



# **SHOULDHAM BOWLS & SOCIAL CLUB**

January 2023  
Newsletter

# Pam Taylor-Secretary

I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy New Year and look forward to a successful bowling season. I believe we can achieve so much more in 2023.

Our Social Committee will try and find some event which will be of interest to you and hopefully you will support the work that goes into organising these social events.



As a Committee we ask all Members to use the Clubhouse more as profit from the bar, food from the kitchen, attending the Bingo and entering the quiz - all puts money into the bank which will help us provide a more sociable facility both inside and out. We still have overheads to pay so using the Clubhouse out of the bowls season helps keep us afloat. We are working on improving the interior of the Clubhouse and the toilets to include a toilet for the disabled.

We welcome all local residents to become Members of our Club and make use of the bar, pool table etc. The bar prices are very reasonable and with basket meals available and a warm clubhouse to sit with friends and family you will be made very welcome.

My personal thanks to all bowlers for responding to the competition entry sheet. I will email the updated sheet shortly. I hope your inbox has enough room for my updates in 2023 as I'm sure they must be getting full !

# Paul Brandon- Chair

Thank you all for making 2022 such a successful year both on and off the green.

It is appreciated whether in the last 12 months you've helped on a daily basis running the club or by attending events and supporting financially.

Let's hope 2023 is as successful! Although I think we'd be fortunate to equal our results on the bowls green by winning 5 leagues. But who knows 🙌.

We've had a positive and productive 2022 with moving the club forward, especially with improving the facilities and increasing the social events. We need to keep the momentum going in 2023 and this can only be achieved with your continuing support!

I've been asked if we will continue serving food in the coming months and during the bowls season. The simple answer is yes, providing we have the demand and enough volunteers to help prepare the food. Our aim is to serve the Sunday Lunches carvery style in the near future. Please keep watching our website and social media outlets for the latest events at the club. There are several planned events for the coming weeks/months. Including in February a Pancake evening and Valentines evening.

The Club's Committee are fully committed to improving the Club for the benefit of its users. By enhancing it in several aspects, including improving facilities and services. Which will benefit the local community and Club Members.

Before the bowls season starts (end of April) we have a lot of tasks to complete, as we try to achieve this. Any help and co-operation would be much appreciated. If any member feels able to help and has expertise in building, electric or plumbing we'd very much like to hear from you. As an early target for 2023 is a complete refit of the current loos. As part of this project, the Committee are also keen to install a disabled loo. As we try to make the club more inclusive and encourage wheelchair bowlers to the club. If you are able to give some time and help, we'd very much like to hear from you.

Just before Christmas the Committee agreed and signed off our plans for the new multi-use extension at the club. So we hope to submit our planning application in the coming weeks.

As we attempt to improve the fabric and facilities of the Club, this comes at a cost. So any support you can give to fundraising attempts, would be very much appreciated. Even attendance at events and sales at the bar help towards this aim.

We made positive progress with the Club during 2022, let's aim to make 2023 as successful or better.

Hoping you have a healthy and prosperous 2023!





I would like to start by wishing everybody a Happy New Year.

As a Committee we are looking forward to a new season of bowls hopefully as good or maybe better than the last season. With hopefully, some new bowlers joining us to help us grow the Club.

With reference to the green at this time of year we are already planning the work required including the surrounding areas. With plans to do alterations inside the Clubhouse we need the support of everybody, Bowlers and Social Members alike to make the improvements happen. So keep your eyes on the calendar for events coming up (Bingo, Meals, Quiz Nights) for further events to be arranged.

It would have been nice to have seen a few more bowlers over the festive period as the events we put on do take a lot of organising so your support would have been appreciated.

Let's hope the plans of the Committee will be successful going forward.

Many thanks Keith

**CLUB CAPTAIN**  
( 2023-2024 )

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**KEITH CAMP**

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# Club Captain - Keith Camp



# David Brighton Pool Team Captain



Since Christmas we have only played one match.

This was against “The Gaultree” who are top of the League. We put up a good fight, however, we lost 6/4

Next week’s match is away to Narborough “A”

Wishing you all a Happy New Year

## DOWNHAM MARKET CRIBBAGE LEAGUE

SEASON 2022/23

### Results & Placings for 4th January 2023

Wm.Burt S.C.	5	Blue Bell	4
Chequers	3	Conservative Club A	6
Watlington S.C. B	7	Watlington S.C. A	2
Conservative Club B	3	Shouldham B.C.	6
Marham B.C.	2	Runcion Holme S.C.	7

Team	P	W	L	F	Pts.
Runcion Holme S.C	15	10	5	77	20
Wm.Burt S.C	14	10	4	70	20
Conservative Club B	15	9	6	74	18
Conservative Club A	15	8	7	68	16
Shouldham B.C	15	8	7	63	16
Watlington S.C B	15	7	8	72	14
Marham B.C	15	7	8	65	14
Wimbotsham Chequers	14	6	8	59	12
Watlington S.C A	15	5	10	57	10
Blue Bell	15	4	11	61	8
	148	74	74	666	148

### Re-arranged matches - played on 20th December

Conservative Club B	6	Runcion Holme S.C.	3
Shouldham Bowls Club	3	Chequers	6

John Dovey  
Crib Team Captain



Big congratulations to Shelley who got a hand of 28 against Conservative B team so be sure to mention it if you see her in the post office as it will make her day, that's if she has not already mentioned it. The Crib team season runs from September to the end of March (outside of the Bowls season). We play every Tuesday usually alternating between home and away. We play in a team league competition from September to February and then individual knockout competitions in March. Six people are required for a team we currently have eleven members it would be nice to get a few more members and have 2 teams.



# Quiz Night 7th January

Wow - What a great evening it turned out to be. 11 teams of 4 entered the Quiz which made for an excellent night with the Clubhouse full once again. There were 5 rounds until the half-time break when the photo quiz sheets were handed out, followed by another 5 rounds after the break.

During the break, platters of sandwiches and sausage rolls were served to those who paid the £10 which everyone agreed was excellent value.

At the end of the 10 rounds there were two teams with 83/100 points which meant a "play off" with sudden death result. On the first question both teams answered correctly. The second question "how many keys on a piano" - saw Quizzical answer correctly with the number 88 - they were very fortunate as they had an American Pianist in their team which meant Ragnoraks came in second place from the excellent team "Quizzical". Congratulations to both teams. The Photo Quiz was won by Ragnoraks with 25 points, The raffle helped to boost our funds so thanks to all teams who purchased the tickets - unfortunately not everyone can win but we appreciate you supporting this anyway.

We are pleased to announce a profit for the Club of £240.00 and the Bar taking £413.95 so a very good result for the Club.

Richard & I would like to thank all of the Team members for supporting the event and making the evening very enjoyable for everyone with lots of banter between the Quiz Master and members of the teams.

Thanks to Keith Camp & Keith Brand for working the bar all evening, to Paul Brandon, Alexis and Keith Brand for preparing the sandwiches and to my husband Richard for being the Quizmaster.

I have already started putting together the next set of questions for the Quiz to be held on Saturday 25th February. To book your table please email: [shouldhambowls@gmail.com](mailto:shouldhambowls@gmail.com) or phone me on 07759 272441. Thanks very much. Pam Taylor (General Secretary)



Quizzical  
with  
Pam Taylor  
  
(left)



Ragnoraks  
(left)



Keith Brand  
& Paul Brandon  
  
(left)



Quizmaster: Richard Taylor





# New Years Eve Party

Thanks to Paul & Shirley for the food preparation with help from Gail & Beryl, Keith Camp at the bar and Sam Jones for the Disco.  
The evening went well and enjoyed by all.







**Shouldham Bowls**

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## NEW BOWLERS WELCOME Season Starts April 2023

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On your next visit to the Clubhouse you will notice some new tables and armchairs have appeared.

The armchairs need a spring clean and the tables need varnishing but as we obtained them all free of charge we hope these can be restored to a reasonable standard.

**Thanks to those who helped transport these from Ryston Park Golf Club and install in our clubhouse.**





## Club Notice Board

**We have installed a new notice board positioned at the Front of the clubhouse to advertise events so members, visitors and the general public can see what is being arranged.**

**Thanks to those who helped organise this.**



# VOLUNTARY HELP REQUIRED

If you have any skills that can be useful to the Club over the next 12 months then please come forward.

It would be nice to see some hanging baskets and pots around the exterior of the building and the greens this Summer - Does anyone have any pots going spare ? Let's make our Clubhouse look smarter both inside and out.



Chair Cleaner



Plasterer



Decorator



Plumber



Tiler



Carpenter



Window Cleaner



Garden Enthusiast



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**Our Clubhouse is available to hire at very reasonable rates.**

**Members receive 20% discount.**

**½ day Hire 8am-12noon £60 12 noon-6pm £90 6pm-Midnight £100**

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**8am-Midnight £250**

**Use of Kitchen extra £40**

**Deposit Required on Booking : 50%**

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**Local organisations/charities an hourly rate of £15 per hour.**

**And of course our Bar Prices are very reasonable.**