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# It's A Knockholt

## Knockholt Bowling Club's Newsletter

### WELCOME:

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

Yes, spring has finally sprung albeit soggy, we can now begin our 2018 campaign. We had our first outing on the green Thursday 26 April for the men's league teams' practice and the green looked to be playing true although we had to heave our bowls down. The green has been rained off since then.

In our second edition we meet our Club Captain, John Bushby. We look at up and coming events and fixtures and we ask that other burning question, why isn't Una's lemon drizzle cake not on the bake off?

### Member Profile: Club Captain, John Bushby

John was born in the early 1940's in Carshalton, Surrey, a war baby, and went to school locally. He began his interest in sports at secondary school. To start his working life he took a toolmaking apprenticeship after leaving school. He worked for over twenty years as a tool maker for Precision Grinding in Mitcham then, when he reached forty he joined Pipex working in the oil industry in the UK, Europe and Asia. John retired in 2005.



John married Lynda in 1962. Their eldest son Chris was born July 1966 (during the world cup). Their second son Andrew was born December 1967. John now has ten grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

John is an Arsenal fan; he continued playing soccer in winter and golf, tennis and badminton in the summer. John played soccer for Epsom & Ewell, Sutton United and trialled for Crystal Palace. He finished his playing days with his school's Old Boys Vets team in his forties.

John started bowling after sadly losing Lynda in 2014 (52 years of marriage) after a chance meeting in The Harrow Inn with Andy Bryant and David Ward. He was invited by Andy to try a Tuesday roll up.

John was welcomed to Knockholt Bowling Club by the friendly and warm membership. John became Club Captain in 2017 after serving as vice-captain the previous year. He has won the Bill Whale Trophy, The Men's Pairs in 2017 and was part of the Knockholt team that won the KBC Men's Grand Challenge trophy last year. John has already won two titles this year being a member of the winning Knockholt BOIL indoor team and with Mike Haywood winning the BOIL Novices Pairs.

KBC is very much an integral part of John's life and after sadly losing Lynda the support he has received from the Club is immeasurable. John's easy going and unflappable style has proven to be a great asset and there is nothing he likes better than seeing KBC respected as a great friendly club. This is in no small part down to John's considerable efforts on behalf of the Club. John Bushby, our special Club Captain.



## CLUB NEWS:

Knockholt's first success of 2018. Many congratulations go to our Knockholt team that has just won the Bromley Outdoor Indoor League (BOIL) which takes place at Bromley Indoor Bowls Club from October – April. Not only did Mike

Haywood and his team (John Bushby, Neil Waters, Jan Stewart, Ken Richardson, John Ward, Andy



Bryant and Geoff Kemp along with various stand ins when required) win the BOIL but Mike Haywood and John Bushby won the Men's Novice Pairs competition beating two of our new members – Malcolm Wiggett and Phil Hopper in the final. Knockholt rules!!

Many thanks to everyone who supported the excellent inaugural Competitions Draw evening at The Harrow on Tuesday 17 April. What a brilliant way to start the season.

The new club fixture handbook is now ready and looking great. If you haven't picked up your copy yet please see Marilyn. Both ladies and men's teams begin their league fixtures this week. We wish all our teams every success.

## New Members 2018

A huge knockholt welcome to new 2018 members Graham Cannock, Mike Carney, Phil Hopper, Malcolm Wiggett and Terry Sankey. Not forgetting our 2017 starters Doreen Blake, Mo and Arthur Evans, John and Pauline Holmes, Peter Morris, Debbie Stearman, Jon and Jane Speakman-Brown, a belated welcome.

## Change in Contact Details

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

## Up and Coming Events:

- **Open Day, Saturday 12 May, 2.30pm.** If you know of any prospective new members who would like to come along can you please gee them up. They just need to make sure they have flat soled shoes for the afternoon. Marilyn has some handouts should you require them for delivering locally.
- Our next Spring quiz evening date is still undecided. We shall advise you as soon as we know. Please get your teams ready.

## Coaching Tips

On delivering a bowl you sense very quickly that it was not what you intended. Please do not look or walk away in disgust before the bowl has arrived. Concentrate on the line, see where you went wrong and learn from it. If you don't see it what went wrong you will not know how to rectify it.

## Club House and Green:

A giant thank you to everyone who contributed on the recent club house and green maintenance weekend. A sterling effort was made by everyone involved. A special mention to the new shed erection team who, along with the guys who laid the new felt roof to the club house and the new shed, did a terrific job. A special mention to Linda George and Joy-Ann Hemmings who have painted the ladies changing room. A big thank you to Margaret Croston for the three beautiful blue Pericallis Senneti plants for the blue pots outside the club house. And also to Jill Sadler, Pauline Holmes and their team of gardeners who have already made inroads into their '**KBC in Bloom**' programme.

## Sponsorship News

We are delighted to welcome on board our new sponsor, Ox In Flames Garage. And many thanks to Geoff Kemp who has kindly agreed to sponsor our annual Ladies Tournament again this year. Many thanks Geoff.

A special thanks goes to Ted Stevenson (E.T.T.S. Financial Consultancy Ltd), for the very informative presentation lunch which he sponsored on Friday 27 April at The Harrow Inn.

## The Bowlers' Poem

We bowl our bowls up the rink  
They can be there in just a blink.  
Will they nestle just by the jack  
Or will they go in the ditch at the back.

Have we chosen the best back hand line  
Will our forehand play finish just fine.  
Have we judged the weight just right  
Or will our bowls speed by at the speed of light.

Despite all our efforts we sometimes get it all wrong  
But to put it right never takes too long.  
We keep persevering until we get it right  
One thing we all share is that playing bowls is a sheer delight.



## SMILE CORNER:

Here are some alternative meanings of words you might like:

<b>BUCCANEER</b>	What American pirates pay for piercing
<b>BUMBLING</b>	Jewellery for the buttocks
<b>CATATONIC</b>	Medicine for your pussy
<b>CESSPIT</b>	Brad's unsavoury brother
<b>CHAIRS</b>	A toast by the Queen
<b>CHUTNEY</b>	No man's land between Chiswick and Putney.