

CLUB COMPETITIONS REPORT 2017

This year the weather was kind so not too many problems in getting the rounds completed.

About 14 games were decided by awarding a walkover. Most were caused by ill-health. However I would like to repeat that it is important that before bowlers enter a competition they carefully consider the effects of family commitments, particularly holidays. With only 3 weeks to complete a round it is important that as soon as opponents are known then early contact is made to agree a date to play. This applies to both the challenger and the person being challenged.

Now more comments on Finals Weekend. I emphasise it is a 2 day event so finalists need to try and be available to play on both days. If this presents a problem then I will do my best to deal with the problem if notified and with the cooperation of a bowler's opponent. A few bowlers were involved in more than 1 final and I hope I consulted those involved in sufficient detail to give them the best chance of doing well overall while not putting their opponent at too much of a disadvantage.

Competition rules are being updated to include subjects such as rink booking and rink play. These will be presented to the board for consideration.

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Membership Report September 2017

On a like for like basis playing members were 134 compared to 135 last year. 10 people resigned and 2 changed to Social. 2018 will start 5 less including the Tidmans who have resigned because they felt they were being persecuted!. Somehow we must try to stop the downward drift in player members.

Social members do not have this problem as they increased from 64 to 69.

Financial

Overall I expect another successful financial year with a profit and a cash surplus. Social activities should be over £6k and Winter activities similar to last year, and we received £320 from Surrey Bowls from their recruitment fund.

Expenditure is expected to be at a similar level to last year. Major items have been £585 for checking our fire extinguishers and alarms, and costs relating to the irrigation system, invoices yet to be received.

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