

30 June 2014

 \sim A bit of a struggle but well done this evening to the Men's County Club Championship team who won by 76 shots to 66 away at Kingsclere. In the second round we are away again, this time to Whitchurch, on Thursday 10 July

29 June 2014

 \sim Today is the 60th birthday of Leovegildo Lins da Garna Júnior, the famous Brazilian footballer more well known as simply 'Júnior'

The other well known sporting personality also born on the same day is Sue Sharpe - Happy Birthday Sue!

 \sim Unfortunately we won't have an Under 25 representative at Learnington this year. Nick Hardy lost in the quarter final of the play-off day and Daniel Taylor fell just short in the semi final

~ Well done this evening to our Tony Allcock Over 60s Mixed Double Rink team who won on both rinks at home to Alton Social. That puts us through to the third round where we will be away to either Littleton or Fareham

~ Congratulations to Sarah Bowen, Sue Sharpe and Allyson Flint who have again been selected as part of the Bowls Hampshire Johns Trophy team for the final group match against Oxfordshire Ladies at Fleming Park BC on Saturday 05 July at 1.30 pm. In addition Jan Allen has been named as one of the non-travelling reserves

~ Congratulations to Allyson Flint who has also been named in the Bowls Hampshire Walker Cup Double Rink team who play Oxfordshire in the Regional Finals at Sutton BC on Sunday 13 July at 10.00 am. If Hampshire wins in the morning they will play again that afternoon. In addition Sue Sharpe has been named as one of the travelling reserves

28 June 2014

 \sim Tonight's winning Lottery Bonus ball was number 42 which gave a first win to Terry and Jan Wilkinson

 \sim Good luck tomorrow to Nick Hardy and Daniel Taylor who are taking part in the knockout rounds of the Under 25 Singles at Banister Park

~ Both games against Pyestock in the Blackwater Valley League yesterday didn't go according to plan or as we wanted. The home triple of Maureen, Penny & Mary D lead on the 15th end by 3 shots but sadly lost the last 3 ends to finish up at 13 - 15 whilst the away triple of Sally, Jo & Ann struggled for most of the match and finished up 12 - 26. This was the sixth match of the season and leaves us with a further seven to play (*Bernice Nichols*)



 \sim Next week sees the remainder of the Ladies' County Area Finals

There are several players from Cove taking part and we wish them all good luck in the following matches:

Tuesday 01 July - Karen Cranham, Jan Allen and Donna Taylor v Sarah Bowen, Sue Sharpe and Allyson Flint - Triples - at Whitchurch

Wednesday 02 July - Karen Cranham and Donna Taylor v Fleet United - Pairs - at Kingsclere

 \sim Well done to the Men's A Team Club Two Fours this morning as they defeated Fareham by 49 shots to 33. Next up we are at home to Southsea Waverley

 \sim The winner of the raffle for the large Jar of Sweets was Alun Devonald

27 June 2014

 \sim Congratulations to the rink of Sarah Bowen, Jan Allen, Sue Sharpe and Allyson Flint who have won through to the County Finals of the Fours

 \sim The following have been selected for the Tony Allcock Over 60's Double Rink team who are playing at home to Alton Social at 6.00 pm on Sunday 29 June

Carol Eichen, Ray Galpin, Ken Eichen *(Captain)* and Irene Galpin Marianne Brooks, Mike French, Sue Dickie and Chris Cranham

 \sim In the Stan Hardman League yesterday we played Fleet United Swans and despite winning the match on shots by 58 - 56 we only won on one triple and so finish 3 - 4 on points

26 June 2014

 \sim Well done to the County Rink of Daniel Taylor, Carl Taylor, Glenn Reed and Wayne Reed who this evening won through to the County Finals of the Fours. Of the ten County Finalists in the North Area for the Men, Cove have won through in six and will be represented in every discipline

 \sim Unfortunately the Ladies lost away at Basingstoke Town in the County Thornbery Trophy losing by just one shot overall

 \sim The next round of the Tony Allcock Over 60's Double Rink competition will take place on Sunday 29 June at 6.00 pm at home to Alton Social

 \sim We will be hosting the Area Final of the Ladies' 4 Wood Singles next Friday evening, 4 July, at 6.00pm as unfortunately this season we have no ladies through to the last four



25 June 2014

 \sim Well done to night to David Payne, Gareth Colebrooke and Wayne Reed who have won through to the County Finals of the Triples

 \sim The following team has been selected for the Men's A Team Club Two Fours at home to Fareham at 10.00 am on Saturday 28 June

Daniel Taylor, Joe Sharp, Chris Cranham and Jim Marsland Carl Taylor *(Captain)*, Nick Hardy, Wayne Reed and Leo May Reserves - Gareth Colebrooke and Glenn Reed

~ The Aldershot and District League has now reached the midway point and the latest League Tables again show improved positions for all our three teams. In the Premier League the A Team now has a lead over the second placed team of 5.5 points but it is now Farnham A just below us rather than Camberley A following the latter being beaten by our B team last night. The assistance has been reciprocated as the B team has now risen to fifth place above Aldershot Traction A who were defeated by our A team. In the Second Division the C Team's second consecutive maximum haul has now given us a good safety net above the bottom three and also leaves us just 2.5 points from the second placed team

~ The following Teams have been selected for next week's Aldershot and District League matches

A Team - Away at West End A on Tuesday 01 July at 6.30 pm

Terry Hart, Eric Fry, Alan Shelley and Bob Clayton-Cragg Daniel Taylor, Carl Taylor *(Captain)*, Chris Cranham and Jim Marsland Bill Dickie, Nick Hardy, Glenn Reed and Wayne Reed

B Team - Home to Farnham A on Tuesday 01 July at 6.30 pm

Mike French, John Dickie, John Guerin and Ian Taylor Ken Eichen *(Captain)*, Mike Allen, Malcolm Havord and Bob Sharpe Alun Devonald, John Hall, Graham Trimmer and Dave Tonks Reserve: Mick Mather

C Team - Home to Hawley A on Tuesday 01 July at 6.30 pm

Mick Porter, Terry Vidler, John Shipman and Bill Setterfield Ray Galpin, Neil Kelsey, Alan Harton and Chris Kennedy Tony Edwards, David Killington, Terry Burton *(Captain)* and Charles Burton Reserves: Frank Randall and Jeff Smith

24 June 2014

 \sim Well done to both Chris Cranham and Gareth Colebrooke who are through to the County Finals in the 4 Wood Singles after tonight's matches at Oakley



~ Also congratulations to two of our Ladies' Triples of Karen Cranham, Jan Allen and Donna Taylor together with Sarah Bowen, Sue Sharpe and Allyson Flint who have made the Area Finals where unfortunately they have to play each other but that does guarantee another Cove County finalist

 \sim A very good night in the Aldershot and District League with all three teams winning. In the Premier Division the A team were away at Aldershot Traction A and won 4 - 1 on points and by 67 shots to 46 to cement our top position which has also been helped by the B team beating second placed Camberley A by a single shot 63 - 62 and also 4 -1 on points. In Division 2 the C team repeated last week's result with another 5 - 0 win away at Fleet Social. The updated League tables should look good

~ Updated Stan Hardman League table received which confirms our continued first place in the Eastern Division on 35 points. This also does not yet include any points we will receive as a result of Farnborough conceding last week's match so our 'true' lead is more than the current 8 points over second placed Farnborough Gate. This week we play Fleet United Swans who are currently in 7th place

23 June 2014

 \sim Blackwater Valley League Table has been received and shows Cove in a strong third place and just a couple of points below Hawley and Camberley on 14 points but since the date of the table we have not fared so well, picking up just one point from two matches against Farnborough and Yateley

~ Well done to our first County Finalists from this evening with Chris Cranham winning through in the 2 Wood Singles along with Leo May and Gareth Colebrooke in the Pairs. The Men's County Finals take place in the week commencing Monday 14 July at Atherley BC

 \sim In the Ladies' County Pairs also well done to Donna Taylor and Karen Cranham who won through to the Area Final which will take place next Wednesday 2 July on a neutral green to be advised

~ Latest Farnham and District League Tables received which confirms our rise back to top of the second division and now 1.5 points ahead of Odiham and North Warnborough on 29 points. This week we play Aldershot Underwood who are currently seventh

22 June 2014

 \sim Unfortunately our run in the Men's London and Southern Counties Challenge Shield came to an end this morning against Egham when we lost overall by 18 shots

 \sim Sadly the Ladies also lost this afternoon in the National Top Club, away at Atherley

 \sim In this afternoon's George Dawson Trophy, Terry Burton, Alun Devonald and Penny Orford won a very tight final by 6 shots to 5 against Grahame Trimmer, Mick Mather and Tony Edwards

21 June 2014

 \sim The first week of the new Lottery Bonus Ball draw took place this evening and the winning number was 19 giving a second win to Gordon Cowper



 \sim Next week is the Men's Area Finals for the County Competitions. As usual we have quite a few players from Cove taking part and we wish them all good luck in the following matches:

Monday 23 June - Terry Hart and Bob Clayton-Cragg v Gareth Colebrooke and Leo May - Pairs - at Fleet United

Monday 23 June - Carl Taylor v Chris Cranham - 2 Wood Singles - at Cove

Tuesday 24 June - Martyn Flint v Alton Social - 2 Wood Singles - at Oakley

Tuesday 24 June - Chris Cranham v Aldershot Traction - 4 Wood Singles - at Oakley

Tuesday 24 June - Carl Taylor v Gareth Colebrooke - 4 Wood Singles - at Oakley

Wednesday 25 June - Gareth Colebrooke, David Payne and Wayne Reed v Aldershot Traction - Triples - at Howard Park

Thursday 26 June - Daniel Taylor, Carl Taylor, Glenn Reed and Wayne Reed v Alton Social - Fours - at Howard Park

20 June 2014

~ Congratulations to Wayne Reed, Gareth Colebrooke and David Payne who are through to the Area Final of the Triples which will be played on Wednesday 25 June. All the Men's Area Final details should be known later today

19 June 2014

 \sim Today's Stan Hardman match against Farnborough had to be cancelled as Farnborough were 'unable to field a team' which is a shame. Hopefully they will be able to do so when we visit them later in the season

 \sim Latest Farnham and District League Tables received which shows that we had dropped to second place in the second division and 1.5 points behind Odiham and North Warnborough on 24 points. However it doesn't include last night's match against Odiham which we won by 5 points to 1 so that will put us back on top of the league and 2.5 points ahead

~ Congratulations again to Chris Cranham, Jim Marsland, Leo May, David Payne and Joe Sharp who have been selected as part of the Bowls Hampshire Middleton Cup team for their final group match against Oxfordshire at Oxford City and County BC on Saturday 21 June at 2.00 pm. In addition Daniel Taylor has been named as one of the reserves

 \sim The website now includes a new page which shows details of when the green is expected to be closed



18 June 2014

 \sim The Ladies' National Top Club match against Atherley has now been arranged for 2.00 pm on Sunday 22 June

~ The latest Aldershot and District League Tables show improved positions for all our three teams. In the Premier League the A Team lead over Camberley has increased to 4.5 points as they suffered their first defeat of the season. Despite losing last evening the B Team remain in sixth place on shot difference but now just a couple of points off top four. In the Second Division the C Team's maximum haul against Pyestock has propelled us up three places to fourth place and away from the relegation zone.

17 June 2014

 \sim The following team has been selected for the County Club Championship away at Kingsclere at 6.30 pm on Monday 30 June

Carl Taylor *(Captain)*, John Stone, Gareth Colebrooke and Leo May Terry Hart, Eric Fry, Alan Shelley and Bob Clayton-Cragg Nick Hardy, Glenn Reed, Martyn Flint and Wayne Reed Daniel Taylor, Joe Sharp, Chris Cranham and Jim Marsland Reserves - Mike Allen, Bill Dickie, Dave Tonks, Allen Cliff, Malcolm Havord and Bobby Sharpe

 \sim The following team has been selected for the London and Southern Counties Challenge Shield against Egham at 10.00 am on Sunday 22 June

Home Rinks:

Carl Taylor *(Captain)*, John Dickie, Bobby Sharpe and Joe Sharp Bill Dickie, Eric Fry, Alan Shelley and Bob Clayton-Cragg Reserve - Mike Allen

Away Rinks:

Ken Eichen (Captain), Malcolm Havord, Ian Taylor and Leo May Allen Cliff, Nick Hardy, Wayne Reed and Jim Marsland Reserve - Graham Noades

 \sim A mixed night in the Men's Aldershot and District League this evening. The A Team played the B Team and in a very close match won by 53 shots to 52 and 3.5 points to 1.5. The C Team had a very welcome, convincing, but late 5 - 0 win at home to Pyestock A by 69 shots to 52



~ The following Teams have been selected for next week's Aldershot and District League matches

A Team - Away at Aldershot Traction A on Tuesday 24 June at 6.30 pm

Terry Hart *(Captain)*, Eric Fry, Alan Shelley and Bob Clayton-Cragg Daniel Taylor, Allen Cliff, John Stone and Jim Marsland Bill Dickie, Nick Hardy, Joe Sharp and Glenn Reed

B Team - Home to Camberley A on Tuesday 24 June at 6.30 pm

Mike French, John Dickie, John Guerin and Ian Taylor Ken Eichen *(Captain),* Mike Allen, Malcolm Havord and Bob Sharpe Alun Devonald, John Hall, Graham Noades and Dave Tonks

C Team - Away at Fleet Social on Tuesday 24 June at 6.30 pm

Mick Mather, Frank Randall, John Shipman and Bill Setterfield Ray Galpin, Neil Kelsey, Alan Harton and Chris Kennedy Tony Edwards, David Killington, Terry Burton *(Captain)* and Charles Burton Reserve: Terry Vidler

16 June 2014

~ Well done to Leo May, Gareth Colebrooke, Bob Clayton-Cragg and Terry Hart who have made the Area Final of the Men's Pairs. Unfortunately they now have to play each other but at least that guarantees us one place in the County Finals

~ Also congratulations to Chris Cranham who has won through to the Area Final of the County Singles