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# It's A Knockholt

## Knockholt Bowling Club's Newsletter

### WELCOME:

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

The sun is out, the sky is blue, there's not a cloud to spoil the view and the season is now in full swing with an abundance of league, friendly and club competition matches.

In our third edition we meet one of our founder members, Pam Kitcatt. We look at up and coming events and fixtures and we ask that other burning question, why does John Bushby attempt to open a can of ginger beer with a bottle opener?

### Member Profile: Club Founder Member, Pam Kitcatt

Born in Faversham in 1937. Pam spent her childhood there and attended a local girls' school where, among other things, she loved to play hockey.



She met her hubby Roy (Kit) when he was in the RAF and they lived in Sandwich where they brought up their two children, Sarah and Martin. In the 1980's they moved to Halstead with Kit's job. Pam has eight grandchildren. Sarah has two pet shops, one of which is in Green Street Green; Martin works in the financial world. Pam helped out in Sarah's pet shops for several years.

She and Kit became founder members of Knockholt Bowling Club when it was restarted in 1990 and she has been a member now for 27 years. KBC has played a big part in Pam's life.

Pam was an excellent Social Secretary for some years and the success in that department was all down to Pam. She ran race nights in the Village Hall and organised the very popular Invitation Days. Some of the visitors said that the food was what they came for and the theme successfully carries on to this day. Presentation Night was always held at the Village Hall and a Halstead village lady provided the meals under Pam's auspices. Kit was the Club's green keeper and both did a sterling job.

Pam became Ladies Captain in 1999 but, due to one of her grandsons becoming seriously ill, her and Kit's time was very much taken up with looking after the other children in the family. A very sad and worrying time but they were very much needed by the family.

Pam has appeared on KBC's honours board eight times winning the ladies singles in 2015; the ladies pairs in 1992 and 2014; the mixed pairs in 2012; the Tom Lee Trophy in 2007 and 2014, the President's Trophy in 2012 and the South Bromley Hospice Care Trophy in 2017 and also played for many years in the N.W. Kent league.

Pam's attitude to life is to enjoy it, keep smiling and do whatever you can to help as many people as possible. Pam is a very special KBC club member.



## CLUB NEWS:

Our first internal competition of the season (Tuesday 5 June) went to Sue Ward and John Sayer who narrowly pipped Jane Taylor and Brian George to take the Tom Lee Trophy.



Our league and friendly matches are now in full flow and although results have been mixed there have been some very encouraging performances and good to see some of our new members very much involved. Please keep checking the notice boards for future matches, club nights and events.

The Club held a very successful E.T.T.S. Mixed Rinks Open (previously Invitation Day) on Saturday 23 June with twelve teams taking part from different clubs around the local area and ended with Bethlem Hospital winning in the final over Ditton. One of the Knockholt teams – Brian George, Sue Ward, Sue Wilkins and Mike Carney – just missed out on qualifying for the final. Special thanks to Joy-Ann and her team of willing helpers who provided excellent fayre on the day. There was excellent feedback from the teams regarding the quality of the food. Big thanks to everyone who helped and supported on the day. An Invitation Day at Knockholt is not to be missed.

On Tuesday 26 June our ladies had their first match in the Bell Trophy away at Coney Hall, playing in searing heat, and just missing out on going through to the next round. A great effort.

KBC Club Nights are always held on a Tuesday and coupled with Alan Marsh's Roll Ups provide excellent chance for you to practice on the home green. Your support for these nights is most needed. Alan Marsh's Roll Up evenings need your names to be added to his list for playing. If there is a supper attached to the evening (one a month at £8 per person) you will also need to put your name down for that (a separate list).

Lastly, we are delighted to see that John Ward is recovering well after his operation.

## New Members 2018

Another huge Knockholt welcome to our newest club members; David Smith, Kelvin Hillman, Dianne and Noel Wills, and Ray Hart. We do hope you make the most of the rest of the season.

## Up and Coming Events:

- Sunday 8 July, President's Day, 2.00pm, whites
  - Saturday 28 July, Bill Whale Trophy and Ladies Rose Bowl, 2.00pm, whites
  - Saturday 4 August, Ladies v Men, 2.00pm, whites
- Please put your names down for these events, the lists are already on the notice boards.

## Coaching Tips

A good psychological approach to bowls is one that provides the ability to exceed in performing under pressure. It doesn't imply gamesmanship or frames of mind games aimed at unsettling the opposition. However, an unruffled performance under pressure can, on many occasions, unsettle the opposition. If the green is tricky don't let it get to you, just give your best.

## Club House and Green:

Despite the previous heavy rainfall the green is drying out well and in the coming weeks it should settle down and bowl faster.

If you have not put your name down for the Club House cleaning rota yet then please do so, all help is welcome. Marilyn will put a list up on the board of the jobs to be dealt with. This task is made all the easier by having two people clean together.

There are also some gaps in the tea rota schedule. Please put your name down to help with the teas at one of our home friendly matches.

Special continued thanks to the garden team whose geraniums are looking great.

Please note that no internal club matches and practices should take place on a Tuesday or Saturday mornings as these are the designated times for Melvin, our groundsman, to maintain the green.

## Thought for this Edition:

Happiness is a perfume you can't pour onto others without getting a few drops on yourself.

## Early Notice:

It would be greatly appreciated if club members can give early notice where possible when they are away or unavailable for selection for club matches.

## Change in Contact Details

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



## SMILE CORNER:

Here are some alternative meanings of words you might like:

<b>MANIFESTO</b>	Jewish conjuror.
<b>MITOSIS</b>	What's on the end of my feetis.
<b>NURTURE</b>	Chas 'n' Dave song.
<b>JIGSAW</b>	Chaffing that affects the cast of Riverdance.
<b>NANOMETER</b>	A device for counting grannies.