



Hurstpierpoint Bowling Club

Newsletter

Keeping in
touch



April 2021

Chris Barnden President 2017- 2021

Thoughts of a retiring President.

After acting in a supporting role as Secretary of the club for many years I was reluctant to accept Keith's suggestion in 2017 I take over the more high profile role as President from Mary Hunt .



Since taking on the role however I have been privileged to hold the Office during a time of many exciting changes and events.

As a non-voting member of the club committee I was able to help the committee through the long and sometimes fraught process of designing an extension to the clubhouse at an affordable price to achieve the objectives of providing better changing facilities, an improved kitchen and new bar and improved winter use by providing for short mat bowls in the extended club room.

Improvements made possible by the professional expertise and persistence of the then Chairman, Bob Mitchell, the retiring Chairman, John Pierce and the Treasurer Stephen Hand ably assisted with on-site works by other skilled members of the club..

During this time Brenda became, to my knowledge, the first member of the club ever to be The Sussex County Ladies President and the Ladies Four, Brenda, Kathy, Jenny and Chris represented the Country in Ireland after winning the National Fours Competition.

The next significant events for the club are the upcoming Centenary Celebrations and I can think of no more appropriate member to be President of the club at this time than Keith, my nominee as my successor.

Keith joined the club in 1991 and two weeks later the pavilion was burnt down! I hope this is not an omen.

On joining the club he immediately showed his sporting prowess by winning the men's pairs competition at the end of his first season. Since joining he has further enhanced his well deserved reputation as a first class bowler and has served the club as men's captain on numerous occasions, as Chairman for a number of years and has been a great ambassador for the club in the wider bowling community where he is well known, respected and liked.

I am sure as I take a back seat the club will be in good hands and will continue to flourish for many years to come.

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A New President & A New Chairman



Keith & Barbara Message from the President & the Chairman

I thank the members for electing me as President of the club and Chris for nominating me, he will be a hard act to follow. When I joined in 1991 I could not have imagined that 30 years later I would become President. There have certainly been many changes in that time. the only member still playing today when I joined is Ben Bennett.

I was persuaded to join by my then new father-in-law Les Sayers the club captain, two weeks later the wooden clubhouse was burn down by arsonists. Let us hope that we can have a more normal season of bowls following this difficult period in time.

I congratulate Barbara on her election as chairman. Barbara was my vice-chairman for five years when I was chairman in 2000 , she then followed as chairman with a three year stint in 2004 the first Lady chairman.

A message from Barbara

Let us hope that by the time you are reading this we will have some more freedom and be able to bowl outside very soon!

Thank you for giving me your vote of confidence and electing me as your Chairman. I am honoured and delighted to take up this position again.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking our Chairman John and the rest of the committee for not only steering us through the clubhouse extension but keeping things going so well in what must have been the most difficult year for all of us.

For those newer members who perhaps do not know me so well, I will give you a few background details.

Ben and I joined Hurstpierpoint Bowling Club in May 1995, at the time I was still working full time but Ben was retired and was soon very involved and in fact became

the Treasurer at the AGM in October of that year. I was soon persuaded to become Vice Chairman and held that post for several years, becoming Chairman in 2004, I was particularly honoured then as I was the first lady Chairman of Hurstpierpoint Bowling Club. I served for three years and in 2007 both Ben and I resigned from the committee as we had recently purchased a Motorhome and planned to travel, which we did quite extensively! I came back as Chairman for a one year reprieve in 2013, but I am delighted to return to lead our superb committee.

As I am sure that you all know that I lost my beloved Ben last year, which has left a huge hole in my life, but now feel that I am able to devote my time and energies to the Bowling Club.

However I haven't given up travelling completely so don't be surprised if I disappear occasionally, when we are allowed to, of course.

So, I am looking forward to hopefully a great season of bowling, with competitive and friendly games, and looking forward to meeting you all and enjoying all of our games and also hopefully social events.

Fifty Plus Club Results

January

John Pierce	£25.00
Roy Dale	£20.00
Jill Reynolds	£15.00

February

Linda Allfrey	£25.00
Bob Mitchell	£20.00
Margaret Mercer	£15.00

Club Committee for 2021.

Chairman Barbara Awcock

Vice Chairman Tony Lank

Hon.Secretary Noel McAuliffe

Hon.Treasurer Stephen Hand

Match Secretary Brian Truran

Social Secretary Gill Welsh

Clubhouse Manager Paul Burnett

Green Keepers Tony Lank & Brian Truran

Recruitment & Welfare Officer Anne Clifford

Captains. Colin Morphew & Jo Kaddish

V.Captains. David Green & Linda Witcher

Non-committee posts

S.C.W. B. A	Delegate Jenny Goodman
S.C.M. B. A	Delegate Keith Jackson
M.S. League	Delegate Dick Goodman
Bar Manager	Dick Goodman
Ladies Selector	Anthea Leaney
Men's selector	Dick Goodman
Newsletter	Keith Jackson
50+ manager	Brian Coleman
Competitions sec.	Roger Smith
Club photographer	Alan Needham
Club shirt contact.	Deryn Mitchell

Keith's Quick Sporting Quiz

- 1 Which tennis player has competed in most woman singles grand slam events ?**
- 2 Which club holds the most consecutive wins at the start of a Premier League Season ?**
- 3 How many times has Tiger Woods won the open championship ?**
- 4 Who is the first bowler to take 500 test wickets ?**
- 5 Which lady has won our mixed pairs competition the most times?**
- 6 Which lady has lost the most singles finals in grand slam history**

Sad News



Ian Cox Club Champion in 2001 passed away in February due to Covid 19. Ian was born and bred in Hurstpierpoint, went to our local school, passed the eleven plus and continued his education at Brighton & Hove Grammer School.

Ian played football for Hurstpierpoint even though he suffered from Asthma throughout his life.

Ian won our Men's Championship in 2001 winning in extraordinary fashion against David Hesketh , being 20-17 down and 2 shots down when his final bowl took out all 4 of Dave's bowls giving him the title.

We express our condolences to Val & family

A message from Val

To all my friends at Hurstpierpoint Bowling Club I thank you so much for the lovely cards and messages you have sent me. Your kindness has been a great support to me at this time and I look forward to seeing you all again when possible.

Best wishes to Jim Roberts who is currently in hospital.