

STEVE'S MAT CHAT

From the Treasurers Perch. Uncle Bill

Club Competitions – Mallet Mallet

The Mallet Mallet took place on Sunday 5th June in front of a packed house. The multitude of spectators being mainly down to Bernie's Plough Persons Lunch before proceedings got underway.

There were a number of tightly contested matches, with competitors cheered, and sometimes barracked, by the vociferous crowd

Despite being a grey day, the rain held off until the last round with the final Four of Bill Silvester, Keith Watford, John Holloway, and Peter Swinfield progressing through to Finals Weekend in September. Traditionally the Ladies have been very successful in this competition, but this year will see an all Men's final.

All in all, it was a fun day and I would personally like to thank everyone who attended, the catering and bar staff, and all those volunteers for marking duties.

Bill Silvester
Competitions Committee Chairman

The Editors Gripe.

This is how I see it at the moment. The club is not functioning as it should. Too many members are turning up at the last minute and leaving immediately after the match or competition. Not clearing away the equipment after their matches. The Chalet is in a mess. Has know been tidied, let's keep it this way. No one seems to want to keep it tidy. Not a thank you to those who have put themselves out to make the teas or laid the rinks out. And then not taking the trays back or clearing up the kitchen after. Do the members think the fairies are coming in to clean up after them? Remember we have no House Manager. So we all have to

muck in to keep the club clean and tidy for when we have other clubs visiting and tourist matches. I would like to say a big thank you to Peter Pickworth, Jane Swinfield, and the Svendsen's. And all the others who help out and keep the club functioning, so that we can all enjoy our bowling.

The committee needs to consider a few things: 6 more pushers required. The club house needs a makeover, i.e. Ladies & Gents toilets require a complete overhaul. When the Bar has had its revamp, we need to think about some new flooring. If we do not fill the House Managers vacancy, we may need to look at having a cleaning rota with all the members participating no exemptions.

Some clubs have stewards am and pm, who keep the club clean and tidy. Decide on the rinks for the day from the chart, lay the rinks out for the morning and afternoon matches. Make the teas when required. Look after the bar. And then close up at the end of the day. All members participating no exemptions.

We need a maintenance team for the clubhouse separate from the grounds team to keep everything running smoothly, with a Manager overseeing both.

It is like getting blood out of a stone, to get members to submit any articles, or airing their grievances or gripes, match results and anything that is of interest to our members. So I am wondering if any of you read the news letter, because very few of you have said they enjoy The Chat. If this is so, then I am going to put this down as another poor attitude of the club members and call it a day.

Men's Results.

A Team: Bembridge A v Shanklin B: 4 Points / 6 Points.

Played 6/Won 4/Drawn 0/Lost 2/For 344/Against 313/Points 40/Shot Diff. 31. Lying 3rd in the League.

B Team: Bembridge B v Sandown C: 2 Points / 8 Points 49/63 Shots.

* Bembridge B v Newport C: 10 Points. 80/39.75.

* Not included in the below stats.

Played 4/Won 3/Drawn 0/Lost 1/For 231/Against 188/ Points 28/ Shot Diff. 43. Lying 3rd in the League.

E Team: Bembridge E v Sandown G: 0 Points / 10 points 55/73 Shots.

Bembridge E v Totland D: 8 Points / 2 Points 58/48 Shots.

Will publish results for the E Team next edition so they will include our great win.

Ladies Captains Perch. The RESULTS.

LADIES EVENING LEAGUE Bembridge v Newport **WIN 6pts**

LADIES B v Newport A Bembridge **WIN 5 Pts**

LADIES A v Plessey A Bembridge **WIN 4 Pts**

COUNTY COMPS: 4's: Gay, Jenny, Jane & Judy progressed through the prelim and first round only to lose to a strong Plessey side in the semi-finals. Maggie, Peggy, Val and Annie had a bye to the first round which they won and also the semi-final so we have one Bembridge side in the final on July 12th. Good luck to them.

Triples: Annie, Jane and Maggie won their 1st round game

Pairs: Maggie and Annie lost to a team from Ryde

COUNTY JOHNS COMPETITION

5 Ladies from Bembridge represented the county in this competition v Buckinghamshire on Saturday 4th June. Although the I.O.W. County team lost, 2 rinks won and Bembridge ladies were represented in both. Bembridge Ladies: Gay, Maggie, Annie, Jane and Judy.

LADIES LEAGUE TABLES

WEEK ENDING 5TH JUNE

DIVISION 1

TEAM	PL	W	L	D	F	A	S/D	PTS
RYDE MARINA D	6	5	1	0	302	188	114	28
BEMBRIDGE A	5	4	1	0	210	174	36	24
PLESSEY A	4	4	0	0	203	111	92	19
SHANKLIN A	5	3	2	0	216	163	53	17
VENTNOR A	5	1	3	1	178	204	-27	11
SANDOWN A	5	1	3	1	149	257	-108	9
SHANKLIN B	5	0	5	0	152	224	-72	6
PLESSEY B	5	1	4	0	163	252	-89	6

DIVISION 2

TEAM	PL	W	L	D	F	A	S/D	PTS
TOTLAND A	5	5	0	0	235	142	93	29
RYDE MARINA A	4	2	2	0	155	138	17	13
NEWPORT A	5	2	3	0	189	194	-5	12
VENTNOR B	4	2	2	0	139	148	-9	12
BEMBRIDGE B	4	2	2	0	149	147	2	10
SHANKLIN D	5	2	3	0	150	222	-72	10
SHANKLIN E	1	0	1	0	32	42	-10	2
TOTLAND B	2	0	2	0	70	86	-16	0

LADIES EVENING TRIPLES 2022

Up to & including 30th May

Club	Played	Rks Won	Rks Lost	Rks Drawn	Shots For	Shots Against	Shot Dif	
Bembridge	4	7	0	1	146	96	+50	23
Plessey	5	6	4	0	170	124	+46	22
Newport	5	6	3	1	156	149	+7	19
Totland	4	5	3	0	130	97	+33	16
Ryde	4	5	3	0	124	109	+15	14
Ventnor	4	2	6	0	115	109	+6	8
Camp Hill	5	2	6	2	143	184	-41	8
Cowes	5	3	7	0	121	185	-64	6
Shanklin	4	2	6	0	84	136	-52	4

Nobody's Darling

Up and down, walking walking, Often measuring, sometimes
chalking; Shifting mats - keeping score, thirty ends, maybe
more; Aching back - tired of limb, Cheers for others, none for
him, Night draws on, darker, darker, No one cares for he's the
marker!

From the President's Perch

The first trophy of the season was decided on a glorious early summer day watched by an appreciative audience of club members and friends.

Kindly donated by Bembridge Parish Council, the trophy to be known as the Platinum Jubilee Trophy will be a welcome addition to our trophy cabinet.

The competition was entered by twenty four bowlers and took the form of drawn Australian pairs. The winning pair of Peggy Evans and Colin Greer were the dominant pair of the afternoon and worthy first recipients of the trophy.

Bowlers and spectators alike were resplendent in red, white and blue and a prize was awarded for the most striking outfit.

This was won by Bill Howe whose cross between a Bavarian elf and one of Santa's little helpers was certainly the most talked about. You can see a photograph taken before the festivities on the club web site.

In further news, I am glad to report that Alan Bugby has kindly agreed to fill the vacant position of Vice President. He will bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the post.

At the recent committee meeting, it was agreed that the club would investigate the possibility of improving the bar area to make life easier for those serving behind the bar. More detailed proposals would be considered at the next meeting at the end of July. It was agreed that the trophy cabinet would be moved from its current location to above the kitchen serving hatch. Derek Selway was thanked for the work he had already undertaken and his advice and expertise regarding the possible alterations to the bar area.

CAPTAINS DAY JULY 3rd

Men v Ladies for the Prestigious Bembridge Urn

A list will be displayed in the clubhouse soon so please sign up

Teams for the next Tourist match against Yately on 24th June will be displayed in the clubhouse this week, please tick your name