

31 August 2017

- \sim Congratulations to Malcolm Havord, Bob Sharpe, David Killington and Neil Kelsey who are the Aldershot and District Fours winners as their opposition from Camberley are unable to play on the set Final's Day and no alternative dates are possible
- \sim The friendly against Burghfield on Saturday 3 September has had to be cancelled as we do not have enough players to field a team

29 August 2017

- \sim The programme for the Aldershot and District Competition Finals has been published and good luck to all the Cove players taking part. We have Daniel Taylor and Gavin Knight as two of the four players in the Under 25 Singles, Ian Taylor playing the Singles at 10.00am and Peter Knight, Allen Cliffe and John Hall playing in the 2 Wood Triples also at 10.00am
- \sim The nomination sheets for Club Officer and Committee members in 2018 are now on the main noticeboard in the Clubhouse
- \sim The entry forms for all 2018 Aldershot and District, Bowls Hampshire and Farnham and District competitions are now on the main noticeboard in the clubhouse

28 August 2017

- ~ Following the success of the Women's National Top Club in reaching Leamington we will have to reorganise the Club Competition Finals and more details will be published once confirmed
- ~ The Short Mat Winter League and Friendly fixtures have been added to the website
- ~ Our opposition in the County Mixed Top Club semi final next month will be Atherley

- ~ Good luck this morning to our Women's National Top Club side as they take on Bromley at Sutton BC with the winners going to Leamington next month. Update an amazing match which came right down to the last wood. All four disciplines could not have been closer with the Singles being lost first by 20 shots to 21 to give Bromley a one point lead. We then drew level as the Fours won by the same margin of 17 shots to 16. In the other two disciplines we were losing but the Pairs staged an amazing recovery to come from 12 shots down just after halfway to pick up a double on the last end and draw 23 23. That meant it was all down to the Triples with both the points and shots level overall and we were one shot down going into the last end. With one wood remaining we held one shot which would have forced the extra end but it was not needed as we picked up a two to win the match by 2.5 points to 1.5 and by 77 shots to 76. This puts us through to Leamington next month and the last eight in the country. Well done to all the players on this fantastic achievement
- ~ A very happy 80th birthday today to Terry Vidler



26 August 2017

- ~ Tonight's Lottery Bonus Ball was number 58 which gives a first win to Michael and Carol Inkpen
- \sim Well done to Mick Mather and Frankie Brandon who won this afternoon's Australian Pairs competition, defeating Ian Taylor and Mick Porter in the final
- ~ A very happy 60th birthday today to Phil Vincent
- \sim Congratulations to Sarah Bowen, Jan Allen and Karen Cranham who have reached the final of the North Hampshire Women's BA Triples. They play against Basingstoke Town in the final at 2.00pm on Monday 4 September at Oakley

25 August 2017

~ The works on West Heath Road by South East Water are finally nearing completion and they have issued an update note which has been added to the website which can also be viewed via this link

24 August 2017

 \sim Better news this evening as our Aldershot and District 2 Wood Triple of Terry Hart, Allen Cliff and John Hall won their semi final against Camberley. They will now play in the final on Saturday 2 September which we are hosting

23 August 2017

~ The following team has been selected:

Women's National Top Club - Inter County 2nd Final - At Sutton BC against Bromley on Sunday 27 August at 10.30am (in greys)

Singles - Karen Cranham
Pairs - Donna Marsland and Donna Taylor
Triples - Jan Allen, Frankie Brandon and Sarah Bowen
Fours - Ann Guerin, Sue Dickie (Captain), Sue Sharpe and Allyson Flint
Reserves - Penny Orford and Sarah Knight

~ Although not advised it is understood that Ian Taylor won his Aldershot and District Single's semi final tonight and will now play in the final on Saturday 2 September

- ~ A very Happy 90th Birthday today to Peter Clements
- ~ In the Women's County finals today our Over 55 Pair of Jan Allen and Allyson Flint were give a walkover in the semi final when their opposition from Lyndhurst withdrew from the competition. In the final against Cowplain Jan and Allyson went on to win with an 18 shots to 13 victory



- \sim The second, and final, Inter Area final in the Women's National Top Club against Bromley has been arranged for 10.30am on Sunday 27 August at Sutton BC
- \sim In the Aldershot and District semi finals this week it has not been very successful so far with defeats in the Triples, Champion of Champions and Pairs. We hope for better results for the remaining matches

21 August 2017

- \sim Good luck to our Women's County finalists this week at Banister Park with Jan Allen playing in the semi final of the Over 55 Singles this morning and then again tomorrow, along with Allyson Flint, in the Over 55 Pairs. Update Jan won the semi final by 21 shots to 8 but unfortunately was defeated in the final in the afternoon
- ~ Good luck also to our Men's Aldershot and District semi finalists this week. We have players involved every day and it starts this evening with Alan Shelley, Ray Galpin and Neil Kelsey playing at Old Dean in the Triples and tomorrow morning Carl Taylor plays the Champion of Champion's Singles followed by the Pairs in the evening with Daniel Taylor at Hook. On Wednesday Ian Taylor is in the Singles at Old Dean and on Thursday our 2 Wood Triple of Terry Hart, Gavin Knight and Allen Cliff are at Yateley. The week ends on Friday with two chances as the Fours of Chris Kennedy, Terry Burton, John Hall and Alun Devonald together with Malcolm Havord, Bob Sharpe, David Killington and Neil Kelsey play at Aldershot Underwood

19 August 2017

- ~ Tonight's Lottery Bonus Ball was number 3 giving a fourth win to Les Brandon
- ~ Best of luck this morning to Daniel Taylor who plays in the first round of the Junior Singles at Leamington. Update Daniel won the first round match against Herefordshire but unfortunately lost in the second round to Suffolk
- ~ Well done to the Women's North Hampshire Gazette Cup team who this morning beat Oakley in the semi final and now play Fleet United in the final this afternoon. Update Cove won the final by 10 shots
- ~ Well done to Ian Taylor, Sally Priest and Phil Money who won the George Dawson Trophy competition this afternoon

- \sim Good luck today to Donna Marsland and Donna Taylor as they play in the first round of the National Women's Pairs at Leamington. Update unfortunately they were defeated by Leicestershire
- \sim Congratulations to John Dickie, Bill Dickie and Carl Taylor who defeated Alton Social this evening in the North Area Final of the County 2 Wood Triples. They will now play in the County Semi final at Alexandra BC next month



16 August 2017

- \sim The final Blackwater Valley League table has been received and shows us finishing in 6th place out of the 12 Clubs so our best season for a few years
- ~ The following teams have been selected:

Women's North Hampshire Gazette Cup Semi Final at Oakley against Oakley on Saturday 19 August at 09.30am

Penny Orford, Ann Guerin, Frankie Brandon Angela Devonald, Jan Allen, Sarah Bowen Sarah Knight, Carol Eichen, Sue Dickie (*Captain*)

County Mixed Top Club Semi Final at Banister Park against either Romsey or Atherley on Sunday 10 September at 10.00am

Women's Singles - Sarah Bowen Men's Singles - Terry Hart (Captain) Pairs - Sue Dickie and Bill Dickie Triples - Ian Taylor, Sue Sharpe and Allyson Flint Fours - Karen Cranham, Jan Allen, Alan Shelley and Chris Cranham

15 August 2017

 \sim Well done to Carl Taylor who won through this evening to reach the final of the Farnham and District Men's Singles

14 August 2017

~ Good luck to our Women's Triples of Karen Cranham, Jan Allen and Sarah Bowen as they play in the First Round at Leamington this morning. Update - unfortunately the result was a 12 shots to 22 defeat

13 August 2017

 \sim We will be hosting the Inter County final of the Men's National Top Club between Royal Wootton Basset and Priory which is being played on Sunday 3 September at 3.00pm

12 August 2017

~ Tonight's Lottery Bonus Ball was number 17 which gives an 8th win to Mick Porter

10 August 2017

~ Well done to Daniel Taylor, Bill Dickie and John Dickie who this evening won through to the North Area Final of the Men's County 2 Wood Triples. They will now play against Alton Social next Thursday evening



 \sim The final Aldershot and District League Tables have been received and confirm what we knew in that the A Team finish second in the Premier Division and the B Team rose to 5th place after their win this week which means both teams will once again be in the top league next season. The C Team are unfortunately relegated from Division 2

09 August 2017

 \sim Unfortunately our rink of Ann Guerin, Karen Cranham, Donna Taylor and Sarah Bowen were defeated this morning in the National Fours at Leamington by Cornwall in awful weather conditions but it was a very good performance to reach the last 16

08 August 2017

- ~ The final Aldershot and District League matches were played this evening and we were short with quite a few players away and unavailable. In the Premier Division the A Team were away at Aldershot Traction A and despite winning on two rinks they lost by 53 shots to 63 and 2-3 on points. The B Team were at home to Seale and Sands and won by 76 shots to 48, picking up 4 points which is enough to secure our place for next season. In Division 2 we did not have enough players to field a team so conceded the match to Odiham and North Warnborough
- ~ At the Women's National Championships at Leamington this afternoon our rink of Ann Guerin, Karen Cranham, Donna Taylor and Sarah Bowen played Dorset in the second round and were well ahead before they were pegged back and went into the last end all square. In the end it all came down to an Umpire's measure, the result of which was greeted by a huge cheer from the Cove supporters, giving a 19 shots to 18 victory. That puts them through to the Round of 16 in which they will play Cornwall tomorrow morning
- \sim Congratulations to Frankie Brandon, Sue Dickie, Allyson Flint, Ann Guerin, Donna Marsland and Donna Taylor who have all been selected for the Women's North Area Dolly Gore team who will play at Banister Park on Friday 1 September
- \sim The final Stan Hardman League table confirms we finish in 3rd place level with Hawley on 52 points but ahead as we won one more triple than them during the season. We miss out on the end of season playoffs however

07 August 2017

~ Good luck this afternoon to our Women's rink of Ann Guerin, Karen Cranham, Donna Taylor and Sarah Bowen as they play their first round match in the National Fours at Leamington Spa. Update - in a very close match our rink won through by 2 shots and will play again tomorrow afternoon in the second round

06 August 2017

 \sim In the Men's County Club Championship this morning at Atherley we faced Southsea Waverley in the semi final and unfortunately we were defeated by around 20 shots overall



05 August 2017

- ~ Tonight's Lottery Bonus Ball was number 27 which gives an 8th win to Terry Vidler
- ~ The updated Aldershot and District League tables have been received. In the Premier Division the defeat for the A Team confirms that our run as Champions is over and we will finish in second place. The B Team are in 6th place and four points ahead of Fleet United who are in the relegation zone. We have a very slight shot advantage too but will need 1.5 points from Tuesday's final match at home to Seale and Sands to guarantee our place in the top league next season. In Division 2 the C Team are in bottom place and relegated to Division 3

04 August 2017

- \sim In the Inter County final of the Tony Allcock Trophy this evening we faced Box BC at Hungerford. In a very close match a place in the last eight at Leamington came down to the last two woods and unfortunately it didn't go our way and we lost by a single shot
- ~ This week's final Farnham and District League match of the season against Bourne was not completed as the away venue was waterlogged. In the updated League Table we remain in third place
- \sim The National Championships start at Leamington Spa tomorrow for the next 4 weeks and we wish good luck to all our competitors who I am sure would appreciate support if anyone is able to go and watch. At the moment we have the following taking part and, with two Inter County finals for our Club teams also still to be played, we will hopefully have more to add to the list:

Monday 7 August at 2.00pm - Ann Guerin, Karen Cranham, Donna Taylor, Sarah Bowen - Fours Monday 14 August at 9.30am - Jan Allen, Karen Cranham, Sarah Bowen - Triples Thursday 17 August at 9.30am - Donna Marsland, Donna Taylor - Pairs Saturday 19 August at 9.30am - Daniel Taylor - Junior Singles

 \sim The Friendly at Westfield due to be played on Sunday has had to be cancelled as we do not have sufficient players

- \sim In the final Stan Hardman League match of the season we visited bottom placed Farnborough but, despite winning on two triples, we lost overall by 50 shots to 51 but still pick up a 4 3 points score
- \sim We will be hosting the Inter County Two Fours match between Westlecot and Southsea Waverley which has been arranged for 6.00pm on Monday 8 August
- \sim Congratulations to Jan Allen who has reached the semi final of the Women's County Over 55 Singles competition and also to Allyson Flint who, along with Jan, has also won through to the semi final of the County Over 55 Pairs. Both matches will be played at Banister Park in the third week of August



02 August 2017

 \sim Please note that the date of the indoor match against Camberley IBC has been changed to Saturday 18 November

01 August 2017

- ~ The title deciding match in the Premier Division this evening saw the A Team being well beaten by Camberley A who are now winners of the league after a 79 shots to 50 and collecting all five points. The B Team visited Old Dean and also lost by 55 shots to 67, picking up 1 point. In Division 2 the C Team were at home to Farnborough Gate and despite a closer match, losing by 55 shots to 63, we gained just half a point
- ~ The following Teams have been selected for next week's final Aldershot and District League matches

A Team - Away at Aldershot Traction A on Tuesday 8 August at 6.00pm

Terry Wilkinson, Allen Cliff, Terry Burton and John Stone Alan Shelley, Dave Cumes, Terry Hart (*Captain*) and Wayne Reed Peter Knight, John Dickie, Bill Dickie and Ian Taylor

B Team - Home to Seale and Sands on Tuesday 8 August at 6.00pm

Ray Galpin, Bob Sharpe, Eric Fry and Chris Kennedy Jeff Smith, Phil Vincent, Alan Harton and Dave Tonks Ken Eichen, Neil Kelsey, Malcolm Havord and Jim Marsland (*Captain*)

Unfortunately, due to holidays and other commitments, we do not have enough players available to field a C Team so will have to concede the match to Odiham and North Warnborough