

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

As every year the early rounds of our in house competitions are getting off to their usual slow start. With a short break from the league matches will members please get some of their first matches played. Mat 1 may be booked most Friday and Sunday afternoons for an hour from either 3.00pm or 4.00pm. Start fixing up those matches and as a reminder don't forget substitutes are allowed as long as the player is not already playing in the competition. The players taking part in the first round will be considered to constitute the team.

## COMPETITION FEES

Ann our treasurer is requesting payment of competition entry fees. Will you please ensure that you have paid 50p per championship event entered.

## STOP PRESS

### ITS YOUR NEWSLETTER

Contributions to "Matters News" are always welcome. Next issue is due to be published in March. Items to the secretary by end of February please.

## DO YOU FOOT FAULT?

The rule is clear: 'A player at the moment of delivering the bowl shall have the whole of one foot entirely within the confines of the delivery mat. The foot must be either in contact with or directly above the delivery mat. The other foot may be placed totally on the delivery mat or partially on the delivery mat and the delivery area or totally within the delivery area. The delivery area is that **within** the confines of the delivery lines. Failure to observe this Law constitutes foot faulting and the bowl delivered should be removed.

## YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED

### YOUR COMMITTEE

John & Ann, Pete & Sally,  
David, Brian & Mike wish you  
all a very Merry Christmas &  
A Happy Bowling New Year

## SO FOR YOUR DIARIES

4 bowl pairs 14th December 7.00 pm  
Lavis Cup & Party Sat. Jan. 7th 2012  
Manor House Get Away 16th—20th Jan.  
Club Fours Sun. 11th Mar.  
Club fours Final Sun. 25th Mar.  
Club Finals: Wed. 28th March & Wed. 4th  
April  
Annual Dinner Wed. 20th April. 7.30 pm  
AGM Wed. 27th April at 7.30 pm  
For other events See Club Diary on notice  
board and on club website.

Stokenham  
Short Mat Bowling Club

MATTERS NEWS

CHRISTMAS 2011



As we near the halfway mark of another season with each team having one more match to play we see Stokers hanging on to second place in division 2 with Hammers jogging along near the bottom of division 3. With byes in both the league KO and the "Tens" the club beat Dittisham in round 2 of the KO. In the "Tens" played home and away we meet Stoke Fleming in the second round first at home.

## THE LAVIS CUP & CLUB PARTY

The Lavis Cup Draw For Partners Triples Tournament held in memory of founder member and our first treasurer Fred Lavis, this season will be played on Saturday 7th January. This competition, as Fred would have wanted, is a fun event for all members to have a go. See entry form on notice board. The tournament will be followed by the annual club party when Anne Sidwell and her team provide a hot supper main

course and members supplement with puddings, cheese, wine etc. see notice board. There are rumours that John and his Jollies will again be providing their own style of entertainment and supported on this occasion by a special event from the ladies. All this for just **£6.50 a ticket** on sale now. See Sally or Pete.

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### CLUB COLOURS

Anyone requiring a club V-neck pullover in the club colour complete with logo and name, please see Sally or Pete. We need to order 6 garments from our supplier to obtain the current price of approximately £23 each. Club stickers for your bowls are available at the table for just 25p per set

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### VACANCIES

Two pairs urgently required to complete the entries for the Club Fours Competition. See notice board. Please find a partner and have ago or just let Sally have your name.

The fours will be played on Sunday 11th March, final on Sunday 25th March.

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### A SPECIAL TREAT FROM SALLY

A Christmas 4 bowl pairs evening on Wednesday 14th December. See notice board to enter.

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### THE DRAW

What is a draw? A bowl delivered in such a way that without hitting anything on the way it stops at a predetermined spot usually just touching the jack. There are those that say if you can't draw you can't play and that a good drawer will usually beat a good firer. Certainly in this game of ours there is little more satisfying than taking the shot to win the end with a perfectly executed draw. So how do we improve our draw ability? practise! How do we do that? By occasionally having a go at playing at number 1. Give it a try.

### THE DRIVE OR FIRING SHOT

Often playing at number 3 we may be asked to play with weight to break up the head, take out a bowl or perhaps put the jack in the ditch. Performing this delivery we overcome the effect of the bias on our bowl such that the bowl runs straight to the target, hopefully achieving the required result. Because the bowl may run amok we must give **clear warning** to all in the vicinity including players on adjacent mats. This is a rule of the game and non compliance can incur penalty i.e. removal of the offending bowl.

### PRACTISE

Makes perfect. There was a famous golfer who was credited with having a remarkable amount of luck. He countered by saying yes, you know it is funny, the more I practise the luckier I get!

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

When: To **draw** was something you did with a pencil. To **fire** was to discharge a gun. The **mat** was a bit of carpet in front of the bosses desk. **Jack** was a mate for Jill. **To drive** was something you did with a car. The **ditch** was something you tried not to drive into. To **skip** was what you did with a rope

A **fender** was round the grate and a **Line** was for hanging out washing. **Shot** was bits of lead found in game and **game** was what you ate. A **head** sat on shoulders and an **end** was the finish which is what I must do with this space waster. No prizes for more.

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### OUR CHARITY BOWLS DRIVES

With two of our five bowls drives already played we have so far this season raised on behalf of our charity, Devon Air Ambulances £61.50, The current snowball leader is Derek Haken with 47 shots and second Tony Rogers with 39. The next drive is due to be played on Sunday 4th December at 2.00pm. Just turn up, play and support a very deserving and worthwhile cause.

In a letter from The Air Ambulance Trust thanking us for last season's donation it was noted that over the years the club had contributed **£1,693. WELL DONE EVERYONE**