

Lockswood Bowling Club Annual Report

2016 - 2017

Here is the second Annual Report of the Lockswood Bowling Club. As stated last year, the purpose of the report is twofold, it is intended to be a comprehensive record of the Club activities, and also to serve as a readily accessed Club history.

The November 2016 AGM opened with a minute's silence for the following members who passed away since the last AGM.

CLIVE LEWIS, TONY BATCHELOR, GLADYS BLACKWELL,
MICHAEL WARRIOR, PAT METCALF

There were three items on the agenda.

The new Constitution (see last year's report) was unanimously agreed.

A motion asking the members to agree a set aside sum of money to provide additional changing facilities, was carried by majority.

The Election of Officers and Committee was completed without the need for a vote as there was only one nomination for each position and they were duly elected.

The new President is Ron Collins, with Bob Prince taking the position of Vice President.

The full Committee can be seen at Appendix A.

The main focus for the newly formed Committee was to provide additional changing room space, hopefully using a log cabin style building, sort out the issues with the new carpet (more later), and our new President was keen to explore the possibility of floodlights around the green.

Fixtures and Fittings

Playing Surface

To put it plainly the new carpet was a huge disappointment to the members, it had less than perfect stitching, unpredictable runs, and played as wide and fast as an indoor rink. In short, it was not fit for purpose. Our Club Secretary, Rob White and Murray Gorman, relentlessly pursued the supplier and finally in late January, our Club Secretary issued a statement informing members that the contractor had agreed to replace the bowling surface at no cost.

On the 26th March the new green was ready for use and it was certainly worth the wait. The green plays more like a conventional grass surface in terms of speed and can be relied upon to provide a consistent draw.

To compliment the new carpet, the Club purchased new rubber “egg box” liners for the ditches at the playing ends, these provide cushioning for the bowls, look better aesthetically and are easier to clean, especially in the Autumn when the leaves begin to fall. The Committee are considering purchasing more for the non-playing ends, in 2018.

To assist in green maintenance a new Karcher Sweeper was purchased.

White board

The old white board on the side of the equipment shed had seen better days and was proving difficult to clean, therefore a magnetic replacement was purchased and erected in December.

Garden Chairs

In April ten more, garden chairs were purchased as the ten bought in 2016 had proved successful, and often considered more comfortable than the garden benches.

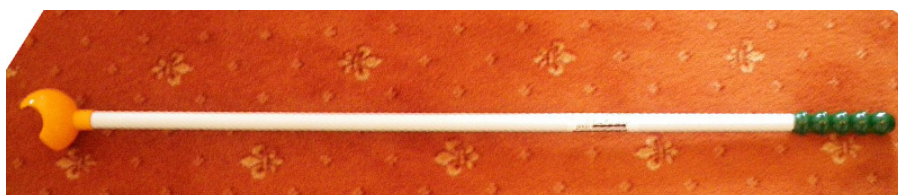
Committee Board

President Ron Collins suggested that for identification purposes, new members and visitors would benefit from a board displaying the current Committee. It was decided that a traditional wooden board should be purchased and Club Member, Dorothy Beaumont, very generously chose to fund it, in return for the pleasure and companionship the Club has afforded her over the years.



Easy Jacks

Ron Collins also suggested that the Club purchase an item called an Easy Jack. These handy gadgets allow accurate positioning of the Jack without the need to bend. They have been welcomed by some of our members and a surprising number of visiting players.



Garden Arbours

In January Lockswood very sadly lost a respected and loved member, Colin McKenzie. His wife Sheila wished to fund a memorial to Colin at the Club and it was decided that three Arbours would be purchased and erected around the green. These arbours are enjoyed by the members and visitors to the Club. Not only providing shade and shelter they are aesthetically pleasing and are a fitting memorial to a real Gentleman.



Changing Rooms (Sherborne Building)

As noted in the introduction one of the ambitions of the Club this year was to provide additional space for changing. To that end a sub committee was formed to see the project through. Various proposals were discussed and eventually it was decided that we should purchase a Log Cabin to be erected to the right of the Conservatory (when viewed from the green).

The Cabin was purchased from Abbey Garden Buildings, the Club employed contractors to complete the groundwork, erect the building and connect the electricity. Volunteer members painted and fitted out the building, which was eventually opened for business in late September.

Very sadly in February, Club member Kay Young passed away, husband and long-standing member Mike and family were very keen to honour Kay's memory and generously agreed to fund the whole changing room project. On September 6th Mike and family accompanied by a large number of Club members attended a Dedication Ceremony and Mike unveiled a plaque in memory of Kay.



Floodlights

Unfortunately, the investigation of the provision of floodlights around the playing service was brought an abrupt end. In order for the installation to progress it was necessary to obtain the permission of the Club's leaseholder. Our plans were duly submitted, but the leaseholders felt they were unable to back the proposal. The Committee decided against an appeal.

The Bowling Year

Internal Competitions

Thanks go to Harry Bryant for once again taking on the unenviable task of Competition Secretary, as always meticulous planning ensured the Competitions were a success.

To summarise, John Windust won the Presidents Cup, Lorraine Slater the Ladies Singles and Roger Wellstead, The Men's Singles.

Neil Fletcher and John Windust, both made it to four finals and managed to win all four.

Bowler of the Year went to Sheena Mack, recognition for being the first Lockwood Lady to be selected for the prestigious Johns Team.

Full Honours List at Appendix B

Spring and Autumn Triples

As always, the Triples Competitions proved very popular with the members, the Spring Triples attracted 73 players and the Autumn Triples, an amazing 84 entries.

The Spring Triples was an incredibly close competition and the Winners were the Nuthatches who secured a point and won the competition on the last end. The Woodpeckers Captained by Eric Hawkes were runners up.

Congratulations to The Nuthatches – Joan Barton, Joy Geary, Pete Prior, Mike Bulpitt, Barry Jarman and Brian Allen.

Autumn Triples

The theme for the Autumn Triples this year was musical instruments. The winners were the Trombones who held their nerve in the final week and won handsomely to ensure victory. The Horns were runners up and just a point behind, but the Trombones were worthy winners, winning nine of their twelve matches and amassing a score difference of 62 points. Well done, Joan Barton, Clive Chambers, Mick Barnes, Anne Scott and Walter Metcalf.

Surprisingly for the second Autumn in a row, we managed to play every match and were largely unaffected by the weather.

Southampton and District Leagues

Men's Leagues

After a somewhat slow start to this year's campaign, the Championship Team really stepped up towards the end of the season, winning eight out of the last nine games, including victories away to Romsey and Brockenhurst. The last match of the season, the team were away to Mayfield where they secured seven points, beating the hosts 92 – 86. This was a really hard-fought victory and the score line, saw Lockwood Promoted to Division One as Champions and Mayfield Park relegated. A fantastic achievement for all concerned.

Tables at Appendix C



The Combination Team meanwhile were also involved in a tussle and achieved promotion as runners up of Combination League Two, another great success for Lockwood Men.

The Triples team who won promotion last year had a very steady season and finished in fourth place.
A very successful season and I am sure we are all looking forward to the challenge next year.

Ladies Leagues

The Ladies struggled this year to field a consistent team, due to injuries and illness, however despite these difficulties the A team managed a very promising 5th position.

The story was the same in the B League, but they also achieved 5th position.

With the addition of some very promising new lady bowlers and a return to health and fitness of our top players, next season promises to be one to look forward to.

Tables Appendix D

GOSPORT AND FAREHAM

End of Season Report 2017

Bitter sweet is how this season could be described; four teams, one promotion, two relegations and a status quo.

The Red Team Captained by Neil Fletcher started the season in Division Two after last season's relegation, but won promotion as Champions this season, winning nine of their fourteen games and drawing one. A fantastic effort, very well done to all concerned.

The Golds and Greens both started the season in Division One, but struggled to find any rhythm or consistency and as a result, both were relegated. Between them they won only five of their twenty-eight games.

The Silvers in Division Three, started well, but unfortunately fell away towards the end of the season, but still finished in a creditable fifth position.

Tables Appendix E

External Competitions

Bowls Hampshire

The Johns Trophy is a National Competition and Hampshire enter a team comprising of the best Lady Bowlers in the County. To be awarded a place in this team is a major achievement and we are very proud that our Lady Captain Sheena Mack was selected.

This is the first time Lockswood have been represented in the team. Very well-done Sheena.

Many congratulations also go to Lorraine Slater, who was the Bowls Hampshire, singles runner up, losing in the final to Anne Pearce from Atherley. As a result of reaching the final, Lorraine represented the Club at Leamington, where she made it to the second round.

Another great individual achievement, and for the Club, consecutive seasons at Leamington. Let's hope we can make it a hat trick next season.



Staying with Bowls Hampshire, our Mixed Top Club team very narrowly went out in the Semi Final away to Romsey and it was a similar story in the Ladies Thornberry Trophy, who also reached the semi-final stage.

Southampton and District

Well done Ann Wilkinson and Vi Oliver who made it to the final of the Ladies Championship Pairs. They finished runners up to Atherley.

We had a good number of entries in the S&D Competition, but it was not one of our better years.

Gosport and Fareham

This year Lockswood hosted the Finals of The Gosport and Fareham Trophies.

I am pleased to announce that our entries reached three finals.

Neil Fletcher won the Treasurer/Secretary Competition

Walter Metcalf won the Presidents Trophy

Maxeen Fletcher was runner up in the Audrey Pearce Trophy

A very pleasing result as the host Club.

Later in the season, selected teams from the Golds, Greens and Silvers, competed for the G&F Cup, which was hosted by Bridgemary, once again I can report success for Lockwood, as the Golds, skippered by Pete Edwards and supported by Vi Oliver and Walter Metcalf, won the trophy against a very strong field of entrants.



2017 MEMBERSHIP FIGURES

At the October Executive Meeting, the Membership Secretary, John Beaumont, reported that we have 191 full members, 68 ladies and 123 men. We have a total of 39 social members and 24 Winter Ticket Holders.

At the same time last year, the figures were 182 Full members and 43 Social Members. Winter Ticket Holders last year stood at 13.

Our membership numbers continue to rise and thrive and huge thanks must be extended not only to Membership Secretary John Beaumont, but also to Neil and Maxeen Fletcher who have worked tirelessly, not only to promote the Club and encourage new members, but also to offer coaching and assistance to those members.

In August, instead of our usual Open Day, Neil suggested that the Club have a stand at the very popular Warsash Festival, held in Strawberry Fields, off Newtown Road. The stand was manned by Neil, Maxeen and Derek and Gill Legge. They all did a fantastic job and as a result, 39 people signed up to attend a Fun Day at the Club, with a view to joining.



The Fun Day was a huge success and many of our members turned up to assist the trialists. We had a lot of laughs and signed up some new members as a result.

The Winter Ticket Holder situation has changed, historically most of the WTH's were from Gosport, however at the end of last season they installed their own all-weather surface and as a result in October last year our figures fell from 28 to 13. It is very encouraging that our figures have risen to 24 this year a result of other Clubs using our facilities, including, Fareham, Mayfield and Crofton.

Lockswood Gardens

Our resident gardening magician, Geoff Tocknell has done it again and managed to pull more trophies out of the hat.

Following last year's success in the Fareham in Bloom Competition, Geoff and the team repeated the feat again this year, winning the Gold Medal and the Cup for being outright winners in the Community Gardens category.

Not being one to rest on his laurels (or hydrangeas), Geoff was determined to go one better than last year in the South and South East in Bloom judging. Not exactly a competition, it is run by the RHS and encourages Boroughs, Communities, residents and businesses to improve their environment. Entrants are graded as either, Establishing, Improving, Advancing, Thriving or the top accolade, Outstanding.

Last year Lockwood achieved a "Thriving" at the first attempt. This year Geoff took advice from Matt Wakefield, the Horticultural Development Officer at Fareham Borough Council. Matt suggested improvements, including the provision of bird boxes, more mulching, better composting and also a scrap book of the gardens so that the judges could see it change with seasons.



Bob Prince provided the compost bins, John Windust, the bird boxes, Carol Windust, the scrap book (this resides in the Club and is well worth a look). The mulching was spread by the gardening team who didn't think it was such a good idea!!



Needless to say, all the hard work paid off and Lockswood were duly awarded an “Outstanding”.

CHARITY WORK

This year's charities were, The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance (Ladies Captain) and The Alzheimer Society (Club President).

Ordinary People. Extraordinary Care. Supported by You.

Through your support, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance brings an advanced Critical Care team to people in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight when they need it most.

Available both day and night, 365 days a year, the Air Ambulance Critical Care team is called out many times a day to attend to road traffic collisions, sporting accidents, collapses and many other incidents. Highly skilled crews of Doctors, Paramedics and Pilots can be at the scene of an incident within minutes, ready to deliver the same level of care that you would expect from a hospital emergency department.

It currently costs in excess of £9,000 a day to maintain our life saving service, and it is only thanks to the generosity of the communities that we serve that we are able keep the Air Ambulance flying and saving lives.

United Against Dementia

Dementia is the biggest health and care challenge we face. By 2021, over a million people will be living with the condition.

Dementia can devastate lives. For someone with the condition, as well as their family and friends, dementia means the plans you made, and the future you thought you had, will not be so.

Alzheimer's Society's mission is to transform the landscape of dementia forever. In our new strategy, the New Deal on Dementia, we make a commitment to be available to every person who receives a diagnosis. We want everyone affected

by dementia to know that, whatever you are going through wherever you are, whoever you are, you can turn to Alzheimer's Society for support, help and advice. Until we find a cure, we will strive to create a society where those affected by dementia are supported, accepted and able to live in their community without fear or prejudice.

Lockwood members this year raised nearly £600, for The Alzheimer's Society and over a £1000 for the Hampshire and Isle Of Wight Air Ambulance.

Special Days for Lockwood.

Visit of the Chelsea Pensioners

On Wednesday 14th June, Lockwood were honoured by a visit from the Chelsea Pensioners, who came to play a friendly match against us. We were blessed with a very sunny and warm day and as usual the gardens looked splendid. Many of the members greeted the visitors as they alighted from their coach. The pensioners wore full regalia and looked magnificent as they made their way to the Club.

Once inside they were offered a cooling glass of Pimms, which had generously been provided by the Haase Family, in loving memory of Alf Haase, a long time Lockwood Member.

The ensuing match was a friendly in every sense of the word, played in good spirit and with a great deal of laughter. The score was irrelevant, the occasion the victor.

A high tea was served and President Ron Collins proposed the loyal toast and said a few words to conclude a memorable day.



Ladies Captains Day

What a wonderful day, Sheena chose the Hampshire and Isle Of Wight Air Ambulance as her charity and the day reflected this, with the dining tables themed in yellow and green and adorned with bunting and Air Ambulance Flags. The Ladies also wore green and yellow. The charity sent a representative, Michael Bonathan, who not only enjoyed the hospitality, but offered information about the Charity and brought with him a variety of items for purchase.

The day kicked off with president Ron Collins handing the green over to Ladies Captain Sheena Mack. A spider competition was won by Hazel Oxenham. This was followed by a game of bowls which had many twists and turns and at one point the ladies were asked to bowl with their weaker hand.

This led to much amusement especially when Christine prince demonstrated her dexterity by trailing the jack into the ditch.



In the background a group of men under the watchful eye of catering manager Walter, were busy conjuring up a three-course meal.

The bowling complete, the ladies sat down to their meal and also enjoyed a glass of Pimms.

Sheena thanked Michael for his attendance and informed him that the members had raised over a thousand pounds for the charity.

Another very memorable day.

Royal Leamington 2017

Lorraine Slater made it to Leamington as she reached the Final of the Bowls Hampshire Ladies Singles. Lorraine won her first match comfortably and was only narrowly defeated in the second round.

A few members made the trip to offer their support, but unfortunately it was the weekend of the Lockswood Club Finals which made it difficult. None the less a superb achievement and a special day.

Other highlights included, the Winter Warmer, Presidents Day, the annual Barbecue, the Yard stick and fish and chip supper, Skills Day and reclaiming the Castle Cup from Portchester.

Summary

So, this was the year that saw, a new carpet, a new changing room,

Promotion as Champions of the Men's S&D team, promotion as runners up of the Combination Team. Runner up in the Hampshire Ladies Singles for Lorraine Slater and a place at Royal Leamington.

Finalists in the S&D Ladies Pairs (Vi Oliver and Ann Wilkinson).

A promotion to Division One of the Gosport and Fareham, as Div 2 Champions, for the Reds. Three representatives in the G&F Finals hosted by Lockswood, two winners and a runner

up. Winners of the G&F Cup (Pete Edwards, Walter Metcalf and Vi Oliver) and winners of the Castle Cup. Finally, Winners of Fareham in Bloom and categorised as “Outstanding” in South and South East in Bloom.

Another very successful year for Lockswood

All that remains is to welcome our new President Bob Prince and we wish him and the Club, continued success next year.

Appendix A

Committee Members 2016 – 2017

President	Ron Collins
Vice President	Bob Prince
Junior Vice President	Pat Newman
Past President	Geoff Tocknell
Secretary	Rob White
Treasurer	Neil Fletcher
Club Captain	Doug Scott
Club Vice Captain	Murray Gorman
Ladies Captain	Sheena Mack
Competition Secretary	Harry Bryant
Social Secretary	Pete Wilkinson
Catering Manager	Walter Metcalf
Friendlies Secretary	Stewart McCabe
Membership Secretary	John Beaumont
Committee Members	Muriel Goodridge Joy Geary Pete Blake John Windust

Appendix B

Roll of Honour 2016 -2017 Season

COMPETITION	WINNERS	RUNNERS UP
Bowler(s) of the year		
Winter Singles	Carol Windust	Joy Geary
Winter Pairs	Brian Ford & Roger Wellstead	Neil & Maxeen Fletcher
Willcocks Cup	Neil Fletcher	Martin Wellstead
Terry Rye Cup	Neil Fletcher	John Beaumont
Ted Green Trophy	John Windust	Lorraine Slater
Presidents Cup	John Windust	Mike Carter
Myhill Cup	Gill Legge & Neil Fletcher	Jane Douglas & Rob White
Men's Singles	Roger Wellstead	Pete Edwards
Men's Pairs	Richard Davies & Neil Fletcher	Mike H Walsh & Paul Jarvis
Margaret Grant Trophy	Not Awarded - Abandoned due to weather conditions	
Ladies Singles	Lorraine Slater	Janice Ivil
Ladies Pairs	Jenny Ford & Sheena Mack	Anne Scott & Janice Ivil
Jubilee Trophy	Carol & John Windust & Ross Riddett	Pat Newman Mike Carter & Eddie Harding
John Geary Mixed Triples Tournament	Ron Collins, Muriel Goodridge and Ann Martin	Bob Prince, Jen Ford and Dave Huntley
Goater Cup	John Windust	Rosemary Farr
Bill Hibberd Trophy	Mike Carter	Maxeen Fletcher
Accumulator	Ann Martin	Jim Adcock - Les Chantler - Stewart McCabe
3 Woods 7 Ends	Clive Chambers	Neil Fletcher
2 Woods 11 Ends	Paddy Christopher	Clive Chambers

Appendix C

Championship Division Two Table

Division 2

POS		P	W	D	L	SF	SA	SD	PTS
1	Lockswood	14	9	0	5	1114	1017	97	69.5
2	Parkside	14	10	0	4	1138	961	177	69
3	Pirrie Park	14	8	0	6	1085	1082	3	60
4	Waterside	14	7	0	7	1010	1050	-40	57.5
5	Brockenhurst	14	6	0	8	1023	1039	-16	54
6	Littleton	14	6	0	8	1088	1108	-20	50.5
7	Mayfield Park	14	6	0	8	1037	1075	-38	49.5
8	Romsey	14	4	0	10	1027	1190	-163	38

Combination Division Two Table

Division 2

POS		P	W	D	L	SF	SA	SD	PTS
1	Sports Centre A	11	9	0	2	693	534	159	47
2	Lockswood A	12	8	0	4	711	652	59	46.5
3	Pirrie Park A	11	8	0	3	685	552	133	46
4	Parkside A	12	6	0	6	669	688	-19	34.5
5	Hyde Abbey A	10	5	0	5	583	573	10	32
6	Bitterne	12	3	0	9	642	773	-131	21
7	Waterside A	12	1	0	11	577	788	-211	13

Combination Triples Division Five Table

Division 5

POS		P	W	D	L	SF	SA	SD	PTS
1	Atherley C	15	10	0	5	800	690	110	57.5
2	Totton & Eling A	15	9	0	6	864	705	159	54
3	Woolston B	15	8	0	7	767	739	28	43
4	Lockswood B	15	7	0	8	660	786	-126	40.5
5	County A	15	6	0	9	714	772	-58	39
6	Old Green B	15	5	0	10	684	797	-113	36

Appendix D

Ladies A

League table as at 31 August ~ played short

	P	W	D	L	F	A	SD	Points
Atherley	16	11	1	4	676	546	130	45
Waterside	16	11	0	5	650	514	136	43½
Mayfield Park	16	11	0	5	672	547	125	43½
Banister Park 1~	16	7	2	7	607	606	+1	34
Lockswood 1	16	7	0	9	578	613	-35	29
Hedge End 1	16	6	1	9	570	595	-25	28
Hyde Abbey 1	16	5	2	9	569	620	-51	25½
Littleton	16	5	1	10	527	631	-104	23
Banister Park 2	16	4	1	11	523	700	-177	16½

Ladies B

League table as at 24 August

	P	W	D	L	F	A	SD	Points
Folland	14	11	0	3	581	451	130	42½
Meon Valley	14	9	1	4	558	464	94	34½
County	14	7	0	7	527	512	15	30½
Romsey	14	7	0	7	507	501	6	29
Lockswood 2	14	5	2	7	509	546	-37	24
Hedge End 2	14	5	1	8	478	560	-82	23½
Hyde Abbey 2	14	6	0	8	504	525	-21	23
Fleming Park~	14	3	2	9	463	568	-105	17

~ played short

Appendix E

G&F Tables

Gosport & Fareham Mixed Triple League

Results Week Ending Final Table (End of Season) August 2017

Diy 1/Team	P	W	D	R	RD	+	-	+/-	Points	
				W						
Fareham Black	14	11	0	33	3	1065	848	217	157	
Rowner Blue	13	11	0	33	3	994	786	208	151	
Lee Woods	14	10	0	32	3	1064	836	228	147	
Portchester Red	14	6	0	26	1	861	1027	-196	105	
Lee Jacks	14	6	0	24	2	882	1007	-125	98	
Crofton Red	13	5	0	21	2	857	866	-9	94	
Lockwood Green	14	3	1	24	1	877	958	-81	77	
Lockwood Gold	14	2	0	19	1	818	1054	-236	55	

Diy 2/Team	P	W	D	RW	RD	+	-	+/-	Points	
Lockwood Red	14	9	1	28	2	1016	856	160	134	
Gosport Gold	14	9	1	28	1	928	923	-5	133	
Gosport Blue	14	8	0	31	1	950	872	78	127	
B/Mary Yellow	14	8	0	29	3	917	872	45	125	
Gosport Amber	14	8	0	28	3	953	896	57	123	
Forton Gold	13	4	0	23	0	828	865	-37	88	
Fareham Red	13	5	0	21	2	796	946	*150	78	
Lee Greens	14	3	0	25	4	834	989	-155	78	

Diy 3/Team	P	W	D	RW	RD	+	-	+/-	Points	
Crofton Green	14	10	0	36	3	1007	812	195	149	
Rowner Yellow	14	10	0	21	1	1030	822	208	145	
Forton Blue	14	9	0	27	1	961	952	9	127	
Fareham White	14	7	0	28	4	926	904	22	116	
Lockwood Silver	14	6	0	26	1	953	931	22	101	
Fareham Yellow	14	6	0	24	4	917	926	-9	100	
Gosport Silver	14	4	0	23	0	854	1055	-201	78	
Rowner Green	14	4	0	19	4	855	1067	-212	74	

Diy 4/Team	P	W	D	RW	RD	+	-	+/-	Points	
B/Mary Green	14	11	0	41	2	1088	803	285	172	B/Mary Green 85 (16) Forton Silver 30 (0)
Portchester Blue	14	11	0	38	1	1224	814	410	165	
Crofton White	14	10	0	31	2	1020	900	120	144	
Gosport White	14	9	0	31	3	1051	918	133	137	
Rowner Orange	14	6	0	19	3	863	1031	-168	89	
B/Mary White	14	5	0	22	1	841	994	-153	85	
Crofton Amber	14	3	0	18	3	814	1036	-222	63	
Forton Silver	14	1	0	16	1	768	1163	-395	41	