



WORTHING INDOOR BOWLS CLUB

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Dave Crockett League Sec.

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CLUB OFFICERS LADIES

Wendy Davies President & Sec.

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Eddie Bond, John Fairs

Peter Gladwell, Chris Young

A MESSAGE FROM OUR OUTGOING PRESIDENT

Our club is changing, mixed bowling is now beginning to dominate our playing schedules. Therefore the bowls Committees have much thinking and work to do. Also Summer bowls now needs a secure administration in order that it meets our members needs. I am confident that our new President Derek Ridley will have positive thoughts in mind as we move forward as a Club to meet these new challenges.

Ray Potten



Captains Corner

Once again another winter season is coming to a close. We have had a very good season and our friendly fixtures are completed with the results showing more wins than losses.

The support the members have given us for the games all season has been excellent it does give myself and the Vice Captains Derek and Chris quite a challenge to try and make sure that everyone gets a fair number of games during the season. Once again thank you all very much for your commitment and support this season.

We have managed to fit in two fixtures for our new members who are all very keen and enjoying the club.

The Aussie Pairs and 'Footbowls' have also gone down well these are a bit different from the normal game of bowls.

From myself and the Vice Captains Derek and Chris to all Club members enjoy the remaining winter season and have an enjoyable Summer Season Indoors or Outdoors and look after yourselves during the Summer months.

George Youngs

WIBBC

Club Captain



Ladies Highlights

Linda Charge, Sheila Broad, Gill Ogden, Elizabeth McRae and Wendy Davies came out winners against 12 other competing sides to win the Denton Fives at Denton Island IBC on Sunday 25th March.

We had two representatives in the SCWIBA side which narrowly lost to Dorset WIBA in the semi final of the ATHERLEY TROPHY.

Wendy Davies has reached the final of the SCWIBA Championship Singles

WIBBC ON TOUR

We had a successful tour at the Dorset Resort. 60 of our members enjoyed 3 days of bowls. In the battle of the sexes the men came out on top! We won as a team against the Dorset Resort and in a drawn fours amongst ourselves Bill Foster, Christine Churcher, a member from Dorset Resort and Angela Grant were the winners. The food as usual was good and we had entertainment in the evenings—quiz, card bingo and a couple of good singers. The list is up on the board if any one is interested in going next year.

Wendy Davies

WIBBC Ladies President



PROMOTION FOR OUR MEN

Our Mens County League side have done us proud. By finishing our final 2 fixtures with maximum 11 points on each occasion we have achieved promotion back to the top division at the first attempt. This has been a real team effort and I am full of praise for all the WIBC men who have put themselves forward for selection for the team. All told over 40 have been selected for various games and the feelings among the squad are very positive about being in the top division again.

John Rose League Manager



MENS COUNTY LEAGUE

2017-18 Club	Games				Shots				Points	Position
	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	Diff			
Eastbourne	10	9	0	1	1384	937	447	91.4	1	
Worthing	9	7	0	2	1110	810	300	79.9	2	
Langney Sports	10	5	0	5	1104	1273	-169	52.5	3	
Horsham	10	3	0	7	960	1203	-243	29.0	4	
Denton Island	9	3	0	6	1033	1044	-11	27.0	5	
Falaise	10	2	0	8	1000	1324	-324	24.2	6	

Correct 09/04/18

A few words from the manager ...

I have now been at WIBC for 6 months and have properly started to see how the club works and to appreciate the many positives that already exist within the club. It is my job to make sure that all those positives: all the regular social activities for members; the brilliant staff in the kitchen and the excellent service and food they provide; a great playing surface and a thriving group of players who want to play on it; all continue to work in harmony.

At all successful indoor bowls clubs there will be full rinks. We, therefore have a very successful club. Mens and Mixed matches are oversubscribed, our Mens County league have achieved promotion, our Ladies have retained their division 1 status in SCWIBA. All midweek evenings have at least one WIBC triples or fours league in place, most have two! Spoons both men and mixed, the popular Charity sessions and the Aggregate Leagues all cater for a wide range of skill and intensity. Occasionally we have conflict between our general play roll up bowlers and the need of other members to get competitions played to a deadline. This is positive; it is the sign of a successful club and it has been one of my biggest challenges thus far in making a system which is clear enough, and fair enough to allow all bowlers the chance to do what they joined the club for in the first place, to get on the carpet and bowl and at the level they need to.

People challenges are always the most rewarding once resolved, but for most club members what is happening to the building is the most important factor. We have an ageing premises and it is in need of tender love and care. The newly redesigned visitors changing rooms, improvements to the toilets, revamping of the Green Stewards areas, improved facilities for audio and visual entertainment in the lounge, have all been steps along the way to keeping our building and environment up to scratch. Future planned work will involve redesigning the interior and furnishings of the office to make a more productive working environment for our dedicated staff. I feel it is also time to freshen up some of the tired areas of paintwork. Larger projects which initially will incur our club a lot of expense are being investigated and once again these will demonstrate to all, that this is a successful club and also a forward thinking club. The projects will include improvements to lighting, carpet and air conditioning. All improvements will be under the banner of long term cost savings.

Our new members this year have integrated well into the life of the club and I would ask that our more established bowlers now invite them into their teams and friendship groups to make sure that they want to stay on at WIBC. This year they were the Newbies, after our August Open Day we will have another set of Newbies to welcome on board. It might be that some sort of mentoring system should be put in place to allow those first and second year members to thrive and get the most out of club membership.

Some of you may have heard of the new GDPR legislation effective from May 2018. This will affect the way we gather, store and use information. I will keep you all informed about any changes to our way of working asap.

All I know is that six months in, I am confident that WIBC is providing an effective service for its members and that over time we can make it even better. I've seen the winter season—now bring on the summer!

Alan Messer



CONNOR'S DAY

Our annual charity day was well supported as always and a great success. Connor came along to the club and had tea with us and even tried a couple of ends which was great. We had a lovely raffle and thanks to all that bought prizes. Altogether we raised £260 for the 'KEEP CONNOR ACTIVE FUND'.



Unfortunately we didn't get any pictures on our day but here is a shot of Connor with Johnny Peacock of Strictly fame.

As we approach the end of another indoor winter season, we now start to look ahead to 2018/19! Most fixtures have now been confirmed for next season. In an effort to increase the number of our fixtures, local West Sussex outdoor clubs have been invited to fill some of our vacant dates and in 2018/19 we will now entertain Middleton, Steyning, Henfield, Southwick, and Southwick Park. The new fixtures held this year against our Ferring Village members will continue, as will the match against my old colleagues at Worthing Grasshoppers. West Sussex Tourists have also agreed a second 'triples' fixture. There is always room for new fixtures, so to those members who will shortly go outdoors, if your club don't yet have an indoor fixture with us, please mention us to your club management! Finally, if you're entering competitions, a date for your diary, Club Finals will be held on the weekend of 13/14 April 2019.

Les Mann WIBC Fixtures Secretary

