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It's A Knockholt

Knockholt Bowling Club's Newsletter



WELCOME:

Welcome to the first edition of 'It's A Knockholt', the newsletter of Knockholt Bowling Club.

As winter draws to a close we can look forward with great optimism to the coming 2018 season. Through the newsletter we aim to keep KBC club members and potential members updated on all matters relating to the Club. In our first edition we meet our Club President, Una Whale; we look at up and coming club events and ask that burning question, why isn't Brian George an England International?

We welcome any contributions and comments you would like to see and make about 'It's A Knockholt'.

John Sayer

Member Profile: Club President Una Whale

Una, our Club President, was born in south Bermondsey on the site which Millwall Football Club now stands. She was at school in the 1940s in Bromley where Bullers Wood is now situated. Una was married to Bill Whale for forty years. They have two children and three grand children and she lives in Locksbottom.



Una's working career was spent as a private secretary working in the professions and finishing at the CEGB in London.

She began her bowling career joining Knockholt in 1991. It was her neighbours, Chic and June Hayes, who enticed her to come along to KBC. After an initial one hours practice she was thrust into her first match. Una was Ladies Club Singles winner in 2007 and has twice won the Ladies Club Pairs, in 2004 and 2009. She became Club President in 2017 and is now in her second year of office.

KBC is very much an integral part of Una's life. When Bill sadly passed away twenty four years ago Una said the loving support she received from KBC members was very special and she has never felt alone. Una said that today that special club spirit still abounds. Una has always played a prominent role in supporting KBC in all its club related activity. Since 1992 she has especially enjoyed the Club's annual trip to Bembridge on the Isle of Wight.

I asked Una what advice she would give to people. She said always show kindness, empathise and be understanding. Una Whale, our special Club President.



CLUB NEWS:

Up and Coming Events:

We have a quiz night on Tuesday 6 March at the Club House. The cost of the evening is £8 per person which includes a light supper of chilli con carne or cheese jacket potatoes with salad as well as nibbles on the tables. And the bar will be open.

We have coffee mornings at the Club House on **Wednesdays 14 March and 11 April**. We also hold games evenings on a Tuesday at the Club House, the next being on the 20 March. They are excellent social evenings which offer members the opportunity to test your cards and board game skills.

Club House and Green:

We will shortly be holding our green clean up and maintenance day. As soon as the dates are agreed the committee would be very grateful for as much help as possible from as many Club Members who are available. Many hands make light work.

Coaching Tips:

When I (John Sayer) started playing bowls it was firmly impressed on me that it is vital to take care when delivering the jack. The person who has the mat controls the jack and may control the game. When you deliver the jack you should take as much care and effort in its delivery as you would delivering your woods.

Equipment and Clothing:

There are good offers at Sports Direct for grey and white golfing trousers.

SMILE CORNER:

Here is some alternative meanings of words you might like.

AEROSPACE	Room for more chocolate
ABSCOND	To steal someone's cream tea
AGOG	Half finished Jewish temple
ARSENIC	Result of sitting on a razor blade
ALLOCATE	How you greet the Duchess of Cambridge



THE KNOCKHOLT SONG:

(to the tune of Rawhide)

Bowling, bowling, bowling
Bowling, bowling, bowling
Knockholt !

Keep bowling, bowling, bowling,
Though our legs are swollen,
Keep them codgers bowling,
Knockholt !

Through rain and wind and weather,
Always use your leather,
Wishin' the sun was on our side.
All the things we're missing
Good beer, good wine and laughing'
Are waiting at the end for our side.

CHORUS

Move 'em on, take the head,
Take the head, move 'em on,
Move 'em on, take the head,
Knockholt !

Take 'em out, take the shot,
Take the shot, take 'em out,
Take 'em out, take the shot,
Knockholt !

Keep Bowling, bowling, bowling,
Though they're disapproving,
Keep them codgers moving,
Knockholt !

Don't try to understand us,
We'll definitely be making no fuss,
Soon we'll be bowling high and wide.
We're all calculating,
A big beer will be waiting,
Be waiting at the end for our side.

CHORUS

Move 'em on, take the head,
Take the head, move 'em on,
Move 'em on, take the head,
Knockholt !

Take 'em out, take the shot,
Take the shot, take 'em out,
Take 'em out, take the shot,
Knockholt !

John Sayer, July 2017, KBC