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Hotshots romp to victory

Our short mat teams took on Cowfold in their season opening friendly match at Horsham on Sunday 16th October.

A dominating performance saw the home side come out as comfortable winners across all three mats against a strong team who were promoted as champions of our league last season. Very well done to all of our short mat players on what proved to be a very successful afternoon of bowls. Results across the three mats were as follows:

Mat 1 winners: Ali Hilton-Childs, Pat Sullivan, John Meyer and skip Dave Marden. Score 21-12.

Mat 2 winners: Bob Devine, Chris Hilton-Childs, Stuart King and skip Martin Gardner. Score 22-10.

Mat 3 winners: Jim Ford, Irene Gettins, Barbara Meyer and skip Mike Wilson. Score 23-8.

Home advantage of bowling on our own mats undoubtedly helped us gain our victory but it was still a very good result

against a team who ran away with the league title last season. This was a promising start to Horsham Hotshots season.

Many thanks to Anna Bishop, Julie Fry and Jacqui Devine who helped in preparing the teas and post match refreshments. A big thank you also to Adam Christie who opened up and looked after the bar for the afternoon.

Next up: Opening league match away to Reigate Park Rangers on Sat 29th October.

Inside your short mat newsletter:

- Hotshots off to a winning start
- The mats are down
- Monday night League - are you joining in?
- Wednesday night is practice night
- Friday night short mat social evenings are back
- Puzzle Box & Gallery
- Dates for your diary



Winning team: Horsham Hotshot players after their match against Cowfold

A New Season Begins



Short mat season at Horsham Bowling Club runs from 1st October through to 31st March. We have organized roll ups, competitions, practice nights and social events throughout the season. Why not come along to find out more.

A Different League: Monday night is League Night. An internal Monday night league is being proposed for the 2016-17 season. The teams will be pre-selected according to ability to ensure that they

are evenly matched which will make the competition fairer and more competitive. It's anticipated that these league matches will take place over a 20 week period with players being rotated from teams of six players. This league will be run by Kelly McCartney and Roy Pretty and matches will start promptly at 7.00pm.

Practice Makes Perfect: Wednesday night is Practice Night. We have a practice night every Wednesday for players who want to improve

their game. Priority before a match weekend will be given to those teams and players that have been selected for the match that weekend. With three mats now available we should be able to accommodate all those that want to come along for a practice. Please register to play on the night no later than 6.30pm. We take to the mats at 7.00pm and play until 9.00pm. Please note that dress code for Wednesday evenings is greys and rink fee is £1.50.

The Weekend Starts Here

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The Friday Night Social is the most popular night of the week for many of our short mat bowlers. There are two sessions of fun short mat bowls, the bar is open, hot food will be served and there is a quiz to finish off the evening.

Everyone is welcome to come along, you don't even have to play. If you just fancy a drink

along with a bite to eat and a chat amongst friends then Friday evenings is going to be right up your street.

For those who want to play bowls for an hour the new third mat should mean that we can accommodate all of you. We will continue to play two bowling sessions as that makes it easier to arrange and manage the food. Teams will

be randomly selected and if a mat is not allocated for a session then please feel free to use it to have a practice or roll up. You will need to register your intention to join in the roll up by 6.30pm. The first bowling session starts at 7.00pm, the second session at 8.00pm. Rink fee on a Friday evening is only 50p. The quiz will start immediately after the last bowling session finishes.

And Then There Were Three...



Horsham Bowling Club - at the end of the rainbow

Short mat bowls at Horsham Bowling Club has proved very popular, so much so that last season the demand to play short mat often outstripped supply when it came to mat availability. It was beginning to become clear that if the club wanted to meet the demand and also encourage

new members to join then two mats may not be enough and so a decision was made to invest in the purchase of a third mat. The additional mat has increased our capacity by 50% and we are now able to offer more bowlers the chance to play in friendly and league matches. In addition

we can now also extend the length of practice matches on a Wednesday night and meet the demand for roll ups during the week and on Friday social evenings. The third mat is also slower than the other two so we can gain more experience in playing on different types of mat.

Short Mat at Horsham Bowling Club

Welcome to the short mat section of Horsham Bowling Club. Formed in 1906 the club moved from its site in the Bishopric to a brand new purpose built facility in 2014.

One of the main benefits of the move was that the large and well equipped newly built clubhouse could be open all year round and this enabled the introduction of short mat bowls for the very first time in the club's history.

As a direct result of the move into new premises the club saw membership grow as it

welcomed experienced and new bowlers to existing outdoor and new indoor short mat facilities.

The short mat section was underway and with lots of interest from those new to bowls it began to grow and develop at a rapid rate. The Friday Night Social evenings introduced initially during the summer season were then carried through into the short mat season and proved very popular with newer bowlers.

2015 saw the introduction of two 'in house' competitions,

The Redwood Trophy and Championship Pairs Trophy. Due to a demand for more competitive matches the club decided to enter a team into the WSCSMBA League for the first time and this has helped members to improve their bowling skills by playing

against good opposition on a range of different mats.

Short mat bowls is a very sociable and highly enjoyable sport. If you want to find out more about playing short mat bowls then visit the Horsham Bowling Club website.

Visit HBC website www.horsham-bowling-club.co.uk



Your Short Mat Committee

The short mat section recently elected it's own committee to represent all the short mat bowlers within Horsham Bowling Club. The committee members are there for you so please feel free to contact them to discuss any issues, suggestions or questions that you may have in regard to short mat.

Dave Marden - Captain

John Meyer - Vice Captain

Marree Stanley - Secretary

Irene Gettins - Fixtures Secretary

Kelly McCartney & Roy Pretty - Competitions

Mike Wilson & Martin Gardner - Organised roll ups and social events

ESMBA registration: To play in friendly or league matches against other teams you have to register as a player with the English Short Mat Bowls Association. There is a small annual registration fee that will be met by the bowling club for this year. Please contact Marree Stanley or Mike Wilson should you wish to register with the ESMBA.

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Upcoming Social Events

New Year's Eve Party

We are once again looking at running another New Year's Eve Party. We need you to put your names down on the party list if you want to join us to see in the New Year. This event will only take place if we get sufficient numbers so please let us know if you're interested in coming along to celebrate the arrival of 2017

with your friends. There will be a bar extension and dancing till late. All members and their partners are invited, please feel free to bring your friends along too. The New Year's Eve Party list is on the Social notice board. Thanks as always go to Sally Temple and Martin Gardner for organising this event.



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Puzzle Box



Who does this little lady belong to then?

1. Which singer joined Mel Gibson in the movie Mad Max: Beyond The Thunderdome?
2. Vodka, Galliano and orange juice are used to make which classic cocktail?
3. Which American state is nearest to the former Soviet Union?
4. In which year did Foinavon win the Grand National?
5. At which battle of 1314 did Robert The Bruce defeat the English forces?
6. Consecrated in 1962, where is the Cathedral Church of St Michael?



Which short mat bowler could this possibly be?

Dates For Your Diary

Saturday 29th October, 2.00pm:
Reigate Park Rangers (away). League match.

Sunday 20th November, 2.00pm:
Horley Kestrels (home). League match.

Sunday 27th November, 2.00pm:
Downsman (home). League match.

Saturday 3rd December, 10.00am:
Bowls Club AGM.

Sunday 11th December, 2.00pm:
Haywards Heath (home). Friendly match.

Saturday 31st December, 7.30pm:
New Year's Eve Party

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Sunday 8th January 2017, 2.00pm:
Southwater Wasps (away). League match.

Sunday 22nd January 2017, 2.00pm:
Horley Kestrels (away). League match.

Sunday 29th January 2017, 2.00pm:
Reigate Park Rangers (home). League match.

Photo Gallery

