surround. The suggestion is that we meet to carry out various tasks on Thursday mornings, so would be pleased to hear from any members who feel they are willing and able to come along and help.



We need to draw up a list of tasks that need carrying out, so please contact any officer of the club with your ideas.

In particular, we will be looking to tidy up the changing rooms. We would ask that, before the end of the season, you either take your belongings home or store them in your lockers. It has been suggested that we organise a "sale" at President's Day of any clothing, bags, etc. that have been left lying around in the changing rooms, so please make sure your possessions are stored away safely.



New feature! Getting to know ... Pete Daley

Did you know Peter Daley is 95 years old and is probably our eldest member at our club?

Over his long illustrious life, he has lived it to the full on and off the field as he has represented clubs playing cricket and bowls at county and country levels. Currently playing for Oak Hill Bowls Club in county bowls, he enjoys the bowls competition at all levels. Although he does not play cricket nowadays, he has in his younger self played for the West Indies against England. If you ask him, he will gladly show you all his accomplishments as they are all displayed in his huge cabinet full of award cups and medals.

Around Barnet town Peter is well known for his dapper dressing, attracting the attention of all. Peter is most amiable to everyone [particularly the ladies!]. As a frequent visitor to the local bars, discos and dance floors, he certainly impresses with his Caribbean reggae jiggles. Peter has now settled down with a lady 35 years younger who visits him regularly (some say she is his carer!).

Peter retired after a long illustrious career as an aircraft engineer for De Havilland and his family now live in the UK and Bermuda. Every year Peter enjoys a luxurious holiday in Bermuda where his daughter resides. Many from the club attended his birthday party back in April. In a full house of guests we were fortunate to meet his brother and granddaughter who flew in from Bermuda. They spoke about how much his dance floor moves impressed the locals in Bermuda.

There may be a small flaw in Peter's life, some would say his support for Tottenham Hotspur Football Club is a poor decision ... others will disagree and some just not care!

Let's celebrate one of our most venerable members at Oak Hill! A glass of his favourite Guinness anyone?



*We'll feature a bowling hero
in each future newsletter*