



Victoria Park Bowling Club Newsletter - July 2024



EGM

An EGM will be held at 11am on Tuesday 2 July 2024 at the Pavilion. There are only two (2) items on the agenda. Following the resignation of the previous Treasurer Steve O'Toole and the Acting Secretary Dave Spratt the members are required to vote on the approval of the new volunteer Treasurer and Secretary nominated by the Committee. These are:

John Ravenscroft
Treasurer



Dave Ormesher
Secretary



The Meeting should only take a few minutes to conduct, the Committee would be grateful for your support. The Members and Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank Steve and Dave for their work and wish them well for the future.

The 2024 Chairs Pairs

On Sunday 23rd June the weather was extremely kind to us, 32 members competed for the title, (an equal number Ladies and Gents) The format was a randomly drawn pairs without handicaps. All those not progressing in round 1 were entered into the Consolation Competition.

The random draw worked very well as the majority of the games were quite high scoring and very closely fought. Under a very blue sky, the eventual winners of the Main Competition were Haydn Preece & Irene Kermode who held off a gallant challenge from Dave Williams & Jeana Ormesher 21-18. The losing semi-finalists were Steve Halliwell & Colette McGenity and Blossom Kildare & John Ashcroft.



The Consolation Competition was also a closely contested competition, Simon Tinsley & Liz Butler eventually defeated John McGenity & Wyn Allen. The losing semi-finalists were, Heather Salter & Jimmy Need and Olwen Ennis & John Edwards.



Our thanks go the Greens Team for ensuring the Greens were in "tip top" condition and to Sheila Mo and Jeana Ormesher for providing an excellent buffet lunch with delicious cake. The organizers who provided a smooth running competition were Haydn Preece and Dave Ormesher.

Southport LV Bowls League Individuals Competition

The Southport LV Bowls Individual Competition's qualifying rounds will take place on Tuesday 16th July commencing at 6.30pm at various venues. Finals Day will be on Sunday 21st July at the Tarleton Bowling Club, starting at 1pm.

The entry fee will be £3, with all entry money paid out in prizes.

If you wish to take part please add your name to the list on the notice board before Friday 5th July., entrance fee should be paid to Gary Burgess.

The 2024 Alan Burgess Memorial Competition

The Alan Burgess Memorial Competition is an Annual Competition held at the Zetland Bowling Club, the finals day will be on Sunday 22nd September commencing at 1pm. The cost of entry is £5 with all monies paid out in prize money, the Bugress Family have donated £200 towards the prize money.

The next qualifying round will be held at the Zetland Bowling Club on Sunday 28th July starting at 6:30pm, with the final qualifying round taking place on Sunday 25th August again at the Zetland Club stating at 6:30pm.

If you would like to take part please contact Gary Burgess on 07896868669.

Southport Flower Show 15-18 August



One month to go before the Flower Show, and the Club will join in the festivities by providing a festival of bowling over the four days 15-18 August.

The Coordinator will be Dave Ormesher and he will need your help. The response for volunteers and competitors for the Club Competitions has been very good. There are still spaces available for volunteers and members wishing to take part in the Round Robin and Friday Pairs Competitions. It will be a long weekend and the Club will be in the spotlight, so let's make it one to

remember. You can volunteer for half or full day, each member that volunteers will receive a Flower Show Entry Pass that will allow them to visit the show before they start volunteering or after on the day of volunteering. As we are only issued a limited number of vehicle passes you may have to make your own parking arrangements.

Each year during the Show a Tombola Stall is organized to raise much needed funds for the Club. Although we will purchase some items for the stall to ensure it is successful, we need donations from the members. If anyone would like to donate any unwanted gifts, bottles (alcohol/no-alcoholic) or any item that would be attractive for the stall please inform Sue Mountford or Sheila Mo.

The ticket cost of entering the Club Competitions on Thursday and Friday is £10, (if you play in the Maghull Challenge the entry fee will be waived for the Round Robin). The ticket allows you entry into the Flower Show and you are then able to visit the Show after or before your match. Or before or when you finish volunteering.

Tickets are available through Dave Ormesher or Sue Mountford, all tickets must be paid for in advance you can pay using Card, Cash, Cheque or Bank Transfer (if using Bank transfer please contact Dave or Sue for details). Members can also purchase tickets for Family and Friends from the Club at the reduced price of **£19**. The tickets will be issued the week before the Show.

Any Questions please speak to Dave or Sue.

Flower Show Competitions - Entry Sheets on Club Notice Board	
Thu 15 th Aug	Morning: The Maghull Pairs Challenge set by Ted Morrell Please note this competition is now closed, having reached the number of Competitors required, you can opt to be a reserve and if someone has to drop out you can fill the gap, but it may be short notice.
Thu 15 th Aug	Afternoon: There will be a Club Round Robin organized by Eric and Maureen Ireland. If you would like to take part please enter your name on the sheet place on the notice board, if you have any questions please speak to Eric.
Fri 16 th Aug	The Club Pairs - organized by Sue Mountford
Sat 17 th Aug	Open Pairs Competition - organized by Mark & Jayne Eustace
Sun 18 th Aug	Open Singles Competition - organized by Mark & Jayne Eustace

Team News

Maghull & District Monday Night Bowling League

During June the Team won 3 matches out of 4 gaining 31 points. Winning these matches placed the team in 3rd position in Division 2 of the league with only 4 points behind Northern A in the 2nd place. The league leaders are Brooklands some 13 points ahead, but our closest rivals are Hesketh Arms B who are only 1 point behind us with a game in hand.

There are 5 matches in July, 3 of these are extremely tough away games, one of which is against Brooklands and we finish July with a trip to Northern A.

Carrol Whittaker is 5th in the Divisional Averages and top of ours winning 9 out of her 10 games. Haydn Preece is pushing for our top spot winning 8 of his 10 games and is currently 12th in the Divisional Averages.

Saxons Monday Nights

This is a new team, formed at the start of the season. It is made up of a mixture of the old Monday night team members and new players. As the season progressed a number of new players have joined to strengthen the team. Although we lost a few



games at the start the team has gained confidence with a number of wins and a couple of draws. Currently sitting mid-table in 5th place, there is an excellent team spirit and we

hope this will continue so that we can maintain a good level of performance as we enter the final stages of the season.

Southport Ladies Thursday Afternoon A Team

The team are progressing well and are presently lying in 3rd position in the League, the members have shown they are focused on achieving good results. Having played 5 games they have only lost 2, one of which was a very tight match against



Banks. A good team who are in 2nd place the result was 4 games each but the Ladies lost the aggregate 129/140!

Over the last few weeks due to holidays and injury they have been a little thin on the ground but still manage to field a team.

They are remaining positive for the remainder of the season

Mohawks Tuesday Nights

Due to the unexpected sudden departure of the Team Captain, Colette McGenity took on the role and with some gentle persuasion she has managed to recruit a couple of new members to replace the void left.

Although since taking over the team haven't won a match, but did very well at home winning 5 out of the 10 matches against Scarsbrick NSC, who are a very good team. We then played them at their home ground, which is a difficult ground for the away players, but also lost.



After a turbulent time for the team, in which there are some excellent players, it is now a settling down period and hopefully the team results will improve and they will get back to winning ways

Defibrillator Course



The second successful defibrillator course was held in the Board Room upstairs within the Flower Show Main Building on Wednesday 19th June.. Those attending were:

Graham Whittaker, Sheila Mo, Julie Edwards, Sheila Robinson, Maureen Ireland, Mike Bimpson, Denise Harvey, Josephine Andrews, Olwen Ennis, Dave Ormesher, Sue & Tony Fitzsimmons, Bob & Phil Morrison, Peter Halpin, Doreen & Ted Morrell, Liz Butler

Our thanks go to Richard the instructor from the Southport Saviours and a big thank you to Liz Butler for arranging the courses. We now have quite a number of Trained Operators who would be available in an emergency.

Club Shirts

A number of The Club Shirts are now in stock, should wish to purchase one please contact Sue Mountford. ,The cost is £25



Calendar of Events

Date	Event
2 nd July	EGM 11am at the Pavilion
28 th July	Summer Pairs
15-18 August	Bowls Festival at the 100th Southport Flower Show
1 st September	Club Away Day
15 th September	Singles Day Ladies & Gents TBC
29 th September	End of season Competition
6 th Dec 24	Awards Night Old Links Golf Club
1 st Feb '25	AGM at S&B Sports Club