



VENTNOR BOWLING CLUB

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Colin Beavis w/e October 3rd 2021

TOURIST MATCH:

SUSSEX COUNTY PRESIDENTS' TOUR 2021 – Friday, September 24th



President John Walker welcomed the Sussex Presidents' Tour party from just along the mainland coast – shown above - to our green last Friday week on, yet again, another brilliant day for outdoor bowls.

The "Sussex Presidents' Tour" were last at Ventnor in 2017 when they beat us by a 28 shots margin (130-102). This year we reversed the result with a 16 shots victory (117-101) sharing the six rinks with three wins each. At the end of the game, President John presented the tourists with a framed photograph of our Club, as a memento of their visit. Ventnor's Top Rink was **George Gray, Mike Tanser, Ted Edwards & Dave King** who had a tremendous win by 20 shots (29-9). A good way to end the Tourist season...

As a matter of interest, tourist fixtures are arranged well in advance of the actual visit date and because of Covid uncertainty, the majority of our tourist games in 2021 have been at the end of the summer, with nine being in September!

CLOSING DAY Sunday, September 26th 2021

Upwards of thirty members enjoyed a fun game in glorious weather on the final outdoor day of 2021.

The afternoon started with a "spider" which was won by Carol Venier with husband, Derek a very close second. Ironically this was Derek & Carol's last event for the Club as they are taking "early" retirement from bowls from the end of the club year. The main event was a spoon drive which was won by Sheila Arnott with a shots difference of +29, with Ian Saunders in second place with +25.

After the game, everyone enjoyed tea/coffee and rolls/cakes, prepared by Catering Manager, Carol Venier, with invaluable help from Sue & Linda. (enabling Carol to have her last game of bowls). The afternoon was organised by President, John Walker whose charity for 2020/2021 has been Shanklin & Sandown Independent Lifeboat and all the entry fees from the spider went to this excellent cause. *The following morning, the usual gang of "board lifters" (and a few new faces) turned up bright and early for the strenuous job - which we have to do twice a year – of getting the indoor rink ready for the forthcoming winter leagues which start in October.*

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

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 – 6.45 for 7.30pm. Menu and choice selections are on the noticeboard. Please indicate your preferences as soon as possible.

PLEASE NOTE: The final Summer league positions for our two ladies' teams and our four men's teams will appear in next week's newsletter.

WINTER LEAGUE DATES 2021/2022:

Daytime and Evening League games will both start on Tuesday, October 12th.

Thursday Triples games will start on October 14th

100-up Pairs games: – start day will be announced soon.

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INDOOR BEGINNERS SESSIONS:

We will be starting the usual Monday night Indoor Beginners sessions on October 18th in our Clubhouse in Mitchell Avenue

If you want to try Bowls come along on **Monday, October 18th** or any Monday thereafter - 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 Club Secretary, John Hawkes on 873513, or any member or email: info@ventnorbowlingclub.com.

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

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