

## **KINGSCLERE BOWLS CLUB. CHAIRMANS REPORT 2016 ANNUAL GERERAL MEETING**

### **Welcome remarks**

This is the end of my 3-year term of office as Chairman, and I would like to thank all those on and off the committee for their help and support during this time.

One thing that bothers me, is that year in and year out the same people do the same jobs running the club for the benefit of the rest of the membership and in most cases, not a lot of thanks.

The nominations for Officers and committee are displayed in ample time before the AGM but still fail to fill all the vacancies. It's time for a bit more proactive response from the membership and some new blood and ideas. Please speak to me or another member of committee to find out more about how you can help.

The membership this past year was slightly down from the previous, with a total of 50 members (39 men and 11 ladies)

Our open weekend was good publicity for the club but failed to get many new bowlers. I thank all those members who gave their time, we will try again this season.

A corporate afternoon was organised for the staff of the company Clive Howard works for, to introduce bowling to those who had not played before. After the minimum of tuition, a competition was held, which was very competitive and hilarious. The Americans thought it was great fun!! Thanks again to those who helped and a donation was made to the club for a great afternoon.

The newly formed fundraising committee did a great job with their two out of season events raising welcomed funding for the club, please support these events as they can't do it without you.

The Green Keeper, Peter Read and his trusty volunteers have done a brilliant job again this year and with continuing work during the winter and spring it is hoped to be playing in both directions once again this coming season. Apart from the green itself there are many other jobs on the surrounding areas such as hedge trimming, grass surrounds, repairing and painting benches and numerous general tidying. If you can give a little of your time before the new season starts, give your name to Peter or myself and we will coordinate the work.

Despite all I have said, Kingsclere Bowling Club continues to be a very social, friendly and competitive club. Let's see if we can increase the membership with some personal recruitment.

Don't forget our splendid web site to keep you up to date with what is going on and the latest committee minutes.

If you wish to contact me regarding club related matters, please do so and I will try to help.

Brian Watts (Chairman)

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## CAPTAIN'S REPORT

It has been a good year for the club, in spite of our ~~reducing~~ ~~membership~~. We owe a vote of thanks to the band of volunteers who keep the club going. The goal keepers, the catering and cleaning, the team captains and all those that contribute to the general running and maintenance. (Particularly M. COOPER Sec)

### ~~The greens~~

We managed to play most of our ~~friend~~ friendly matches, only crying off for the Thatcham match, and all games were played in a good spirit.

### Competition Summary

In the Newn County Rink, Mark Skillin, Martin POOPER, Bob FRENCH and Peter READ went 1 match further than last year, winning 1 of the Northern Area Finals, and reaching the last 8 teams in the County, going out in the  $\frac{1}{4}$  finals at Southampton.

### Star Hardman

Unfortunately our team did not repeat last year's performance in reaching the final knock out stages. Brian

managed to field a full side for every match in spite of the shortage of ladders.

W.D.B.K.

Quails and Partridges came mid table and the Pheasants bottom in their respective divisions.

WDBK Competitions

Gerald NORRIS beat Rolyh PENNY in the semi final of the mens singles but unfortunately lost in the final.

Gerald and Lynn TAYLOR lost in the semi-finals of the mixed pairs.

BABA Mens Singles

The A team were the overall champs in Division 1.

The B team finished in the bottom of Division 2.

Congratulations to Mark Stillie and the A team.

BABA Friday Rink

Reversing last years final Gables pushed themselves into 2nd place great team effort. Congrat to P. COOPER and the team.

## **Competitive Summary (2016) as follows:-**

Men's County Rinks – Mark (Stillings), Martin (Cooper), Bob (French) & Peter (Cooper) went one match further than last year, winning one of the northern area finals and reaching the last 8 teams in the county going out in the quarter final at Southampton.

Stan Hardman League – unfortunately our team was unable to repeat last year's performance so didn't reach the knockout final stages this time around. Brian would however like to thank everyone who gave their support this year, being able to put a full side out for every match despite how few lady players we currently have available.

WDBL – Quails and Partridges came mid table in their respective divisions (Divs. 1 & 3) & Pheasants unfortunately finished bottom of Div. 4

WDBL comps – commiserations to Gerald (Norris) who having got past Rolf (Denny) in the semi unfortunately lost in the final of the Singles, and to Gerald (Norris) & Lyn (Taylor) who were knocked out in the semi-final of the Mixed Pairs.

BDBA Monday Triples League – in the revised format of two divisions with promotion and demotion, our 'A' team were overall champions winning Div. 1 with our 'B' team in the bottom half of Div. 2, so congratulations to both squads but especially captain Mark (Stillings) and everyone who played in the 'A' team.

BDBA Friday Rinks League – in a reversal of last year's top placings Oakley managed to push Kingsclere into 2<sup>nd</sup> place this season, but this was still a great effort so congratulations to captain Peter (Cooper) and everyone who played in the Friday rinks. I'm sure Peter would like me to thank all those played and made this possible.

BDBA comps – commiserations to Peter (Read) who was runner-up in the singles. However, Peter (Read) & Gerald (Norris) did win the Over 60's Pairs so many congratulations for that achievement.

Of course this year Rolf (Denny) has been BDBA President, and all of us here hope that Rolf has had a great year so far (there is still one friendly left!!) and that he's happy with the support he has had from all of us here at Kingsclere. This meant that among other things, all the semi-finals & finals of the Hants&Berks trophy were played on our home green, as well as all the knockout competition finals. A big thank you to everyone who helped out on those days, especially Lynn Denny who looked after most of the catering, all those who made cakes etc. and to the greenkeepers who made play possible. The green was a credit to Kingsclere this year, especially considering all the extra matches that were played, so thanks for all the hard work and dedication that made that possible. Rolf's last duties as 2016 President will be to present the competition trophies and league banners at the BDBA annual presentation evening. This is usually held in January and we'd like to see as many of you there as possible to give Rolf a great send off and see our winners get their trophies. We will advise the exact date as soon as we know it, and don't forget we only hold the Presidency every 10 years or so which means that some of us will not be playing the next time – so make the most of the opportunity!!

<b>Kingsclere Bowls Club</b>					
<b>Statement of accounts</b>	Year	Year		Year	Year
<b>For Year Ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016</b>	2015/16	2015/16		2014/15	2014/15
<b>Receipts</b>					
Bar Income		8317			9835.7
Membership		3617			2884.5
Club Fundraising		1181.6			Nil
Grants		1600			2500
Match Fees (Catering)		1237.01			712
Club Competitions		744			284
Other income		Nil			Nil
Bank Interest		1.52			1.7
<b>Total received</b>		<b>16698.13</b>			<b>16217.9</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Bar purchases	7040.16			8589.98	
Southern Electric	618.29			789.73	
British Gas	393.48			544.46	
Southern Water	813.77			233.4	
Thames Water (Drainage)	258.42			472.81	
British Telecom	316.13			300.07	
Insurance	724.74			691.19	
Basingstoke & Deane BC	Nil			Nil	
Kingsclere Parish Council (Rent)	560.57			380.57	
Security & Fire Alarm System	240.28			177.6	
Affiliation Fees	589.75			630.15	
Sundry	342.56			145.5	
Green Maintenance	2992.28			6047.28	
Club Repairs/Maintenance	470			Nil	
Club Competitions Trophies/etc	823.38			578.86	
Charity Donation	50			Nil	
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>16233.81</b>			<b>19581.6</b>	
<b>Balance at Bank 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015</b>	<b>6839.58</b>			<b>10203.28</b>	
<b>Bank Balance 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016</b>	<b>7303.9</b>			<b>6839.58</b>	
<b>Income over Expenditure.</b>	<b>464.32</b>			<b>3363.7</b>	<b>-3363.7</b>

## Kingsclere Bowling Club

Annual General Meeting 03/11/2016

### Secretary's Report

It has been a comparatively quiet year for the committee since last year's AGM and therefore we held fewer meetings than usual in 2015/2016. This is not to say that the management of club affairs suffered as actually everything has continued to run pretty smoothly, and any issues that did arise between meetings were not considered serious enough to convene an extra full meeting. We did however, hold our special meeting to discuss motions etc. for this AGM, the results of which will be discussed later as you will see from the rest of the agenda. Additionally, there was a men's meeting in January where we ratified the proposal to enter only one team in the BDBA rinks league and instead, enter a second team in the BDBA triples league. The spring annual meeting took place in February as usual. (Minutes of all those meetings are displayed in the Minutes folder by the notice boards, along with copies of action points required of individual committee members. When I remember to send them to Clive they are also put on the club's website). The ladies also held their annual meeting just last week and appointed a new Captain and Secretary – congratulations to Elaine and Eileen respectively who hopefully will now play a full part on committee. I'm sure the ladies especially, and all members, would like to join me in thanking Joan and Pauline for all they have done over the years on behalf of the ladies' section, and wish them both many more years of bowling in their retirement from committee. Pauline is also retiring as our county delegate so we will need a volunteer for that.

The one area of major concern for the committee that remains unresolved is that of catering & cleaning. We have muddled through again this year helped by the fact that the captains of all our league sides also had to ensure suppers were provided, including Wednesday leagues. There is also a small group of volunteers who come in and clean and tidy up when they can. We have included this as a separate item on the agenda this year and Brian will talk about this then, so I won't say too much more here except that it is unfair to continue to rely on a minority of members to make sure we are fed when required, or to make sure the facilities are kept to a reasonable state of cleanliness.

Peter Cooper took on the running of the club competitions this year in addition to being Men's captain, so most of the weekend competitions were completed, especially with the help of Tony and Mark. Peter also led the sub-committee organising the knockout competitions and the finals weekend. However, Peter is hoping to get back into full time teaching after Christmas so probably won't be able to continue as Competition Secretary next year. We've seen this season that everything runs much better with a committed Competition Secretary in place, so we're hoping someone will come forward this year. Congratulations by the way to all those who took part in competitions, especially the winners & runners-up who all received their trophies at the recent presentation evening. Our new fundraising team of Elaine, Andy and Sandra organised a quiz night/fish supper to coincide with the presentation this year

which was a great success, as was the skittles evening earlier in the year. The fundraising committee have future plans in place so, as Brian has said, please continue to support them in all their efforts.

The other sub-committees all functioned well, the bar led by John, and especially Tony, the green led by Pete Read with Tony (again) and Mike helping, and fabric led by Brian. As Brian stated earlier, the outreach sub-committee did a lot more advertising again to attract new members and staged another open weekend, but unfortunately we didn't match the number of new members as last season.

Brian as Chairperson, has already thanked all the committee and sub-committee members for their efforts this year, which of course I would like to echo. We will soon be voting in a new committee and again you will see we don't have nominations for all posts, and some people are still doing 2 jobs. While writing this report, I realised that over and above this 1 name kept cropping up – that of Tony Watling. Last year Tony agreed to take on Club Captain when no-one else would do it and has agreed to carry on in his second year. In addition, Tony is on at least 2 sub-committees, notably making sure the bar is always stocked and the float/takings checked as well as cutting the green and doing other general works to the green surrounds and the clubhouse. During the season, he is probably here every day, volunteering to open the club up first thing and often making sure it is locked/alarmed at the end of the day. On top of this, Tony also captained the 'B' team in the newly reorganised BDBA triples league. I'm not forgetting the other people who volunteer to do anything in the club, often in the background, and I would like to thank all of them on behalf of all the members, but I think in the last couple of years Tony has gone above and beyond, so much so that without him the club would not have functioned anywhere near as well as it has. My special thanks on behalf of the membership therefore go to Tony Watling especially as I'm certain most of the members are not aware of just how much he does for us all!!

As I mentioned above we didn't have a full committee again this year. As of 2 weeks ago when nominations closed, we had 4 names on the nominations list for 2016/2017 – this is not the measure of support that Tony deserves!! Fortunately, at our AGM preparation meeting, several of the existing committee agreed to stay on, even though their current tenures have ended. Even so there are at least 3 people in more than 1 post. There are 2 automatic posts for the Lady Captain and Secretary. Constitutionally we should have 14 people on committee. There are only 10 people currently on the nominations list, leaving 4 committee posts unfulfilled. Although John has resigned as Hon. Treasurer due to work commitments, he has stated he would still like to stay on committee as a general member. Constitutionally we should therefore have 3 others, especially a Club Competition Secretary. As Brian also said the present committee won't be here in perpetuity to manage our affairs, so some new people would be more than welcome!!

I will be attending the WDBL AGM next week. There is a rule change to vote on, which I will go through in a minute, but we also need to tell the league secretary how many teams we will be entering for 2017. Again, we will hold a discussion about this later.



Martin Cooper &lt;martincooper159@gmail.com&gt;

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## New Championships

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**Secretary Bowls Hampshire** <bowlshampshiresec@btinternet.com>  
To: Martin Cooper <martincooper159@gmail.com>

17 October 2016 at 16:00

Hi Martin

This is from the original BE announcement back in June

- Men's Senior Fours (55 and Over on 1st April annually) – 21 ends/Two bowls each player
- Women's Senior Fours (55 and Over on 1st April annually) – 21 ends/Two bowls each player
- Men's Junior Pairs (Under 25 years on 1st April annually) – 18 ends/Four bowls each player

These new championship events will be administered within each county as per all other National Championship events, with the winner ONLY from each county qualifying for the National Championships at Leamington Spa.

Bowls England recommends that the start time for the Junior Pairs will be no earlier than 7pm on a weekday (unless mutually agreed otherwise). The two players may be from different clubs, but they must both be affiliated to clubs within the same county and have entered all other National Championship events from the same county.

All four players in the Senior Fours must come from the same club, and must represent that same club from which all other National Championship events have been entered. The National Winners of the Senior Fours will be England's representatives at the following year's British Isles Championships.

Hope this helps

Regards

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**From:** Martin Cooper [mailto:[martincooper159@gmail.com](mailto:martincooper159@gmail.com)]  
**Sent:** 17 October 2016 14:45  
**To:** Secretary Bowls Hampshire <[bowlshampshiresec@btinternet.com](mailto:bowlshampshiresec@btinternet.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Bowls Hampshire Wrong Attachment



The northern area County AGM was held last week but I haven't received the minutes at the time of writing this report. However, would you all please note that there are 3 new county competitions to be added in next season – over 55's fours for men, the same for ladies and an under 25 pairs. (There are some sheets on the tables giving brief details). Entry for these and the other county competitions must be with me by the night of the men's meeting in January. I will need to send entries in straight after that. If you cannot make that meeting but wish to enter some or all, of the competitions you must email me on [martincooper159@gmail.com](mailto:martincooper159@gmail.com) beforehand, preferably by the end of December, with your entry requirements. Remember, at this stage I only need the contact name for the entry – it's not necessary to list the 'team'. However, it is up to the named contact to pay for all the entries and reclaim as appropriate from his/her eventual team members. If you don't pay at entry stage, you won't be entered. For those of you who enter by email, I'll advise the cost of entry and you can send me a cheque in the post – before the entry date!! The new competitions will inevitably add extra matches to an already hectic schedule and area finals are bound to be earlier than ever. In addition, this will mean more last eight finals which will be shared between Bannister Park & Atherley. I've already received the schedule for these which I will put up on the board.

Finally, please make sure you have completed the attendance list and if you have a relevant skill we might be able to call upon in relation to the upkeep or running of the Club, please let us know. If you have an email address you are prepared for us to use, please add that as well as it is easier and cheaper to keep in contact that way. If you can, keep your eye also on the website – [www.kingsclerebowlingclub.co.uk](http://www.kingsclerebowlingclub.co.uk). Clive has done a marvellous job in setting this up for us, so please use it for looking up the calendar which shows all events etc. (providing Clive has been informed). If you are unsure as to how to navigate your way around the site, I'm sure Clive would be more than willing to help you. I also know, for instance, that Clive would love to record all the league results etc. so team captains – over to you!!

I truly believe Kingsclere is run very well and we certainly punch above our weight on the green – or is that against the rules? We have our issues but which club doesn't? We currently have a static or slightly reducing membership in number but we continue to have some measure of success on and off the green, and of course we want to keep building on that. At the risk of repeating what Brian has already said, can I lastly make my annual appeal to you all to get involved in whatever way you can to help us achieve our aims, and to keep this well respected club at the level we have come to expect. Thank you.

Martin Cooper

Hon. Secretary

## Proposed Constitutional changes for 2016 AGM – 03/11/2016

### Proposals

#### **1) Insert new Section – General Committee (Section 11)**

##### 11a. Role of General Committee

In addition to managing the affairs of the Club, the role of the General Committee is to address issues that need in year resolution, and in particular to:

- a) Maintain and recommend changes as required to the Club Constitution, Rules and Bye-Laws and ensure all activities take place in accordance with them (All Sections)
- b) Support and assist the Executive Officers of the Club (Sections 10, 11 & 21)
- c) Support the work of Sub – Committees (Section 19)
- d) Consider and recommend applications for membership (Sections 4 -9)
- e) Ensure the Club's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy is maintained by working with the appointed Child Protection Officer (a suitably qualified/vetted person, not necessarily a Committee Member) – see Appendix 1.
- f) Establish and maintain the Club's Health and Safety Policy and ensure all members are aware of their responsibilities under it – see Appendix 2.

Proposed by Martin Cooper on behalf of Committee  
Seconded by Brian Watts on behalf of Committee

#### **2) Amend Section 3 (b) – Objectives**

Currently reads

- (b) To promote the game of "Lawn Bowls" within the rules laid down by the Bowls England and administered by Bowls Hampshire.

Amend to

- (b) To promote the game of "Lawn Bowls" within the rules, regulations and policies of Bowls England and Bowls Hampshire to whom the Club is affiliated, except where varied by the Club Constitution or Bye-Laws.

Proposed by Martin Cooper on behalf of Committee  
Seconded by Brian Watts on behalf of Committee

#### **3) Amend Section 4 (a) – Qualifications for Membership**

Currently reads

- (a) Full bowling membership will be open to:
  - (i) STANDARD - Aged 25 - 60 years
  - (ii) SENIOR - Over 60 years (whether retired or not)
  - (iii) STUDENT - Aged 18 – 25 years
  - (iii) JUNIOR - Under 18 years

That the date for age qualification to be same as the Subscription due date i.e. 1st February each year. To this end the Date of Birth to be recorded on application/renewal forms. The amount of subscription payable is still to be agreed at each Annual General Meeting.

Amend to

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  - (iii) JUNIOR - Under 18 years

That the date for age qualification to be same as the Subscription due date i.e. 1st February each year. To this end the Date of Birth to be recorded on application/renewal forms. The amount of subscription payable is still to be agreed at each Annual General Meeting. The legal guardian of Junior members shall complete a 'Junior Player Consent Form' and a 'Health Profile' as part of the Club's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy, and accept their responsibilities under it (see Appendix 1). These should be completed along with the initial application for membership and updated as required thereafter.

Proposed by Martin Cooper on behalf of Committee  
Seconded by Brian Watts on behalf of Committee

#### **4) Amend Section 19 – Sub-Committee**

Currently reads

Sub-Committees will be formed from the General Committee to carry out specific duties within the Club. Sub-Committees will be responsible to the General Committee and required to make regular reports. Sub Committee(s) will consist of a minimum of 3 (three) Full Members, one at least will be an Officer or Member of the General Committee.

Amend to

Sub-Committees will be formed from the General Committee to carry out specific duties within the Club. Sub-Committees will be responsible to the General Committee and required to make regular reports. Sub Committee(s) will consist of at least 2 (two) Full Members, one at least will be an Officer or Member of the General Committee.

#### **And add new sub-committee to the list – 8. Budgeting**

Proposed by Martin Cooper on behalf of Committee  
Seconded by Brian Watts on behalf of Committee

#### **5) Amend Bye-Law 8 – Travelling Expenses (already agreed by committee – for information only)**

Currently Reads

#### **8. Travelling Expenses**

Passengers in private vehicles attending away games shall each pay £2 to the driver.

Amend to

8. Travelling Expenses

Passengers in private vehicles attending away games shall each pay a minimum of £2 to the driver.

### **Proposal to amend rule 3g**

#### **4<sup>th</sup> paragraph current rule**

*Postponed or abandoned games under this rule must be played before the last League fixture of the season, except the last two games, which must be played within 14 days of the last planned fixture. The home team must offer three dates for the games to be played under this rule and notify the League Secretary of the date the game is to be played. Furthermore if a match needs to be rearranged there is a 14-day deadline to agree a date and the match must be played within six weeks of the original fixture date. Failure to play a match within the six week period, the non-defaulting team will receive five points as consolation for the loss of the match. When two teams from the same club are involved the match must be replayed.*

#### **4<sup>th</sup> paragraph proposed change**

***Postponed or abandoned games under this rule must be played before the last League fixture of the season, except the last two games, which must be played within 14 days of the last planned fixture. The home team must offer three dates for the games to be played under this rule and notify the League Secretary of the date the game is to be played. Failure to play a match within the abovementioned timescale, the non-defaulting team will receive five points as consolation for the loss of the match. When two teams from the same club are involved the match must be replayed.***

***Mick Corden League Secretary***

***12/10/2016***