

HORSHAM DISTRICT INDOOR BOWLS CLUB

Keeping our Members informed of News and Events

Welcome to the December 2018 edition of our monthly Club Newsletter. If there are any specific topics that you would like to see included, please let our Editor, Jo Lawrence, know. You can also see this newsletter on our Club website - why not have a look. www.horshamdistrictindoorbowlsclub.co.uk

IN BRIEF (but important!)

Jack High Winners - December Draw

No. 46 Mr P Frecknall £50
No. 118 Mr S Stan £30
No. 129 Mrs J Sweetland £20

ATHERLEY TROPHY

Congratulations to the Sussex Ladies Team on their 122 - 99 win over Surrey in the latest round of the Atherley Trophy on 15th December - held at our Club - a great result.

Well done to our Horsham ladies selected to represent Sussex in this inter-county competition - **Joy Reynolds** who was selected to play in this round, and also to **Jan Barnes** and **Fran Baillie** who had played in the previous round.

Breaking News - the next round of Sussex v Kent will be held at our Club **on Saturday, 12th January**. Come along, support Sussex and watch a high quality match. **Start time is 11:00 a.m.** and the restaurant will be open if you fancy a bite to eat also!!

CAR PARKING

The deadline of 1st January is extended until **January 31st 2019** for parking in the Tesco car park. Cameras will remain switched off during that period.

DRAWN 4'S

The draw for this competition will take place in the New Year - check the Competitions Board!



THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.....

would like to thank all those members who carry out the day to day jobs and tasks that keep the Club running, including those who run leagues, matches, roll-ups, and those who serve on various Committees. Without you there would be no Club!! We would also like to thank the generous people who make donations and also those who raise funds.

The Board wish all members a **very Happy Christmas** and a **Prosperous and Healthy New Year**.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

To **EVERYONE** who donated raffle prizes, and/or bought raffle tickets at this year's Christmas raffle.

We had an enormous amount of lovely prizes donated this year, too many to list and thank each individual person, but a special mention goes to our new sponsor, Dandelion Farewells, who donated a variety of fantastic prizes.

Other groups joined together to donate prizes, such as The 281's, Ewhurst bowlers & Bills' Army/Firing Squad (league teams). All your generous help

resulted in the **GRAND SUM OF £840** going into Club funds.

DIDN'T WE ALL DO WELL?!!

And finally, a big thank you to **Wendy Smith, Margaret Porter & Margaret Brown** for their hard work in organising the raffle.



XMAS WISHES FROM CLUB COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

On behalf of the Club, I wish all members a **great Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2019** - John Coghlan

RESTAURANT

The restaurant will be closed w.e.f. Friday, 21st December and re-open on Wednesday, 2nd January 2019.

Please note however, that **if there is no uptake on meals**, the restaurant **may** close after 12 midday on both the 2nd and 3rd January, 2019

Paul & Clare wish everybody a very **Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!**



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CLUB PRESIDENT - MICK PORTER

I am sending this Christmas message of thanks to all members of HDIBC for your very welcome support throughout the past year, helping to raise much needed funds for various projects around the Club.

I would also like to encourage you all to support our Mixed, Ladies' and Men's Captains by signing up for matches. There are some of you, I know, who will say "I'm not good enough", but believe me the best way to improve your game and knowledge is to play in matches - and take it from me, we all have a 'bad day at the office'!! I am sure you appreciate that our Captains do a magnificent job and work tirelessly on our behalf - so my plea to you all for 2019 is **please do your utmost to support the Club and put your name down for some matches.** Now the important bit - KEEP ON BOWLING - YOU KNOW IT'S GOOD FOR YOU! **I wish you all a very Happy Christmas & Healthy New Year.**



THEY

"Why don't **they**?" - I hear them say

AND

"What **they** should do" - I hear from you.

BUT

Who are **they**? I want to know.

Then I can tell them - What **they** should do.

BUT

Wait a minute..... Is it not true?

We are all volunteers - **THEY** is **YOU!!**

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED IN OUR CLUB

Please consider what you might be able to do to help our Club. Sometimes, it is just a matter of giving up an hour or two each month, sometimes a bit more, but if you can manage any time at all, it will be so appreciated and you will get lots of support.

Why not check out the Volunteers Board, on the left hand side as you come through the entrance doors to the reception area. Or chat to any Committee member.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LADIES.....

.... on their recent successes in two National Competitions. Our ladies have won 3 rounds so far in the Yetton Plate and will be playing in the round of the last 16 on **Saturday, 5th January** (2 rinks away on the Isle of Wight! and 2 rinks at home).

On **Friday, 18th January**, our ladies will be competing in the next round of the Masons Trophy - with 1 rink away at Eastbourne and 1 at home. **GOOD LUCK LADIES!!**

CAN YOU PLAY?

Please check the boards regularly and sign up as soon as you can for any of the matches which you are able to play in - some matches are cancelled or played with insufficient players and ultimately this can have a big impact on Club income. There are some games mentioned below - please have a look and if you could play in any of them, please add your name:

Saturday, 5th January - Mixed Friendly Match v Ewhurst (Home)

Wednesday, 9th January - Fun Drive (as many of you as possible!!)

Saturday, 22nd January - Ladies Match v Langney Sports (Home)

Tuesday, 29th January - Ladies Match v Langney Sports (Away)

These are all friendly matches, so would be great to see some of our new bowlers taking part - you'll get great support from everybody.

Further info, contact Tony Male (Mixed) or Jan Barnes (Ladies).



And finally - please support the **President's Charity Drive** on **Sunday, 13th January** and help to raise vital funds for our Club (as well as having an enjoyable afternoon of bowls!). Raffle prizes, will, as always, be very gratefully received.

