

Bowling Club News 2021 - Season End Report

After 2020, members were pleased to get back on to the green and play Club competitions, friendly matches and league games. We started the season in a very Covid compliant way and I'm pleased to say that members followed the guidelines and we had a very successful and enjoyable season.

All friendly matches were played with a varying degree of success; we finished mid table in the Stan Hardman league and also the Blackwater Valley league. The men's teams in the A & D did exceptionally well.

With a flourishing and growing men's section we decided to enter a second team into the Aldershot & District Tuesday night league for the 2021 season. It has been longer than it can be recalled when this last occurred.

With a mix of experienced and new bowlers we looked forward to the season with a mixture of trepidation and excited anticipation. Due to the uncertainty coming out of lockdown the fixtures in the first half of the season were deemed friendly league matches - which gave our newer bowlers time to gain experience.

This did seem to pay dividends as in the formal league part of the season both our A and B teams won all their 7 matches, with the A team gaining promotion and the B team winning their league as well as being promoted.

We look forward to the challenges of the 2022 season when we hope we can build on our successes in 2021.

Club competitions progressed well throughout the summer, with a very well supported and exciting finals weekend on the 18th and 19th September.

The winners were:

Mens Champion - Steve Pape
Ladies Champion - Janice Fleuty
Men' Pairs - Tony Duffell & Dave Rideout
Garoka Pairs - Jim Lange & Dave Gale
2-Wood Singles - Mike Wilkins
Novice Singles - Mike Gilbert
Handicap Singles - Jeff Davis
League Championship – Tony Duffell
Ladies Millenium - Judy Brown

As always finals weekend sees a good support for all the finalists.

The final event of every season was the traditional September Shield. This is always a fun occasion with a slightly serious twist. All members of the Social Club can join with the bowlers for this event. The winners this year were Gary Burkey and Geoff Bowron. The stars of the show however for their fancy dress were Kathy Jasper and Trevor Bromelow.

All of these awards were duly presented at the annual dinner held at the Lismoigne in October. An enjoyable occasion to celebrate a good year of bowling.