



VENTNOR BOWLING CLUB

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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TOURIST MATCH: - *Yateley Bowling Club from North Hampshire*

Despite a gloomy forecast, the rain held off long enough for this match against Yateley Bowling Club to take place last Sunday afternoon.

Ventnor Club President, **John Walker** (shown left with their Captain-of-the-day)) welcomed the tourists for their second visit in as many years and presented them, at the end of the game, with a framed picture in commemoration of their visit. Due to Covid restrictions, especially the indoor rule-of-six, the game consisted of six rinks of Triples with both sides winning three rinks each. However, Ventnor's overall total gave them a victory by 105 shots to 83.

Ventnor's winning rink was **Vicky Watts, Ian Crombie & John Walker**.



MEN'S ISLAND SATURDAY LEAGUE – *Mixed results for the men's teams last week.*

Division 1: Ventnor 'A' were due to play their return match against Totland 'A' last week, in the West Wight, but the game was postponed at short notice, due to waterlogging. The 'A' team have now dropped back down to 8th place in division 1.

Division 2: On Saturday afternoon,, Ventnor 'B' travelled to Parkhurst to play Camphill 'A' and suffered a very disappointing loss. One rink came from a long way behind to win, one went behind after leading by a substantial margin to lose, and the third were never in the running in the first place!.The result was a 75-52 shots win for the hosts and just 2 points for Ventnor. Despite this poor result, the 'B' team have now moved UP to 4th in the table.(?)

Division 3: Last Tuesday week, Ventnor 'C' lost 71-49 at home to Sandown 'C' gaining just 1 point, but two days later a complete reversal saw them win 10-0 away at Seaclose Park against Newport 'B' by a massive 42 shots (78-36). The 'B' team remain 4th.

MEN'S ISLAND KNOCKOUT CUP

In the competition for the "Guy Cup", Ventnor 'A' played their first round game at Cowes where they lost 67-50 to Plessey 'A'.

Last Wednesday, Ventnor 'B' were in action in the same competition at Ryde, where they took on fellow division two hopefuls, Ryde Marina 'B' , and lost a fairly close game by just 8 shots.

LADIES ISLAND MIDWEEK LEAGUE DIVISION 1 – *Ladies 'B' team struggle again.*

Shanklin 'A' beat Ventnor 'B' at Brook Road by 40 shots to 23 taking all 6 points. During this game, Ventnor's Auriol Ash fell and banged her head on the concrete surround of the green. Luckily it was not as serious as first thought, and she is now back home from St. Mary's. The 'B' team remain in 8th position in Div.1, but Ventnor 'A', who did not play last week, have dropped down to 7th place.

MEN'S MIDWEEK AFTERNOON LEAGUE DIVISION 2 – *Mixed fortunes for the E team.*

Ventnor 'E' were in action twice last week – the first game was away at Mitten Road where they beat Bembridge 'E' 69-48 gaining all 10 points. The second game was away at Camphill where they lost 62-51 taking just 2 points. Ventnor 'E' have moved up to 3rd place.

MEN'S MIDWEEK AFTERNOON KNOCKOUT CUP – *Huge win for Ventnor at Seaclose Park.*

Ventnor 'E' last won the "Harris Cup" ten years ago, and if the result of this first round match in this year's competition is anything to go by, they stand a very good chance to repeat their win of 2011. Ventnor easily won the game against Newport 'C' by a massive 42 shots (82-40) and now meet Plessey 'G' in the quarter-finals. Incidentally, Newport beat Ventnor in a recent league match!

MEN'S COUNTY PAIRS – *Ventnor duo fall at the penultimate hurdle.*

John Biddle & John Hawkes, Ventnor's last representatives in this competition, having fought their way through the quarter-finals met Steve Lewis and Ray Byham from Cowes Medina in the semi-final last week. The game was extremely close all the way the last end, requiring a measure to decide whether the game would go to an extra end or not. The umpire decided, after much deliberation, to award the shot to the Cowes pair sending them into the final. Well done John and John.

CALLING POTENTIAL NEW BOWLERS:

Every Wednesday morning (special circumstances & weather permitting) the green will be open for anyone wishing to learn to play lawn bowls or anyone who has played before and who would like to resume playing again. The green will be available after 10 o'clock (currently up until midday) and it would be advisable to give our secretary a call (**01983 873513**) if you are interested so that we will have some idea of the numbers that may come along. This will be an ideal chance for potential bowlers to come along and "have a go" (**at no charge!**) and to have a look around the Club and Clubhouse. (Wear what you like – within reason! – however, flat-soled shoes or trainers are compulsory, and can be provided, if necessary.) **Don't forget, a face covering is currently required if you need to go inside the Clubhouse to use the toilet, etc.**

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