



Newsletter 10/23

	Club Fixtures/Events	
Oct 2 nd	Club Night	6:30pm – 10pm
Oct 3 rd	OSMBA Hanborough Herons	Home 7:15pm
Oct 4 th	Art Class	10am-5pm
Oct 6 th	Social evening & Club Short Mat Triples	6:30pm – 10pm
Oct 7 th	Playground Race Night	6pm – 11pm
Oct 9 th	Club Night	6:30pm – 10pm
Oct 10 th	OSMBA Witney Mills Weavers	Away 7pm
Oct 11 th	Art Class	10am-5pm
Oct 12 th	Committee meeting	7pm – 9pm
Oct 13 th	Social evening & Club Short Mat Triples	6:30pm – 10pm
Oct 16 th	Club Night	6:30pm – 10pm
Oct 18 th	Art Class	10am – 5pm
Oct 18 th	OSMBA North Leigh	Away 7pm
Oct 20 th	Social evening & Club Short Mat Triples	6:30pm – 10pm
Oct 23 rd	Club Night	6:30pm – 10pm
Oct 24 th	OSMBA Witney Town Woolies	Home 7:15pm
Oct 25 th	Art Class	10am-5pm
Oct 26 th	Horticultural Club	2pm – 4:30pm
Oct 27 th	Social evening & Club Short Mat Triples	6:30pm – 10pm
Oct 30 th	Club Night	6:30pm – 10pm

Fixtures

OSMBA

The Oxfordshire Short Mat Bowls Association leagues started on 26th September with a full programme of matches between October and April.

West Oxon Div 1 Results for Season 2023-24

	Fixtures				Shots			
	Play	W	D	L	For	Against	Diff	Pts
North Leigh 'Millers'	1	1	0	0	43	21	22	8
Witney Mills 'The Millers'	1	1	0	0	36	22	14	8
Charlbury 'Oaks'	1	1	0	0	30	18	12	8
Hanborough 'Heron's'	1	1	0	0	32	28	4	6
Witney Town 'Rams'	1	1	0	0	27	26	1	6
Witney Town 'Canaries'	1	0	0	1	26	27	-1	2
Hanborough 'Harriers'	1	0	0	1	28	32	-4	2
Burford 'Lions'	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Witney Town 'Red Kites'	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Witney Town 'Woolies'	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Witney Mills 'The Weavers'	1	0	0	1	18	30	-12	0
Charlbury 'Cedars'	1	0	0	1	22	36	-14	0
Charlbury 'Willows'	1	0	0	1	21	43	-22	0

Club Triples

Thirty club members made up ten triples on a very sunny warm Sunday 3rd September. Two leagues of five teams played games of six ends each with the aggregate winners of both leagues playing each other in a six-ends final.

Congratulations to winners Doreen Dowley, John Hurren and Bert Clough who defeated Tim Stacey, Allan Tuckwell and Paul Claridge in the final.



Bert Clough Doreen Dowley John Hurren

Team No		Game No1	Game No 2	Game No 3	Game No 4	Game No 5	Position
1	Trevor Wakeman Pat Walker Jan Bolton	4 4	3 7	9 16	3 19	no 19	4
2	Steve Gould Paul Randall Fiona Cook	6 6	7 13	no 13	1 14	9 23	2
3	Tim Wilkins Tracey Godfrey Jess Bolton	2 2	3 5	2 7	no 7	0 7	5
4	Roger Hopkins Steve Webb Brenda M-C	6 6	no 6	8 14	3 17	3 20	3
5	John Hurren Doreen Dowley Bert Clough	no 0	9 9	8 17	10 27	11 38	1
6	Bob Parker Trevor Clack Stan Matthews	5 5	8 13	6 19	3 22	no 23	3
7	Jack Lafford Marc Boulton Ted Hedges	8 8	5 13	no 13	2 15	6 21	jnt 4
8	Dougie Mustoe Ted Walker Philip Slaymaker	7 7	6 13	3 16	no 16	5 21	jnt 4
9	Tim Stacey Allan Tuckwell Paul Claridge	6 6	no 6	10 16	9 25	3 28	1
10	Jeff Bizzell Ed Tuckey Lynn M-C	no 0	3 3	4 7	9 16	8 24	2



Worth Webb

Once again we had a very good turn out for this pairs competition where nine pairs played in three leagues. Each game was six ends and the winners of each league plus the highest aggregate second placed team competed in six ends semi-finals. Congratulations to Ted Walker and Trevor Wakeman who defeated Bob Parker and Jeff Bizzell in the final.

Team No		Game No1	Game No 2	Game No 3	Position
1	Bert Clough Stan Lawrence	7 7	3 10	no 10	2
2	Steve Gould Paul Randall	7 7	no 7	6 13	1
3	Doreen Dowley Pat Walker	no 0	3 3	3 6	3
4	Ted Hedges Jess Bolton	2 2	4 6	no 6	2=
5	Jack Lafford Tim Stacey	6 6	no 6	0 6	2=
6	Bob Parker Jeff Bizzell	no 0	12 12	9 21	1
7	Ted Walker Trevor Wakeman	10 10	4 14	no 14	2
8	Tim Wilkins Marc Boulton	5 5	no 5	6 11	3
9	Trevor Clack Philip Slaymaker	no 0	6 6	11 17	1
Semi 1	Trevor Clack Philip Slaymaker	V	Bob Parker Jeff Bizzell		
Semi 2	Ted Walker Trevor Wakeman	V	Steve Gould Paul Randall		
FINAL	Bob Parker Jeff Bizzell	V	Ted Walker Trevor Wakeman	WINNERS	Ted Walker Trevor Wakeman



President v Captain Charity Match

A most enjoyable game of bowls was played by a great turn-out of 32 club members on a pleasant late September afternoon. Four rinks played 18 ends with yard-stick measurements at ends 4,8,12 and 16 (although some of us had to adapt this sequence to accommodate having forgotten to measure on the 4th end). Despite some pre-match concerns regarding weighted rinks, it could not have been a more balanced contest resulting in an 84-82 score in favour of the captain's team. The result was only confirmed on the last bowl on the last rink to finish. Steve Gould's four, playing for the captain's team, were one shot down going into the last end and Trevor Wakeman's four were holding shot when Steve played his final bowl. This duly moved the jack to give his team a three-shot win and gave the captain's team overall victory. There was some consolation for the President as he had the winning rink but no pens!! The spider raised quite a tidy sum for the TVAA charity, unfortunately the charity representative was unable to get to the club in time to make the presentation of the cup but was able to collect the money raised during the year and on the day.



Club competitions

Congratulations to all winners and runners-up. Many thanks to Steve Gould for all his work in organising this year's competitions and thanks also to everyone who has entered.

COMPETITION	WINNER	RUNNER UP
MENS SINGLES	Steve Gould	Bob Parker
LADIES SINGLES	Pat Walker	Tracey Godfrey
OPEN SINGLES	Jeff Bizzell	Bob Parker
3 WOOD SINGLES	Pat Walker	Tim Wilkins
2 WOOD SINGLES	Steve Gould	John Hurren
NEVER WON SINGLES	Robin Clare	Paul Banfield
HANDICAP SINGLES	Bob Parker	John Hurren
OPEN 3 WOOD PAIRS	Steve Gould Allan Tuckwell	John Hurren Pat Walker
OPEN 4 WOOD PAIRS	Steve Gould Jeff Bizzell	Bob Parker Robin Clare
MIXED PAIRS	Doreen Dowley Jack Lafford	Pauline Tuckey Bob Parker
CLUB TRIPLES	Doreen Dowley John Hurren Bert Clough	Tim Stacey Allan Tuckwell Paul Claridge
PERCY COOK TROPHY	Roger Hopkins Jeff Bizzell	Steve Gould Allan Tuckwell
WORTH WEBB TROPHY	Trevor Wakeman Ted Walker	Bob Parker Jeff Bizzell
TONY TREVELYAN	Tim Stacey	Steve Gould

Thames Valley Air Ambulance Charity

I am very pleased to let you know that we have raised £238.92 in the year for which the charity has expressed its appreciation and will be sending a thank you letter with a certificate. May I add my thanks for your generosity and hope you will continue to bowl wrong bias, be guilty of incorrect dress code and make very kind donations to support this charity.

New Club Shirts

I have a list of new or replacement shirts to order that meets the order quantity at which the discount applies. If you would like an additional shirt or a different size, please let me know soon as I hope to place the order early in October.

Dinner and Presentation Evening

Don't forget to put your names on the form in the clubhouse.

Indoor Short Mat

There is not enough interest to run the club indoor short mat pairs, but the triples will go ahead on Friday evenings. I have struggled to put together five teams as the numbers of players result in three teams of four and two teams of five which does not make for an easy rotation of the players in the latter teams. I have decided to make six teams that, although two teams are rested each week, it does mean that there are more players available to stand in if required.

Team A	Team B	Team C	Team D	Team E	Team F
Jeff Bizzell ©	Bob Parker	Jack Lafford ©	John Hurren ©	Tim Stacey ©	Trevor Wakeman ©
Jan Bolton	Pat Walker ©	Pauline Tuckey	Leslie Wakeman	Doreen Dowley	Ted Walker
Paul Randall	Trevor Clack	Dougie Mustoe	Steve Webb	Ed Tuckey	David Hiscock
Philip Slaymaker	Paul Claridge	Jess Bolton			Nigel Keep

This is just a list of names per team and is not laid out in any order of playing position and I would ask one member of each team to be that team's co-ordinator, taking on the responsibility of setting out a playing rota and ensuring a triples team is available to fulfil the fixture on the date set. © denotes team co-ordinator.

DATE	MAT 1	MAT2	RESTING
06/10/2023	A-B	C-D	E&F
13/10/2023	E-F	A-C	B&D
20/10/2023	B-D	A-E	C&F
27/10/2023	C-F	B-E	A&D
03/11/2023	A-D	B-F	C&E
10/11/2023	C-E	D-F	A&B
17/11/2023	NO GAME		
24/11/2023	D-E		A&B&C&F
01/12/2023	A-F	B-C	D&E
08/12/2023	A-B	C-D	E&F
15/12/2023	E-F	A-C	B&D
22/12/2023	B-D	A-E	C&F
29/12/2023	NO GAME		
05/01/2024	C-F	B-E	A&D
12/01/2024	A-D	B-F	C&E
19/01/2024	C-E	D-F	A&B
26/01/2024	D-E		A&B&C&F
02/02/2024	A-F	B-C	D&E
09/02/2024	A-B	C-D	E&F
16/02/2024	E-F	A-C	B&D
23/02/2024	B-D	A-E	C&F
01/03/2024	C-F	B-E	A&D
08/03/2024	A-D	B-F	C&E
15/03/2024	C-E	D-F	A&B
22/03/2024	D-E		A&B&C&F
29/03/2024	A-F	B-C	D&E

If you are not available for a fixture then please contact your team's co-ordinator so that he/she will be able to arrange a replacement player, either from your team pool or bringing in a player from a team that is resting on that date.

Please could I ask that bowls shoes are worn when playing on the indoor mats and not the shoes worn when walking across the car park.

Bowls Coaching

This is an extract from a recent email sent to all Oxfordshire bowls club secretaries.

In the past there has been a belief that Coaching courses are too expensive or held in too far distant venues. Bowls Oxfordshire want to dispel these views.

With the help of the County Coach Co-ordinator John Henwood a Level 1 Qualification course has been arranged for Oxfordshire bowlers, to be held at Oxford City & County Bowls Club. The course is over 4 part-days, with theory sections then a practical section, followed by an assessment session.

The dates are -

Theory day 1 online by Zoom - Monday **15th January** 2024 at 5.30pm

Theory day 2 online by Zoom – Monday **29th January** 2024 at 5.30pm.

Practical day 3 – Saturday **3rd February** 2024 indoors at City & County

Assessment day 4 - Saturday **16th March** 2024 indoors at City & County

There are fees to be paid for the course which is £150. That's not cheap but you can apply to Bowls England to receive a bursary which will cover 50% of the cost. The Application Form is attached. The conditions are that it is only paid out on the successful completion of the course, and you are limited to 2 bursaries in any 2-year period.

As to the balance of £75, can you please encourage your committee to view the cost as an excellent investment for the future; by seeing it this way, many clubs have felt able in the past to reimburse the other 50% of the fees.

Can I strongly urge you to make use of this opportunity and provide names of players wishing to take this course; it can only improve the playing standards and levels of enjoyment at your club.

There are only 12 places on the course, and they will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis. Please apply to John by the end of October; after that date Bowls England will open the course to other counties' players.

If you need any more information, simply drop John a line at

djhenwood1943@gmail.com

Alan Scholan

County Admin.

We have an entitlement for one bursary next year so if anyone would like to apply to attend the course please talk to John Hurren or myself. Personally I found it most beneficial, and the course can be done as a paper exercise if you do not have access to computer Office suites.

Oxfordshire Mixed Triples League

The League AGM was held on Thursday 28th September where it was accepted that seven new teams would join the league.

This will result in two divisions with the top ten teams from last season forming division 1 and the other two teams plus seven new teams forming division 2, with promotion and relegation of two teams from each league. Each team in Division 1 will play nine games and teams in Division 2 will play eight games, these games will be played on a home or away basis and the fixture reversed the following year. This should be on an equal number of home and away fixtures which will be overseen by the league secretary. The matches will be eighteen ends with one shot counting on the first two ends with no visiting the head at any time.

Division 1
Banbury Central
Banbury Chestnuts
Burford
Charlbury
Chipping Norton
Hanborough
O.U.P.
Witney Town Aces
Witney Town Blues
Woodstock

Division 2
Blackbird Leys
Bloxham
Carterton
Headington
Middle Barton
South Oxford
West Oxford
West Witney
Witney Town 3

End of season groundwork.

Jack has made the decision not to lay down sand this year, for the past few years there has been an annual 6 tonnes of kiln dried sand spread over the green after preparation work. This preparation work of scarifying, solid tine aeration, spiking and collecting debris created from the scarifying was done over the first three days of the last week in September. Many thanks to Jack, Trevor Wakeman and Tim Stacey for walking many steps undertaking these necessary tasks. Grass seeding, top dressing and sweeping was done on the Thursday when the weather conditions were ideal.

We have decided to lift and roll the ditch artificial grass this winter in the hope that this will prevent moss forming over the winter, so these were lifted out, scrapped, and brushed clean of weeds and moss.

The tidying up ready for the winter was done on Saturday 30th September when a gang worked with Jack to put benches, chairs etc under cover or into store, many thanks to Paul Randall, Marc Boulton, Tim Wilkins, Trevor Clack and Steve Webb for giving up their Saturday morning to do these jobs plus hedge trimming. A big thank you to Paul Randall and his wife Sarah for spending time on Sunday finishing off the cutting back of the high hedge around the containers, really appreciated as this is one job that one hopes someone else will do.



Jeff Bizzell