

15 August 2013

- ~ Photographs of our three Men's Aldershot and District League teams have been added to the website and thank you to David Killington for taking the time to arrange this earlier this week. He also took some 'action shots' of the A Team which can be seen on his website http://photos.mightyllama.co.uk/#!home some would say they show categorical proof that one of the skips appears to be foot faulting but you can decide and let him know....
- \sim Thanks to the generosity of our members and visitors we have so far raised £350.00 for our club charity, the Brain Tumour Charity

14 August 2013

- \sim Programme for Aldershot and District Competition Final's Day has been confirmed starting at 10.00am on Saturday 17 August at Tongham BC. In the morning we have Daniel Taylor, Carl Taylor and Glenn Reed playing in the 2 Wood Triples and David Payne in the Under 25 Singles. In the afternoon session, starting at 2.00pm we have Daniel Taylor, David Payne, Nick Hardy and Gareth Colebrooke playing in the Fours and Carl Taylor in the Secretary Singles. Good luck to all I am sure they would appreciate any support too
- \sim On the same day the Ladies will also be playing in the semi-final of the Gazette Cup at Odiham and North Warnborough BC starting at 10.00am when they play Pyestock. If they win they play the final that afternoon. Again, all support welcomed
- ~ Final Aldershot and District League Tables received overnight which confirm that the A Team finish as champions of the Premier League for the third consecutive year and also giving us the 'League and Cup double' for the first time in many years. In Division 1 the B Team also finish the season as champions with a half point margin over West End A. Congratulations to both teams. Unfortunately, as we feared, the C Team has missed out on promotion as they finish in third place in Division 2, level on points with second placedTongham B, but missing out on shot difference

13 August 2013

- \sim Not the glorious end to the season we had hoped for in the Aldershot and District League with both the A and B teams losing this evening. The A team lost narrowly to Aldershot Traction by 56 shots to 60 but picked up 1.5 points which means we win the Premier Division by three points. The B team also lost by 45 shots to 48 away at Old Dean but picked up a single point which is enough to get promotion to the Premier Division so well done to all. Sadly we fear we may have missed out on the Division 1 title but will have to wait until we get the final confirmed League Tables. Similarly the rumour from Tongham is that their B team won their match by 4 points to 1 and, if correct, this also means that we will miss out on promotion by a very narrow margin
- \sim Updated Stan Hardman final league table received which shows we won the Eastern Division by five points from Fleet United. It also confirms our opposition in the quarter final will be Four Marks but the venue has not yet been decided



- \sim As you can see below some new photographs have been added to the website. Plan is to take team pictures of the Men's Aldershot and District League teams this evening, and more at Final's weekend, but if anyone has any others then please send them through so they can be included
- ~ Well done to both our winning Men's County 2 Wood Triples of Gareth Colebrooke, Chris Cranham (sub), Wayne Reed and Terry Hart, Alan Shelley, Bob Clayton-Cragg who will now play each other in the Area Final next Monday 19 August. Although it should be on a neutral green, and as there is no advantage, they have agreed to play at Cove

12 August 2013

 \sim Our last game of the season in the Blackwater Valley league was one of mixed fortunes with the away team of Penny, Jan and Hazel winning 17 - 11. Although the home team led for a good part of the game they eventually lost by 11 shots to 19 which meant an overall loss. All we can do now is to await the final league table but sadly I fear we will not finish in the top ten

I would like to thank all the Ladies who played in the Blackwater Valley league this season along with the drivers and those who prepared the suppers at the home matches. Also a big thank you to those ladies who helped by stepping in at the last minute to replace a bowler who could not play. All these were very much appreciated and a big personal thanks to you all (*Bernice Nichols*)

11 August 2013

- ~ A very busy weekend finished this evening with us hosting the Area Final of the Men's National Double Rink with Thatcham BC coming from behind to ease past Egham BC
- \sim We have been advised that Watchetts cannot field a team for the Division 2 match this Tuesday evening so our C Team gets a 5 0 win and 15 shot default. Our promotion now lies in the hands of Tongham B who need to win to pip us to the runner up position

10 August 2013

- ~ Well done this evening to Ray Galpin, Penny Orford, Alun Devonald and Bob Clayton-Cragg who won the George Dawson Trophy with the very last wood of the final against Karen Cranham, Mark Goldup, Terry Wilkinson and Bill Dickie
- \sim Congratulations to Allyson Flint who has won through to the last four of the Ladies' County Over 55 Singles. She will play in the semi-final on Monday 19 August at Banister Park BC
- ~ Tonight's Lottery Bonus Ball was number 18. The winner of the weekly prize is Eric and Mary Fry

09 August 2013

~ Well done this evening to Daniel Taylor, David Payne, John Stone and Nick Hardy who have won through to the final of the Aldershot and District Fours competition. That gives us four qualifiers for the Final's Day which take place at Tongham BC on Saturday 17 August



 \sim Some great news to report - Cove has won the Stan Hardman Eastern Division League for the first time since we entered in 2009

An excellent 7 - 0 win yesterday afternoon away at Farnborough has ensured that we maintain our half point lead over Fleet United to win the league. Congratulations to all 28 members of our Stan Hardman League team who have contributed to this well deserved victory and also to Alan Shelley in captaining the team to this success

As a result Cove has now qualified for the play-offs for the overall League Championship which will determine the winner of the Stan Hardman Trophy for 2013. The play off quarter finals will be on a neutral green on Thursday 22 August where we will play the runner-up of the Southern Division who will be Alton Social, Alton or Four Marks

 \sim Now is the time for members who wish to be nominated for the 2014 Bowls Hampshire Executive and the Middleton Cup Manager positions with the deadline for applications by 31 August. If anyone does wish to be considered please ask Dave Luffman for details

08 August 2013

 \sim Well done to Carl Taylor who has won through to the final of the Aldershot and District Secretary Singles. Final's day is Saturday 17 August at Tongham BC and so far we have Carl in the Secretary Singles, David Payne in the Under 25 Singles, Carl, Daniel and Glenn in the 2 Wood Triples and still a chance of a rink who play in the last semi-final this evening

07 August 2013

~ The latest and penultimate Aldershot and District League tables received which show that the A Team still lead the Premier Division by five points over Aldershot Traction A who we play at home next week in the season finale. Mathematically they can still pip us to our third consecutive title but as we have a far superior shot difference to them they would need to beat us on all three rinks and by a margin of 68 shots overall so we can get the champagne on ice because that is simply not going to happen!

In Division 1 the B Team has increased their lead over second placed West End A to four and a half points with the final match next week away at Old Dean, who have fallen to third place following their decision to not play this week's match. Although we do not have such a good shot difference this means all the B Team need to do is to get one point and the Division 1 title is secured. Again, mathematically, the B Team has not yet secured promotion but we would only miss out if we totally crash at Old Dean and again this is not in our minds

In Division 2 the C Team may well sadly just miss out on promotion as, although they have risen to third place, they are now five and a half points behind Odiham and one point behind Tongham B. We therefore need to rely on Tongham slipping up at home to Royal British Legion and for us to win convincingly at home to Watchetts



06 August 2013

- \sim A good night in the Men's Aldershot and District League this evening with all three teams winning by 4 points to 1. The A Team had a good win away at Tongham A by 70 shots to 58 and the B Team bounced back from last week's defeat by beating Windlesham by 53 shots to 51. The C Team travelled to Royal British Legion and won by 60 shots to 53. Just one more match left for all teams
- ~ Teams selected for next week's Aldershot and District League matches

A Team - Home to Aldershot Traction A on Tuesday 13 August at 6.00pm

Daniel Taylor, Allan Cliff, Glenn Reed and Wayne Reed Bill Dickie, John Stone, Martyn Flint and Dave Tonks Carl Taylor *(Captain)*, Mike Allen, Chris Cranham and Gareth Colebrooke

B Team - Away at Old Dean on Tuesday 13 August at 6.00pm

Alun Devonald, Ken Eichen *(Captain)*, Malcolm Havord and Chris Kennedy Grahame Trimmer, Ray Galpin, Eric Fry and Joe Sharp Terry Hart, Mike French, Alan Shelley and Dave Luffman

C Team - Home to Watchetts A on Tuesday 13 August at 6.00pm

Gordon Smith, Gordon Cowper, Bobby Sharpe and Bill Bolton Mick Porter, Keith Court, Terry Burton *(Captain)* and Charles Burton Terry Vidler, Terry Wilkinson, John Guerin and Bernie Cliffe

05 August 2013

~ Our penultimate game in the Blackwater Valley League against Farnborough saw the home team of Kay, Jan and Irene winning by 20 shots to 15 but unfortunately the away triple of Ann, Barbara and Bernice lost 12 shots to 15. However this still gave us an overall win so with the last game this week against Aldershot Underwood we still have a chance to finish in the top 10 of the league (Bernice Nichols)

04 August 2013

~ Our Men's County Club Championship team lost this morning in the semi-final against Southampton Sports Centre. Dropping behind early on we never really got into the match and ended up drawing on one rink, losing on three and with an overall deficit at the end of around 25 shots

03 August 2013

 \sim Tonight's Lottery Bonus Ball was number 15. The winner was Peter Hoyte who has won for the second time



 \sim Good luck tomorrow to our Men's County Club Championship side who take on Southampton Sports Centre at 10.00am at Atherley. If we win then we play again in the afternoon against the winner of either Boscombe Cliff or Southsea Waverley

02 August 2013

- \sim Congratulations to Daniel Taylor, Carl Taylor and Glenn Reed who have won through this evening to the final of the Aldershot and District 2 Wood Triples. They will play on Final's Day which is Saturday 17 August at Tongham BC
- \sim Well done to the Stan Hardman team yesterday afternoon, winning against Fleet Social, by 50 shots to 45 and 5 points to 2. We now have just one more league match to play next Thursday 8 August away to Farnborough

01 August 2013

- ~ Happy 60th Birthday today to Alun Devonald!
- \sim Well done to Allyson Flint who has reached the Area Final of the Ladies' County Over 55 Singles and will play at Yateley on Thursday 8 August at 2.30pm