



# VENTNOR BOWLING CLUB

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Colin Beavis w/e October 10<sup>th</sup> 2021

### Summer League Tables – Final Positions

The Men's squads this summer had a good season with two teams being runners-up in their respective divisions.

The Ladies were unlucky with one of their teams being relegated on a "technical knockout!"

#### Ladies Isle of Wight Midweek League – Division 1:

**Ventnor A** safely retained their place in Division 1 finishing in 6<sup>th</sup> position with 52 points (8 wins and 10 losses from 18 games). This year's champions, Bembridge A, were unstoppable, winning all 18 of their games with a massive 102 points, ending many years of Ladies Bowls dominance by Plessey Bowling Club.

**Ventnor B** were the unfortunate victims of a re-organisation by Bowls Isle of Wight, to equalise the numbers of teams in each division. In a normal season (with 2-up and 2-down) they would have been safe for another year, but with "3-down", they were relegated by a difference of just one point behind Newport A. Ventnor B had a vastly inferior shots difference.

#### Mens Isle of Wight Saturday League:

**DIVISION 1: Ventnor A** finished a creditable 4<sup>th</sup> this year with 111 points (13 wins and 7 defeats from 20 games). For many of the past seasons this division has been dominated by three clubs; Cowes Medina, Plessey and Shanklin. This year Shanklin A and Plessey A had identical records, but Shanklin took the title with 13 more points than Plessey. Cowes Medina, were a further 19 points behind in third and Ventnor were 29 behind the Cowes team.

**DIVISION 2: Ventnor B** won more games than any other team in Division 2, but finished as runners-up to Plessey B who had won their games by larger points scores! Ventnor ended with 125 points (15 wins and 5 defeats from 20 games) 12 points behind the champions. The season finished at Ryde, at the end of September, with Ventnor B needing just 2 points to move from third up to second. In the event, Ventnor gained 7 points from that last game ensuring second spot.

**DIVISION 3: Ventnor C** were denied the 3<sup>rd</sup> division championship by another bizarre decision by Bowls Isle of Wight, to allow what amounted to Warner's A team being allowed into the lowest division as a complete team under the name "Sandown W", and consequently having very little trouble winning the league. (Warners Bowling Club had temporarily disbanded the previous year and had been allowed to join Sandown Bowling Club, en masse, for 2021)

#### Mens Isle of Wight Midweek Afternoon League – Division 2:

**Ventnor E**, who finished mid-table in their division, won 11 and lost 10 games from 21 fixtures played. (It is worth noting that the aim of the men's afternoon leagues - theoretically - is for all new male members to gain experience, in a league environment, without the pressures normally associated with the Saturday leagues).

#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

The Annual General Meeting is on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> October at 10am, in the Clubhouse.

The Annual Dinner & Presentation Evening will be held on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in the Regency Suite at the Shanklin Conservative Club. (6.45pm for 7.30pm)

### CHRISTMAS BUFFET and Grand Hamper Draw 2021

This year's pre-Christmas Buffet and Grand Hamper Draw will be held, in the Clubhouse, on Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 1pm

A list is on the noticeboard – please get your names down as soon as possible as the 2019 Christmas buffet was over-subscribed and numbers are limited. DO NOT MISS OUT THIS YEAR!

### WINTER 2021/2022

#### INDOOR BEGINNERS SESSIONS:

The Monday night Indoor Beginners sessions began on October 18<sup>th</sup> in our Clubhouse in Mitchell Avenue.

If you want to try Bowls come along on any Monday evening - you don't need to be in right at the beginning. Sessions start at 7pm and last for about two hours. There is a nominal fee per session of £2 to cover heating and lighting. Beginners evenings go right through to March with a short break for Christmas.

If you think you might be interested come along and find out. All we ask is that you bring a pair of trainers, or similar flat-soled footwear – all other equipment is provided. (Please note: We cannot allow outside shoes of any sort onto the carpet under any circumstances)

**THE FIRST NIGHT IS FREE, so if you do come along and you find it is not for you, then you have lost nothing. If you don't try you will never know!**

For more information, please contact our Secretary, John Hawkes on 01983 873513 or any member  
or email: [info@ventnorbowlingclub.com](mailto:info@ventnorbowlingclub.com).

**OR JUST TURN UP ANY MONDAY EVENING AFTER 7 O'CLOCK AND RING THE BELL!**

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