

Denton Island



BOWLER

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The Newsletter of Denton Island Indoor Bowls Club



CAPTAINS DAY!

Congratulations! to the Ladies on their win over the Boys, we believe this may be the second time only this has happened!

Top rink: Chris Farncombe, Tina Williams, Sue Thompson & Pauline Greenyer. Ladies Captain Christine Page

The boys were very magnanimous in defeat and we all had a brilliant afternoon.

'Spider' winner was Bob Henstidge, who happily went home with a bottle of Baileys

ON THE GREEN

LADIES

We have had 4 matches during February:-

SCWIBA (Sussex County Womens Indoor Bowls Association) winning this one 80 - 71 which was a really good result, Top Rink - Yvonne Allwright, Kate Strong, Tina Williams and Jose Baker

EASTBOURNE & DISTRICT (home) - This one was a little hard to take, we ran them very close, but sadly lost 77 - 78, a great effort from everyone, Top Rink, Christine Page, Kim Bridle, Tina Williams and Pauline Greenyer

EGERTON (away) - lost 102 - 75 This one got away from us, but we did have two winning rinks, which had their own battle to see who could get Top Rink, there was only 1 shot in it in the end, so Top Rink went to Chris Thomas, June Lewis, Sue Meale & Florence Eager

WEALDEN (home) had a good win 89 - 67, it got within 2 shots at one point, so well done to everyone for keeping that score board ticking over and eventually winning by a good margin.

Our next match is a friendly against Adur on Thursday 5th March at 2pm.

We then have 2 Ladies League matches to play away to Wealden on the 24th March and home to Falaise on the 26th March. I am still looking for players for the Wealden away match, so if you are available, I would be grateful if you can put your name down.

Christine Page - Ladies Captain

MENS LEAGUE

We knew our away match to Wealden was going to be a hard game to get any points from. But, I am delighted to say we won on three rinks.

These were Keiron Packham, Terry Penfold and Dave Thomas.

Well done to everyone who played!

Nigel

Mens Captain

INTERNAL LEAGUES:

The Monday Ladies League and Thursday Mens league have matches that were not played and these do need to be played. Can you please make sure that you have a re-arranged date for any missed matches. They can be played any day, but must be done by the end of the season.

COUNTY INFORMATION (LADIES)

You will see on the county wall that the County Competition lists are now up, if you wish to enter any of them, please put your details on the sheets, and pay reception, which will need to include £4 for the county hand book. The closing date for all entries is the 15th April, so please make sure you get your entries in, no entries will be accepted after this date.

COUNTY INFORMATION (MENS)

On the county scene in recent matches Denton has had good representation.

Vic Sherwood, Dave Dawkins, Pete Meale, Richard Silberbaune, all playing.

In the final three county games Ant Brown and David Ridgway will be added to the above list.

It just goes to show how far Denton has come on as a club within the county set up.

Pete.

MIXED

Firstly may I say a big thankyou to Pauline for looking after the mixed team in my absence.

The team continues to go from strength to strength. Pauline had a 100% record playing three and winning three.

Since my return we have played two and won two.

Overall for the year we have played 13, winning 11 and losing only two.

The success is all down to all of you for continuing to support the matches in the vast numbers that you do.

Please continue your support, I can't play everybody and I know there will be some disappointed people, but to have so many to choose from gives me a nice headache to have.

We have five friendlies left to play in the winter season so let's try and keep the winning run going.

Best wishes.

Pete Meale.

Mixed team captain.

Coaching

Adele is offering coaching lessons, the lessons are free but normal rink fees apply, the dates are as follows:

Tuesdays 6pm Mixed coaching 10th, 17th & 31st March

Fridays 12.30pm Ladies coaching 13th, 20th & 27th March

Sundays 9.30am Ladies coaching 15th & 29th March

Please book your places with reception, as they are limited

Health & Safety notice

Anything left on top of the Lockers will be removed, if you would like a locker, please ask at Reception.

Thank you



The next Bingo dates are:

27th March

29th May

Please note that there will not be any Bingo in April, due to the Bowls Tour. We apologise for any disappointment.

Please book with Reception

Tickets for Fish & Chips can be purchased at any time during the month, just as long as we have all orders in to the Fish and Chip shop by Midday on the Thursday before.

Any orders taken after that time or not paid for, can no longer be added.

Also please bring the tickets you were given, as these need to be exchanged for a F&C or S&C ticket.

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

Please pay for all social functions and trips at the time of booking.
Places cannot be saved without payment.

Thank you

We still have tickets available for all the following:

Interactive Horse Race

6th March

Come and join in the fun, £5 entry fee, bring change for your bets!

Doors open at 7pm, First race at 7.30pm

Line Dancing Party

Sunday

8th March

Run by Ashdown Line Dancing school

2-5pm only £10

Refreshments served midway through

Everyone welcome



Canterbury

Tuesday 7th July

Coach exclusive to Denton members. Pick up and Drop home at the Club

£30 for return coach

A couple of Conundrums from Kate

I have been bowling for 30 years but recently three situations have arisen that I have never come across before.....

Jacks on the line.

This is a funny one and may never happen again. Our jack was hit and it landed exactly on the white line by the neighbouring rink. Our neighbours bowled, hit their jack which ended up on the same dividing line about a meter short of our jack. Fortunately one jack was yellow and the other one white so we knew whose was whose. We ended up taking it in turns to bowl with the next-door rink and with people stationed to stop any bowls that crossed the line.

Who scored?

In a "friendly" triple match both number 2s had agreed that we had one shot. As they walked past the head to start kicking back the bowls one of the opposition bowls fell in towards the jack. It was not the last bowl delivered so the 30 second rule did not apply. The opposition then claimed the end by one shot. We agreed that if they were that desperate they could have it, but in serious competition an umpire would have been asked. I have looked at the Laws of Bowls but cannot find anything that covers the situation. (We won anyway, ha ha!)

"Take it"

In a rinks match our number 3 called down to the skip that we were holding. The skip had the last bowl left and called back "take it". As the number 3s were looking at the head to agree the score, the skip sent her bowl down and it went into the head, changing it to the opposition's advantage. The opposition were perfectly within their rights to claim their advantage, but generously stuck to the original score. What should have happened a) score agreed, b) JACK PICKED UP, c) skip sends down unused bowl once they can see that the jack has been moved.

Kate Strong

Club AGM

Is to be held on
Saturday 21st March at 10am
followed by the Bowling AGM.

Please see the notice Board in the
entrance of the Club for more
information.

Everyone is welcome

Aussie Rules Tournament

A huge apology to team Barry Evans and Neil Brooks
We failed to acknowledge their second place win at the tournament,
giving that honour to another team in error.

Sorry boys!

Nigel

