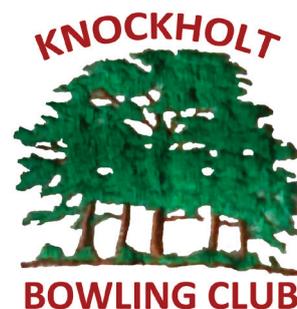


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It's A Knockholt

Knockholt Bowling Club's Newsletter



WELCOME:

Welcome to the sixth edition of 'It's a Knockholt', the newsletter of Knockholt Bowling Club.

One of the advantages bowling has over golf is that you seldom lose a bowling ball.

The new season has begun and we are underway with friendlies, league matches and roll-ups. Your support and commitment to our heavy schedule is greatly appreciated so let's continue to make Knockholt a great club to play for, and against.

Member Profile: Marilyn Sayer, Secretary

Marilyn was born in the late forties in Dulwich, south London. She lived with her four brothers and one sister in a road off Dulwich Village. She attended her local junior school and comprehensive school.

In 1964 she began her working career as a typist for the CEGB then went on to become a secretary with the large firm of Travers Morgan & Partners, Consulting Engineers, in the Strand in London.

Marilyn met John in 1964 and they tied the knot in 1969 (yes, this year is their Golden Wedding Anniversary). They began married life in East Dulwich and moved to Biggin Hill in 1971. Marilyn gave birth to two daughters, Karen and Joanne and now have three grandsons and one granddaughter.

After ten years of being a housewife Marilyn returned to the corporate world working as a P.A. to senior personnel in newspaper publishing, reprographics (Canon UK) and the champagne industries in the south east. Marilyn also spent the last ten years of her working life working from home helping John with the Marketing company he had set up. During this time John started a business breakfast networking event (Muesli Mafia, which is still running to this day) starting off with one venue (Tunbridge Wells) and working up to three venues (Maidstone and Bromley). Marilyn organised the running of the business breakfasts creating a coloured brochure for each event.

Marilyn was a keen badminton player playing league badminton for a number of years. She began her bowling career joining Knockholt in 2014 after seeing a large sign across the green in Knockholt Village advertising the Open Day. In 2015 she was asked to become Secretary of the Club, a roll she still fulfils today. She has been on the honours board as Ladies Pairs winners in 2015 and 2018. In 2017 she became Ladies Singles winner and in 2018 also took the Mixed Pairs title.

As Secretary her pre-occupation for getting things right when she can has resulted in Knockholt being one of the best informed and well presented bowling clubs. When she does get away from her Secretarial duties she loves spending time with her grandsons and family. She is an avid reader, enjoys cooking and being in her new garden, where she is creating a new and colourful planting scheme.

Marilyn does not suffer fools gladly but is always there for people who need support.

Marilyn Sayer, our extremely hard working Secretary.



CLUB NEWS:

It is always good to start the season with a success story. Our finest congratulations go to the Knockholt team who **won the BOIL League** at Bromley Indoor Bowls Club in March, their second successive win. The main team was made up of Mike Haywood, John Bushby, Sue and John Ward, Jan Stewart, Neil Waters, Ken Richardson and Peter Morris, supported through the winter season by Geoff Kemp, Andy Bryant and Malcolm Wiggett. We all salute you.

The Opening Drive competition on Saturday 20 April was won by Steve Payne.

It was great to see Colin Parker at the club last week after his two recent operations. Our best wishes also go to Mo Evans, Geoff Kemp, Peter Hearn and Paulette Richardson for speedy recoveries.

We are sorry to hear that Arthur Evans has resigned from the committee as Social Secretary; we would like to thank him on behalf of Knockholt Bowling Club for all his efforts.

We are delighted to welcome on board our new sponsors 'The Three Horseshoes Pub'. They have already provided excellent fayre and service at the men's practice roll-up evening and the Competition Draw evening. Also Ox-In-Flames Garage who came on board as a sponsor in the middle of last season.

The new club fixture booklets are here and looking great. If you haven't picked up your copy, please see Marilyn.

Club House and Green:

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to our clean up and maintenance days recently. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. The green is running well considering the time of the season; Melvin has treated the moss on the green and we should see an improvement in the coming weeks. Also, the new small shed looks great.

New Club Members 2019

A huge Knockholt welcome to **Brian Medhurst** (Phil Hopper's Father-in-Law). Brian brings ten years bowling experience with him. We also welcome **Rob Stevenson**, our local Halstead shop owner, who also has some bowling experience from his younger days in Scotland. **Alan Cockfield** who has great experience joining us from Sevenoaks BC. **Glen Cable**, a new bowler, along with Jon Speakman -Brown played in their debut game at the weekend against Orpington Excelsior. Both made a great start.

The first Open Day of the season wasn't a huge success but the gentleman who came along has joined the Club. **Welcome to Martin Reeves.**

Coaching Tips:

Many thanks to the club members who attended our recent coaching 'Purposeful Practice' sessions. Please look out for my (John Sayer) emails confirming new dates.

Those of you who attended our coaching sessions know how I constantly reinforce the 'pendulum swing' when delivering a bowl. A pendulum action is paramount in maintaining your line. It reduces the chances of your 'round arming' or cutting across your chest in the delivery. Think 'up yours' as you finish your shot. This will keep you on the 'pendulum path'.

Up and Coming Events:

Tuesday 28 May is an Alan Marsh roll-up followed by a two course supper. Please put your name down if you wish to attend Alan's aggregate roll-up. There is also a club supper after the roll-up. If you wish to participate in the supper please add your name to the supper list. Both lists are up on the notice board in the 'Alan Marsh' section. There is a fee of £2 for Alan's roll-up and a separate fee for the supper which is payable on the night.

The club suppers are once a month on an Alan Marsh roll-up evening, dates for these events are in your fixture booklet.

The KBC roll-up evenings are more casual. There is no list to put your name down on, you just turn up on the evening and join in a game. There is a £2 fee for these roll-up evenings. Again, these dates are in your fixture booklet.

On Tuesday 4 June starting at 5.30pm (please arrive by 5pm) we have the Tom Lee Trophy mixed pairs competition at the Club.

Change in Contact Details:

Should you have a change in any of your contact details can you please notify Marilyn Sayer as soon as possible.



SMILE CORNER:

Here are some alternative meanings of words which may raise a titter:

ONESIE	What the Queen calls a selfie.
OXYMORON	Stupid cow.
PICADOR	Find your own way out.
SHEEP DIP	Unpopular buffet item.
RABID	Bunny with a cold.