

# WEST SUSSEX COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLS ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER No 12

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Once again we approach the start of a new winter season and it is time for me to issue another Newsletter.

The AGM was once again held in June this year and after the initial welcome by the Chairman began with the trophies being presented to the League divisional winners who were present. Winners were as follows: SW Div 2 - Bury Bears, SW Div 1 – Bognor Goodwoods ‘Silver’, NE Div 2 – West Chiltington, NE Div 1 – Clapham & Patching, CW Div 2 – Ashington ‘Swans’, CW Div 1 – ‘The ‘Foxes’.

When it came to the election of officers and committee there was just one change from last year. Keith Paternoster (The) decided not to stand for re-election and Ben Haulkham (The) was elected in his place. Our thanks must go to Keith for the work that he undertook during his time in office.

Peter Winter (Lavant) and Rod McBeth (Upper Beeding) were elected as the two selectors to serve on the selection committee along with the Captains of the Premier, A and B teams and a Chairman elected by the Management Committee.

A new officer post of League and KO Cup Secretary was created at the AGM and this post will be up for election at next years AGM along with all other posts. At present I have been elected by the Management Committee to continue with these duties again this season.

Other changes to the Constitution included a revised definition of who shall be eligible for membership; a revised method of electing the four committee members; and changes to the procedure for election of selectors. All details have been issued to clubs by the County Secretary and are published on the county website.

A proposal to amend the League Rules was discussed and after much discussion a change was agreed. I have detailed the change below in plain language:

A club that has teams - in different divisions – may now - if they need to do so - use ONE PLAYER - from a lower division team - in a higher division game when they are short of their regular players for that higher division team. This ‘calling up a player from the lower division’ could happen on more than one occasion during the season BUT it is important to remember that as each player from the lower division can only play once in the higher division - on the second and any subsequent occasions the higher division team would have to use a different player from the lower division team.

Players who commence the season in the higher division can never play in a lower division.

At the first Management Committee Meeting Ben Haulkham was welcomed as a new member by the Chairman. Jean Armour Milne was once again elected as Chairman of selectors. Peter Winter was also re-elected as administrator for the county teams. Rod McBeth was asked to continue to manage the county website and to undertake the duties of League and Knockout Cup Organiser.

**County Matches:** - The County did not enter a team in the Summer ESMBA Inter County League due to the revised format and lack of interested players. In June a small band of over 60’s players once again undertook the long journey to Norfolk for a friendly fixture.

The selection committee will meet on 6<sup>th</sup> August when squads for the Winter Season will be selected, notified to all players and then published on the WSCSMBA website ([www.wscsmba.org](http://www.wscsmba.org)). With several players deciding to retire from the Inter County competition this season there will be several changes to the squads for this season. Nominations for Captains for each of the teams will be sought and we wish all of those selected a successful season. Fixtures for each of the teams have been arranged as detailed below:

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Date		PREMIER		'A' TEAM		'B' TEAM	
Sat	29 Sep 07	Hampshire	H	Hampshire	H		
Sat	06 Oct 07			E Sussex	A	Kent	H
Sat	13 Oct 07			Kent	A		
Sun	14 Oct 07	Wiltshire	A			Surrey	H
Sat	27 Oct 07			Kent	H		
Sat	28 Oct 07	Oxford	A				
Sun	4 Nov 07	Hampshire	A	Hampshire	A		
Sat	10 Nov 07			Surrey	A	Surrey	A
Sun	25 Nov 07					London	A
Sat	01 Dec 07	Wiltshire	H	East Sussex	H		
Sun	5 Jan 08	Oxford	H	Surrey	H	Kent	A
Sat	26 Jan 08	) Prelim Rd	N	) Prelim Rd	N	Essex	H
Sun	27 Jan 08	) Prelim Rd	N	) Prelim Rd	N		
Sat	02 Feb 08			) Qtr Finals	N		
Sun	03 Feb 08			) Qtr Finals	N		
Sat	16 Feb 08	) Qtr Finals	N			E Sussex	A
Sun	17 Feb 08	) Qtr Finals	N				
Sat	1 Mar 08	) Semi-Finals	N	) Semi-Finals	N		
Sun	2 Mar 08	) Semi-Finals	N	) Semi-Finals	N	London	H
Sat	8 Mar 08					Essex	A
Sun	9 Mar 08	Finals	N	Finals	N		
Sat	5 Apr 08					E Sussex	A

**Competitions:** - Dates have been arranged for the County and National Competitions and entry forms will soon be sent to all clubs.

Dates for your diary for 2007-8:

- 15 Sep 07 Open Junior/Senior Competition
- 22 Sep 07 Champion of Champion and Unbadged Pairs Competition
- 30 Sep 07 Charity Open Fours Competition
- 20 Oct 07 County Triples Competition
- 11 Nov 07 County Fours Competition
- 24 Nov 07 National Qualifiers – Under 18's Competition
- 24 Nov 07 Over 60's Open Triples
- 02 Dec 07 National Qualifiers – Fours Competition
- 16 Dec 07 National Qualifiers – Mixed Fours Competition
- 06 Jan 08 National Qualifiers – Triples Competition
- 12 Jan 08 National Qualifiers – Pairs Competition
- 19 Jan 08 National Qualifiers – Singles Competition
- 09 Feb 08 Warman Leisure Mixed Pairs Competition
- 23 Feb 08 County Pairs Competition
- 15 Mar 08 Kent Triples Shield
- 15 Mar 08 National Mixed Fours Final
- 16 Mar 08 National Under 18's Final
- 16 Mar 08 Open Benefit Competition
- 29 Mar 08 County Singles Championship
- 03 Apr 08 National Singles Finals
- 04 Apr 08 National Pairs Finals
- 05 Apr 08 National Fours Finals
- 06 Apr 08 National Triples Finals
- 12 Apr 08 County KO Cup Semi-final and Finals

19 Apr 08 County Trials  
26 Apr 08 Over 60's Pairs Competition

**200 Club:** The 200 club monthly draw still continues to flourish and details of winners are published on the county website. Winners so far this year are detailed below:

Month	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize - £25	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize - £15	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize- £12
Jan 2007	Alex Ayre	Pat Knight	Ken Williams
Feb 2007	Upper Beeding	Brian Barnes	Rod McBeth
March 2007	Anne Miles	Bill Collins	Rose Jalley
April 2007	Keith Paternoster	Alan Morris	Alf Hanson
May 2007	Barbara Jewell	Ivor Hazlegrove	Jim Saunders
June 2007	Beryl Simmons	Fittleworth VH	Jim Saunders
July 2007	Jean A-Milne	Doug Haughton	Keith Fancy

Contributions to this newsletter are always welcome; these can be in the form of a match report, a competition report or just a letter. Articles for inclusion should be sent to:

Rod McBeth, 30 Manor Road, Upper Beeding, West Sussex, BN44 3TJ or emailed to [rmcb@ntlworld.com](mailto:rmcb@ntlworld.com).

The following article has been submitted by Bill Taylor of Barns Green SMBC who is also the Chairman of Horsham Indoor Bowls Club.

### **Extend your experience**

*The Horsham District Indoor Bowls Club, adjacent to TESCO in Broadbridge Heath, is occasionally host to short mat clubs seeking a different indoor bowling experience at our eight rink long mat club. The club is open for play throughout the year. We have a limited number of weekend or midweek sessions available for such events and would be delighted to try to accommodate you, and at a preferential rate for the number of rinks required.*

*In the winter months we have daily catering in our 100 seat restaurant with adjacent bar. Some bowls clubs come for their annual or Christmas dinner, prices are very reasonable and you would be welcome to seek a quote. We look forward to hearing from you.*

*The Club is also hosting this year a short mat tournament organised by the Ashington SMB Club. Their short mats are laid over our own rink, which has also been done at Guildford by Surrey SMBA for County matches. As a Club we at Horsham welcome this interest, and cross-seeding so to speak, so if any other Sussex SMB club wishes to do the same please write to our outside events organiser, who is Mrs Jean Davis, at HDIBC, Wickhurst Lane, Broadbridge Heath, Horsham, RH12 3YS. Or telephone 01403 268346 and leave your contact details.*

*Bill Taylor, Club Chairman*

Finally Nyetimber have two Wyegreen mats for sale. I am told they are in fairly good condition. Anyone interested should contact Edward Moore on 01243 268184.