

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLS ASSOCIATION

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We are once again getting close to the start of a new winter season and it is time for me to issue another Newsletter.

At the AGM in June the delegates who attended were welcomed by the Chairman, who then proceeded to present the trophies to the League divisional winners who were present. Winners were as follows: SW Div 2 – Crablands ‘Auks’, SW Div 1 – Midhurst Eagles, NE Div 2 – The Martlets, NE Div 1 – West Chiltington, CW Div 2 – Mannings Heath ‘White Squirrels’ and CW Div 1 – ‘The ‘Reynards’ – now Chanctonbury ‘Reynards’.

Changes to the Constitution and changes to League and KO Cup Rules have been issued to clubs separately by the County Secretary so I will not go into these.

The election of officers and committee members saw considerable changes in the make up of the committee. Jean Armour-Milne (U Beeding) had previously indicated her intention to stand down as Chairman after five years in post and Peter Winter (Lavant) was elected unopposed. The post of Vice Chairman required a ballot to be taken between Jean A-Milne and Paul Fisher (Chanctonbury) and Jean was elected. The Secretary, Bryony Wood (Comptons), the Treasurer, Mike Allmond (Southwater) and the Membership Secretary, Alex Ayre, (CI & Patching) were all re-elected unopposed.

Prior to the election of the Competition Secretary post, Keith Hawkins announced that due to his commitments with the ESMBA Committee, coupled with the fact that he had just been recalled to the England Squad, he would be absent for a considerable number of weekends and had therefore decided to withdraw his nomination. Rod McBeth (U Beeding) was therefore elected unopposed. A ballot was then taken for the newly created post of League and KO Cup Secretary, the ballot being between Trevor Harman (Cp & Patching), Ben Haulkham (Chanctonbury) and Rod McBeth (U Beeding) and Rod was elected into the post that he had held as a committee appointment for the past two years.

The ballot for the Committee member places saw seven people striving for four posts. As a result of a change to the constitution last year it was necessary to ensure that there was at least one representative from both the Southwest and from the Northeast. After an initial ballot Brain Mills (B Goodwoods) (SW) and Allen Tolley (Ashington) (NE) were both elected. The other five nominees then contested a second ballot for the two remaining places. Trevor Harman (Cp & Patching) and Ben Haulkham (Chanctonbury) were elected with Bernie Deeble (Chanctonbury), Graham Roberts (U Beeding) and Trevor Sparkes (Cowfold) being unsuccessful.

Trevor Sparkes and Keith Hawkins have both therefore left the committee and we must thank both of them for their contributions over the years.

Peter Winter (Lavant) and Allen Tolley (Ashington) 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 to be elected by the Management Committee.

At the first Management Committee Meeting the new Chairman welcomed the new members, Trevor Harman and Brian Mills. Jean Armour Milne was once again elected as Chairman of selectors with Rod McBeth co-opted on to that committee, for the first meeting, to make the numbers up to six. Peter Winter was re-elected as administrator for the county teams. Rod McBeth was asked to continue to manage the county website and the Newsletter. Allen Tolley remains responsible as the Junior Liaison Officer and Ben Haulkham continues to look after the ESMBA raffle tickets. Press reports will be dealt with by Peter Winter (south) and Allen Tolley (north).

County Matches: - The selection committee are due to meet on 28th July when squads for the Winter Season will be selected, notified to all players and then published on the WSCSMBA website (www.wscsmba.org). 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 issued on the County Diary and are also published on the county website. :

Competitions: - Dates have been arranged for the County and National Competitions and entry forms will soon be sent to all clubs. All dates are once again on the County Diary and on the website.

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 st Prize - £25	2 nd Prize - £15	3 rd Prize- £12
Jan 2009	Brenda Jones	Barbara Freeman	Jean A-Milne
Feb 2009	Crablands SMBC	Jim Saunders	Jean A-Milne
March 2009	Kathlene Denne	Allen Tolley	Rose Jalley
April 2009	David Garrett	Alan Nutt	Phyllis Whale
May 2009	Ashington SMBC	WF Collins	Neil Jackson
June 2009	Alf Hanson	Alex Ayre	U Beeding SMBC
July 2009	Alf Hanson	Ardingly SMBC	Neil Jackson

Mats: The County currently have four fast Verdi mats for sale at a cost of £200 each. Any club or person interested should contact the County Secretary.

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:

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