

WITNEY TOWN BOWLS CLUB



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As we approach the end of another busy but rewarding year, we can look back with satisfaction at the health of our club, the high engagement of members both in competitions and casual play, and the social events that keep all members - active bowlers or not - involved in the life of the club. The Committee would like to thank each and every one of you for supporting Witney Town throughout the year, and wish you all a peaceful and enjoyable holiday season.

Annual General Meeting

The Witney Town AGM was held on Sunday 26 November. Thank you to the 49 members who were able to attend. The AGM provides a lively forum for discussion and the Committee appreciates all the views aired, and will take the points made forward to committee discussions in the coming months.

Temple Piper Wednesday Triples

What a competition we have at the top of the league this year! – the closest in recent years. Five teams are currently top with 16 points – Tail Enders, Burford Town, Little Lambs, Flying Shuttles, and Allsorts.

Afternoon and Evening Leagues

In the West Oxfordshire Evening League – the Rams continue to fly the flag for our club's four teams, lying in sixth place. The Canaries, the Red Kites and the Woolies are unfortunately lurking near the bottom of the table – here's hoping the new year will bring a reversal of fortunes for all. In the afternoon league, the WT Vultures are going into the Christmas break at the top of the league with 50 points, closely followed by Didcot and Charlbury Chestnuts. Information regarding results for these matches can be found online on the WT website, on the Leagues tab, under External League Links.

Short Mat Pairs Competition

The first of this winter's internal short mat pairs competitions will be taking place on Sunday 21st January (arrive at 9:30 for a 10:00 start). This is a competition for 12 pairs and the entry form is now posted at the club. This fun event is open to all WTBC players, beginners or well-practiced.

If you do not have a playing partner but would like to take part then please enter your name on the form as: seeking a partner. The match fee for the day is £3.00. Hot drinks will be available throughout the day. Please bring your own packed lunch. Details of the playing format for this competition are posted at the club.

Clubhouse Cleaning

As you have been made aware, Caroline Bloomfield is stepping down from her role as clubhouse cleaner at the end of this month. It would be fair to say we have not been inundated with offers to take this role on; at the same time we do not want to bring in an outside contractor which would be very expensive and might have security implications. The committee has been discussing this conundrum and will be looking into drawing up a cleaning rota of club members – as many other clubs do - to keep the clubhouse cleanliness to the usual high standards. It would help greatly if members who have tea and biscuits during rollups can make sure the table tops are wiped clean, biscuit wrappers disposed of, and the washing up bowls in the kitchen sinks are emptied after use. Also, please ensure you wipe your feet on the outside and inside floor mats when entering the club, especially in rainy weather.

Club Captain

As no one has volunteered to take on the role of club captain, the committee will be looking for volunteers for individuals to take on the role on a monthly basis. Please see a committee member to offer your services – thank you.

Committee Notices and Reminders

- Reminder – please do not put your bowls on the tables! They can cause severe damage to the floor if they roll off.

Dates for Your Diary

Christmas Party and Christmas Prize Draw – the party and prize draw will be on Sunday 17 December, at 12:30. Thanks for supporting the altered format, we'll try and make it a memorable afternoon! The sheet of numbers for the **Christmas Prize Draw** is still posted on the cupboard door next to the bar. Numbers are £1.00 each.

New Year's Lunch – the committee have taken the decision to **cancel** the New Year's Lunch this year.

Quiz Night – the next famous Anstey's Quiz night, organised by Simon and Christine, will be on Saturday 17 February.

100 Club November Winners

Congratulations to these lucky winners in the November draw –

1 st Prize	£100	Patricia Whatmore
2 nd Prize	£85	Tony Camilleri
3 rd Prize	£70	Jean Dolton
4 th Prize	£55	Morag McIntyre
5 th Prize	£40	Andrew Pringle

Next draw will be at the rollup session on Friday 29 December - Double prize fund of £700 this month!!!