



News Bulletin

The monthly Email update for members of
Maiden Erlegh Bowling Club



Welcome

We welcome three more new members to the Club this season:
Pam Taylor, Ian King and Clive Thrower.

Message from the President

Thank you to all members who turned up for the Start of the Season Event on Sunday 23rd April and made the day so successful. It was good to see all the rinks full and members enjoying bowling. It was a very friendly occasion. Thank you too to all who brought so many lovely cakes. It was good to see so many members at this first event of the season. Don't forget we have a whole season of social events .

Recruitment Afternoons

Don't forget the Recruitment Afternoons on Saturday 6th May & Sunday 14th May.
Please bring your friends and neighbours along to have a go at bowling.

Congratulations



Members' success

NATIONAL

Cathy Edwards is a reserve for the Under 25's National Trials.

INDOOR

Maiden Erlegh was well represented in the Whiteknights Indoor competitions.

Mary Parkinson skipped the runner-up team in the Ladies Fours.

Guy O'Connor and Ken Pike were runners-up in the Men's over 70 pairs.

Cathy Edwards was runner-up in the Ladies two-wood singles.

Mike Fraser won the Men's Unbadged Singles.

Chris Fellowes team, consisting Mary Parkinson, Janet Thompson, Chris and Cathy Edwards won the Ladies Evening League Knock-out Tournament.

The ladies Afternoon League team winners for the 2nd division were Dream On, consisting three of our members in the winning team: Pam Dunn, Virginia Parnell and Marg MacKenzie.

ACROSS THE 'POND'

In the US Open which was held at Sarasota last November, Judy Bacon's team won third place in the fours.

PLEASE LET CLARK KNOW ABOUT ANY OF OUR MEMBERS' SUCCESSES.



CATERING – Important notice



Catering – To all members

If you have any special dietary requirements this article is for you.

Members with any special dietary requirements will be required to notify the **Captain-of-the-Day** or **Event Organiser** when signing-up for an event.

Catering – To Captains-of-the-Day

You will be required to notify the Caterers regarding any special dietary requirements for HOME matches (for both the home and opposition players) 3 days before the match start time. This can be done directly when the kitchen is open or via **PHONE** to Clark.

Catering – To Event Organisers

You will be required to notify the Caterers regarding any special dietary requirements for the event you are organising. This should preferably be done directly when the kitchen is open or via **PHONE** to Clark.

Notices

Bar Duty

We still need more members to help with Bar Duty.

The Bar provides a significant source of income but we can no longer rely on the few willing volunteers. We already have a number of the 50+ duties covered but we need more members to help. It is not difficult work but training will be given. The more helpers we have the less we all have to do.

Please respond to this email with an offer of help or contact Mike Fraser.



Saturday Socials

We still need more volunteers to help out with the social events we have planned for the season (17th June; 22nd July – Hog Roast; 12th August; 2nd September).

We already have some volunteers but we need more members to help with running these events.

Please respond to this email with an offer of help or let Peter & Julie Heyes or Chris Fellowes know.

Announcements



“100 Club” Prizes

The monthly prizes have been increased this season to: 1st = £24, 2nd = £12 and 3rd = £6.

Competitions

It is not too late to enter the Club Competitions.

One sure way to improve your own game is to play stronger opposition. Club Competitions are a very good place to gain experience so if you have not entered a competition before please seriously consider doing so this year. The triples competitions are a good place to start, especially for the newer bowler. Don't be put off, have a go! Contact Sue Eckett (ladies and mixed) or Frank Parkinson (men's and mixed) .

Twyford

Twyford have announced that their after-match food will now be sandwiches and cake.

SIGN-UP SHEET

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For top-up matches, undertaken at the club at:					
For away matches, undertaken at the club at:					

TEAM SHEET

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Email Sign-up System – NEWS UPDATE – IT'S UP AND RUNNING!

We are pleased to announce that the email-based match booking system is up and running. **The attached is the Guide for your reference.** So far we have enabled the 4 Leagues - Kennet, LV-A, LV-B and Thames Valley Ladies and the initial results are good.

As soon as we are satisfied that all is well we will enable it for Mid-week and Weekend friendlies so please use the sign-up sheets in the club room until we notify you to expect Notification emails.

If you have any questions please email Peter Heyes:
webmaster@maidenerleghbc.co.uk

PLEASE SEE THE USER GUIDE ATTACHED TO THIS EMAIL

BOWLING TOURS Summer 2017 and Winter 2018

There are still places available for the Summer Tour to Bournemouth – July 9th to 15th. We have the required numbers for the spring tour to Lakeside but still have availability if anyone is interested. Bowlers or non bowlers, and friends welcome they do not have to be members of this club. Please contact Ken Pike (9868662) or Guy O'Connor (9371082)



Club Shirts



Club Shirts Order – message from Babs

I have a limited number of ladies polyester shirts with logo but no name, for £22.50 sizes 14, 16, 18, 20. Please contact me if you would like one. I am still waiting for the last order to arrive but if anyone wants to add their name to the next order please contact me. Babs

Tel: 0118 961 3556

Email: babs116@btinternet.com

Gala Day

Henley-on-Thames have a Gala Day on 25th June at 10.00pm. This is open to Mixed Triples. Cost per team £39. Closing date 7th June. More details and an application form are in the Membership Folder which is located in the Lobby.



Bowling Highlights

MEBC CLUB CHALLENGE

After the success of last year's challenge, it has been decided to run the competition again!!

The Club Challenge is primarily for those members who are unable to regularly participate, due to work or other commitments, in our existing week-day bowling events and for those members who do not regularly play in league matches, however the Club Challenge is open to all members. It will begin much sooner this year and those new to bowling will have games scheduled as soon as they have completed their coaching.

The committee hopes the flexibility introduced by the 'Play-by' feature will be helpful to members who have restrictions on their free time especially as each game should be completed within 90minutes.

Many thanks to Babs Hughesdon who will again organise this challenge and who will be giving more information soon on the club notice board .

What's on in May



27th Hagbourne AWAY – message from Peter Hanford

Please sign up for the match against Hagbourne at their Green on Sat 27th May. As parking is limited you are asked please to share transport. Directions and maps will be available in the Clubroom letterrack under "H" from 20th May. Please take a copy as the green is tucked away at the end of a private road. The address of the Club is The Croft, East Hagbourne, Oxon **OX11 9LS** but you are strongly advised to take a copy of the printed directions!

31st Ladies and Gents Club triples evening.

Articles submitted by committee and other club members. Compiled by Clark B.

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