



VENTNOR BOWLING CLUB

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Colin Beavis w/e September 19th 2021

TOURIST MATCHES:

RHIWBINA BOWLS CLUB – Wednesday, September 15th

Another good bowling day, weather-wise, last Wednesday when Club President, **John Walker** welcomed our visitors from Cardiff. It was a special year for the tourists as they were celebrating their Centenary in 2021. They were surprised to learn that Ventnor Bowling Club had celebrated THEIR Centenary, thirty-five years ago!

This was the visitors first visit to the Island and at the end of the game, President John presented them with a framed picture in commemoration of their visit. The photo shows their Captain-of-the-day, with John, resplendent in their brand-new centenary shirts.

Ventnor have now won the last four tourist matches with ever-decreasing shots margins – from 43 to Wednesday's 2! - however, a 'win is a win'.

Ventnor's top winning rink was rink 3 (again) – **Chris Riley, John Biddle, Annie Morris & Dave King** who had a 12-shots win.



MATCH RESULTS FOR LAST WEEK

MEN'S ISLAND SATURDAY LEAGUE: Wins for Ventnor 'A' and Ventnor 'B' on final day of season.

Division 1: Ventnor 'A' played their final league match of the season last Saturday, hosting Ryde Marina A at Mitchell. Ventnor lost on two rinks but won on the third with enough shots to secure a 6-4 victory. Ventnor 'A' have finished in fourth place behind the three "giants" of Island bowls, Shanklin 'A', Plessey 'A' and Cowes Medina 'A'.

Division 2: Ventnor 'B' travelled to Rink Road to play Ryde Marina 'B' needing just two points from this final game of 2021, to secure the runners-up spot in Division 2. It was 'nip and tuck' all the way through with Ventnor winning by just one shot to secure the points needed. One rink won by 4 shots, one rink lost by 3 shots and the third rink came back strongly for a draw. This resulted in a 7-3 win for Ventnor 'B' - more than enough for 2nd place.

Division 3: Ventnor 'C' had already finished their programme and, like the 'B' team, finished as runners-up in their league.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN TO PLAY BOWLS?

I know many NON-BOWLERS read this newsletter each week, and maybe, just maybe, they have been tempted to have a go at lawn bowls, but didn't know how to go about it.

Contrary to popular belief, bowls is NOT a sport exclusively for "old codgers" who are too unfit to play any other game! It is a sport for EVERYONE – there are no age limits (within reason) – and most players at the top of their game are definitely NOT old! Over the last few years, every attempt has been made to bring the game up-to-date with coloured clothing and coloured bowls, and undoubtedly, the television coverage has helped to

raise the profile of bowls, both indoors and outdoors, and attract people of all ages.

We, at Ventnor Bowling Club provide the opportunity for new players to learn bowls all year around on our outdoor green or in the Clubhouse, in Mitchell Avenue.

During the winter months we hold sessions for new players (from complete novices to lapsed ex-players who wish to improve their skills) every Monday evening at 7pm on our full-size INDOOR carpet (see separate panel, below, for details).

During the summer months, we extend the same opportunities to all new-comers on our OUTDOOR rinks, every Wednesday morning at 10am (weather permitting).

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

TOURIST MATCH – Friday, September 24th at 2pm. Sussex County Presidents' Tour – 6 rinks men.

The Annual end-of-season mens' meeting will be held on Saturday, September 25th at 10am in the Clubhouse.

The Closing of the Green will be on September 26th at 2pm, and will consist of a full game followed by tea and cakes.

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

The Annual Dinner & Presentation Evening will be held on November 20th, 2021 in the Regency Suite at the Shanklin Conservative Club. Menu and choice selections are on the noticeboard. Please indicate your preferences as soon as possible.

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