COVE BOWLING CLUB NEWSLETTER

(February 2012)

The start of another year at Cove Bowling Club

Once again we had a very good season in 2011 and fingers crossed 2012 can be even better

We now have a new Committee following the last AGM and thanks must go to Sue Sharpe, Terry Burton, Alan Harton and Irene Galpin who stood down after many years of hard work as Officers of the Club. For the year ahead we now have:

Club Officers and Committee:

Ladies' President June Preston

Men's President Chris Kennedy

Ladies' Captain Donna Taylor

Men's Captain Ian Taylor

Ladies' Secretary Carol Eichen

Honorary Secretary Dave Luffman

Treasurer Carl Taylor

Fixtures / Competitions Carl Taylor

Ladies' Vice Captain Bernice Nichols

Men's Vice Captain Ken Eichen

Committee Member Alun Devonald

Committee Member Eric Fry

Committee Member Jo Walsh

Committee Member John Hall

Committee Member Terry Hart

As usual the Committee will meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month throughout the year so if you have any suggestions or concerns please speak to any of them!

A special word of thanks must also go to Ray Galpin who has also spent many years working behind the scenes maintaining the Clubhouse

As no-one volunteered to be Club Treasurer, the Committee has co-opted Carl to take on the role for the year but we do need volunteers to help on the various sub-committees.



Selection Committees

The selection committees for 2012 will be both Captains and Vice Captains together with Allyson Flint and Sue Sharpe for the Ladies, and John Shipman, Dave Luffman and Carl Taylor for the Men

Club Charity

This year's Charity will once again be **The Samantha Dickson Brain Tumour Trust** based in Yateley.

Last year we raised another £300 for this charity, making a total of £1,100 raised to date, and thank you in advance for your continued generosity again this year

Moreton Trophy

The 8 men of Grahame Trimmer, Ian Taylor, Carl Taylor, Ray Galpin, Ken Eichen, Dave Luffman, Bill Dickie and Glenn Reed have progressed to the Quarter final of the Moreton Trophy after a 46 – 34 win over Old Green BC.

They will now play Andover BC on Sunday 19th February 2012 at Longmeadow IBC so Good Luck!

Club Shirts

With the arrival of a few new members we have made a fresh order of Club shirts to be purchased and they should be with us in the next few weeks or so.

More information will follow so that these can be purchased in time for the new season.

2012 Fixtures

Having just had the Stan Hardman League details the new 2012 Fixture Cards are now being finalised but we have lost a few fixtures with other Clubs so if anyone has contacts at other clubs who may like a fixture with us then please let Carl know to try and arrange.

The good news is though that we will play Sunningdale both home and away this year and we will have a new fixture at Alresford BC.

In the meantime the first dates for your diary are:

Pre Season Social Evening - Friday 20th April

President's Match – Saturday 21st April

Captain's Day – Sunday 22nd April

Tea Rota

Once completed the new tea duty rota will also be up in the Clubhouse so that spaces can be taken.

Club Competitions

The Entry forms for next Season's Competitions are up in the Clubhouse although this year the deadline is later – 20^{th} May – with the draws the following Wednesday evening.

Once again we will have Finals Weekend later on 15^{th} and 16^{th} September as it seemed to work well last year

Please take the opportunity to enter

Indoor Game

Last weekend saw the annual Cove vs. Camberley Indoor match and good news is we won by a comfortable 22 shots overall.

Thank you to all those who were 'persuaded' to play by Ian on the re-joining morning......

A plea....

If you have any unwanted Christmas presents (or anything else!) that will make a suitable raffle prize for next season then please let any of the Social Committee know.....

Social Events

In addition to the regular social events of Short Mat, Darts and Whist, the following Saturday night events are due to take place so do please try and support the Club during the winter....

February 18th - Quiz Night

March 3rd - Bingo Night

March 17th – Quiz Night

March 24th - Beetle Drive

March 31st - Race Night

Unfortunately the Ladies' Dinner, Curry night and the Easter lunch have had to be cancelled.

Aldershot and District Presentation Dinner

Tickets are also still available for the Aldershot and District Presentation Dinner at the Army Golf Club on February 25th. We won most of the District trophies last season – including the Premier Division league – so it would be good for a few members to go along.

Please contact Dave Luffman to book places. As usual details of all the other events are on the Noticeboard in the Clubhouse.

New Members

Whilst we have lost a few members this winter for various reasons it is good to be able to welcome some new members to the Club who are already well known to us:

Chris Cranham, Jim Marsland and Leo May have joined us from Aldershot Traction as well as Gareth Colebrooke from Fleet United.

With the best green in the area we are lucky enough to attract new members but are always in need of more to keep our costs down so if you know of anyone else looking to join a Club then do not hesitate to encourage them to join us.

Front Door Keys

A new stock of front door keys have been arranged and if anybody needs one they are £5.00 each from Carl

And finally

Most of the Club news will always appear on the Club website and that, together with these newsletters, is only as good as the content put forward so please, if you have anything you would like to include, please let me know

Donna