

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLS ASSOCIATION

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After a lengthy gap of just over one year, the County newsletter will once again be winging its way to your club – hopefully three or four times a year. I cannot hope to recount the events of the past year so I will concentrate on recent events and information on forthcoming events that I feel is of interest to you.

The AGM was held in June this year and following the decision of several committee members not to stand for re-election there were several changes to the officers and committee. The following were elected until next year's AGM; Chairman – Jean Armour Milne (Upper Beeding), Vice-Chairman – Peter Winter (Lavant), Secretary – Bryony Wood (Comptons), Treasurer – Mike Allmond (Southwater), Membership Secretary – Alex Ayre (Clapham & Patching), Competition Secretary – Keith Hawkins (The Foxes) and general committee members Rod McBeth (Upper Beeding), Keith Paternoster (The Foxes), Trevor Sparkes (Ardingly) and Allen Tolley (Ashington). I must pass on thanks to the retiring officers/committee members for their hard work during their time in office; Gilliam Weston - retiring Secretary, Alan Nutt who retired midseason as Competition Secretary, Jackie Williams – committee member and Paul Fisher – also a committee member but the person who has undertaken the task of League Organiser for many years.

Peter Winter (Lavant) and Rose Jalley (Upper Beeding) were elected as the two selectors to serve on the selection committee along with the Captains of the Premier, A, B and Summer teams.

At the first Management Committee Meeting the new members were welcomed by the Chairman. Jean Armour Milne was once again elected as Chairman of selectors and as she is also captain of the Summer Team a replacement selector will be added when the results of the ballots for the team captains is known. 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. All match details in respect of the Summer and Winter Leagues should now be sent to him at the address at the end of this newsletter. At the same management committee meeting the rules for the County League and Knockout Cup were reviewed and tidied up and updated versions are being sent out by the League/KO Cup Organiser to all clubs involved in these competitions.

County Matches: - Once again this summer the county are competing in the ESMBA Inter County Summer League with a mixture of Premier, A Team and B Team players. With one game to play the team have achieved considerable success winning all of their games except one which was away to a strong Oxfordshire Team. It appears likely that they will qualify for the semi-finals and play against Essex who are the likely winners of the other group. This match is liable to be an extremely tough game as Essex, like Oxfordshire have a team containing a large number of their Premier and A Team players. We wish our Summer team well in their final game and hopefully the semi-final and final!!

In June the over 60's team travelled to Norfolk for a friendly fixture and playing mat on mat in an indoor bowling arena in extremely hot conditions they narrowly lost the match. A long hot tiring journey of about 400 miles and thanks must go to all of our members who made the effort to travel so far. Details of further games will be notified when known.

The selection committee met recently and squads for the Winter Season were selected, have been notified to all players and are published on the WSCSMBA website (www.wscsmba.org). Several changes have been made to the squads for this season and the Premier team initially comprises of 21 players, the A Team 25 players and the B Team has been reduced to 33 this year as 50+ last year was considered to be unwieldy and allowed for no continuity. Nominations for Captains for

each of the teams have been sought and we wish all of those selected a successful season. Fixtures for each of the teams have been arranged as detailed below:

ICC PROGRAM 2006 - 2007							
Date		PREMIER		'A' TEAM		'B' TEAM	
Sat	07 Oct 06	Hampshire	H	E Sussex	H		
Sun	08 Oct 06					Essex	A
Sat	14 Oct 06					Surrey	H
Sat	04 Nov 06			E Sussex	A		
Sun	05 Nov 06	Oxfordshire	A				
Sat	18 Nov 06			Kent	A	Kent	A
Sun	19 Nov 06	Hampshire	A				
Sat	02 Dec 06	Surrey	H	Surrey	H		
Sat	09 Dec 06	Surrey	A	Surrey	A	London	H
Sat	06 Jan 07	Oxfordshire	H	Kent	H	Kent	H
Sun	14 Jan 07					London	A
Sat	27 Jan 07	) Prelim Rd	N	) Prelim Rd	N	East Sussex	H
Sun	28 Jan 07	) Prelim Rd	N	) Prelim Rd	N		
Sat	03 Feb 07			) Qtr Finals	N	Surrey	A
Sun	04 Feb 07			) Qtr Finals	N		
Sat	17 Feb 07	) Qtr Finals	N				
Sun	18 Feb 07	) Qtr Finals	N				
Sat	24 Feb 07	) Semi-Finals	N	) Semi-Finals	N	Essex	H
Sun	25 Feb 07	) Semi-Finals	N	) Semi-Finals	N		
Sun	11 Mar 07	Finals	N	Finals	N		
Sat	24 Mar 07					East Sussex	A

Competitions: - Dates have been arranged for all of the County and National Competitions and entry forms will soon be sent to all clubs. This year there are additional competitions. There will be a Mixed Pairs Competition which is being sponsored by Warman Leisure Holidays and for which there will be a Short Mat Bowls Holiday for two as the main prize. An Open over 60's Pairs Competition has also been introduced.

Due to a change in date for the British Isles 'A' Team International, certain dates as originally published on the County Diary have been revised. The Finals of the National Mixed Fours and Under 18's have now been brought forward by one week and are now to be played on the weekend of 17th/18th March, 2007. The 'A' International, which is being played in Ireland next year, has moved back to 23rd/24th March, 2007 to avoid a clash with St Patrick's day!! As a consequence the County Singles has been moved to the 25th March, 2007 and the Open Benefit Competition to 18th March, 2007. If these two fixtures had not been reversed any of our junior bowlers who managed to reach the National Under 18's Finals would have been precluded from playing in the County Singles. The County Diary on the County website is now correct.

At the recent Open Fives Competition at Westergate, a long but successful day concluded with Midhurst Eagles finishing first, Ashington finishing second and the Foxes third.

Dates for your diary for 2006-7:

- 09 Sep 06 Open Junior/Senior Competition
- 30 Sep 06 Champion of Champion and Unbadged Pairs Competition
- 15 Oct 06 County Triples Competition
- 22 Oct 06 Charity Open Fours Competition
- 11 Nov 06 County Fours Competition
- 25 Nov 06 National Qualifiers – Under 18's Competition

25 Nov 06 Warman Leisure Mixed Pairs Competition
 03 Dec 06 National Qualifiers – Mixed Fours Competition
 16 Dec 06 National Qualifiers – Fours Competition
 07 Jan 07 National Qualifiers – Triples Competition
 13 Jan 07 National Qualifiers – Pairs Competition
 20 Jan 07 National Qualifiers – Singles Competition
 10 Feb 07 Kent Triples Shield
 03 Mar 07 County Pairs Competition
 10 Mar 07 Open Under 18's and Open Over 60's Pairs Competitions
 17 Mar 07 National Mixed Fours Final
 18 Mar 07 National Under 18's Final
 25 Mar 07 County Singles Championship
 29 Mar 07 National Singles Finals
 30 Mar 07 National Pairs Finals
 31 Mar 07 National Fours Finals
 01 Apr 07 National Triples Finals
 15 Apr 07 County KO Cup Semi-final and Finals
 21 Apr 07 County Trials

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 2006	Alex Leggat	Vi Carver	Marion Richards
Feb 2006	Yvonne Tolley	Ron Reynolds	Bryony Wood
March 2006	Peter Whale	Mike Allmond	Ardingly SMBC
April 2006	Barbara Jewell	Jean Long	Dorothy Rogers
May 2006	Jim Orman	Seton Wood	Ashington SMBC
June 2006	Comptons SMBC	Pam Ellington	Rod McBeth

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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