

FINALS DAYS – THE CROWDS:



11 a.m. Saturday



2 p.m. Sunday

OUR PEOPLE

It is an honour that **Peter Burgess** is to serve as District League President in 2017. This raises the profile and standing of Eastgate Bowls. Unfortunately this will limit his availability for selection in the Tuesday team. Accordingly **John Dean** will take over as Captain in 2017, leading in turn to **Alfred Schneider** as Captain of the City Afternoon League Team next year.

John Hunter has been Chairman of the Dinner Sub-Committee for more years than he or we can remember. He has masterminded our Annual Dinners and pre-Season Lunches with his well-known military efficiency and style!! Finding venues, securing menu options, negotiating with Restaurateurs and Bus Companies have all been *"meat and drink"* (groan, groan) to him. He has indicated that he will stand down as Chairman after this year's Annual Dinner. Members owe many thanks to him for his outstanding service. **Ann Hipkin** will join Dudley Procter and Janet Miles to help organise future events.

Committee: The following were elected at the AGM - Bryan Carr (Chairman), Peter Burgess (Secretary and Treasurer), Dilys Baker, Jane Bullimore, Mike Cobb, John Dean, Ann Hipkin, John Hunter, Janet Milles, Pete Moss, Judy Payne, Dudley Procter, John Turner, Derek Wellman, and Paul Wright. Sadly, **Betty Sumner** has had to stand down having given many, many years of active service, including acting as Fixtures Secretary and captaining the City Evening League Team. She was much missed this year and members owe her a deep debt of gratitude for all that she has done for the Club for so long.

HEARD IN THE CLUBHOUSE

Just as the skip is about to let go of his bowl, his number 2 at the far end collapses. The others call out to stop. The skip has a look and says *"It's OK, I can draw round him!"*

My telephone call was answered and I asked: *"Is that the local bowling club?"*

A voice replied: *"It depends where you're calling from."*

TRANSLATING THE SKIP'S COMMENTS:

"Good weight!" = lousy line

"Good line" = lousy weight

"Good back bowl" = you were lucky you didn't put it in the ditch

"That's in their way" = that's in my way

"That could be useful up there" = that wood is closer to you than it is to the jack

"I'd bowl with him any day" = he always buys the first round

THE GREEN 'N

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10th Anniversary Edition!!

2016/17 WINTER PROGRAMME

Sunday 2nd October

Noon for 12.45 SUNDAY LUNCH at the CLUBHOUSE
Names must be entered in advance on the Notice Board. Maximum 40 – first come first served

Friday 4th November

ANNUAL DINNER - details herewith

Monday 28th November:

EXCURSION to CHATSWORTH: Christmas Display on the theme of 'The Nutcracker'. Christmas Market. Coach leaves Eastgate at 9 am, Chatsworth 4.00 pm. Comfort Stop both ways!! £33 per person including Lunch, Admission & House Tour
Telephone Wendy Nugent (01522 813856) to join

Friday 16th December

7.30 p.m. CHRISTMAS FUN PARTY with interval hot buffet to be covered by an entry fee. Details to be announced on the Bowls Notice Board about a month before the event

Names must be on the notice board in advance

Saturday 21st January

7.30 p.m. SOCIAL/BOOK EXCHANGE + Supper
Names must be on the notice board in advance

Saturday 25th February

7.30 p.m. SOCIAL EVENING + Supper
Names must be on the notice board in advance

Saturday 18th March

10 a.m. to 12.30 COFFEE MORNING - Bring & Buy organised by Jane Bullimore in aid of Bowls Section

March

Annual Indoor Challenge - date to be announced

Early April

PRE-SEASON LUNCH (venue to be decided)
Details will be in the Spring 2017 Newsletter

Sunday 9th April

2.30 p.m. Green opens with Bowls Drive (subject to underfoot conditions)

April:

EXCURSION to be decided.

AUTUMN 2016 - A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN BRYAN CARR

It never ceases to amaze me how much support we receive when the going gets tough. A good example at our club this year was when our team captains struggled for players mid-season due to the illness and injury of key playing members. Dudley sent out SOS messages and several members changed their plans at the last minute to support the club, enabling us to meet all our commitments. A total of 35 members played in at least one league match this year, which is a good indication of the breadth of talent within our club. The only downside this year has been the poor take up of coaching which was scheduled for a Friday evening. We would also like to encourage more members to take part in roll ups, as they were not always well attended this year. On these issues in particular we would like to encourage open communication and dialogue throughout the club. If you have any ideas please contact any committee member who will make sure that your ideas are discussed at our meetings.

EASTGATE BOWLS COMPETITIONS 2015: ROLL OF HONOUR

Open Singles Cup

John Bradshaw Runner Up: Judy Payne

Beryl Hill Trophy

Judy Payne Runner Up: Sylvia Soulsby

Keith Woodall Cup

John Bradshaw Runner Up: Chris Butler

Newsom Pairs Tankards

Judy Payne & Paul Wright Runners Up: Eileen Wright & John Bradshaw

Doubles Cup

Eileen Wright & John Bradshaw Runners Up: Graham Kittle & Alfred Schneider

Sarah Lidgett Cup

Alfred Schneider Runner Up: Andy Bateman

Syd Appleton Cup

Wendy Nugent, John Birkin & Chris Butler

Triples Cup

Dorothy Harford, Bryan Carr & Dudley Procter

President's Shield

John Dean, Kevin Pimm & Paul Wright

John Bradshaw was in 4 finals (winning 3) and Judy Payne in 3 (winning 2) and they are named "Best Bowlers 2016". John had some "dogged" (groan, groan) support for the Open Singles Final:-



There were many new names in the Finals: Eileen Wright and Alfred Schneider both in 2 finals (won 1 each), Graham Kittle and Andy Bateman. New title holders among the triples competitions included Wendy Nugent, Dorothy Harford, John Dean and Kevin Pimm.

OUR CHARITY 2016: We raised a record sum of £565 which will go towards general Club funds for improving the Car Park (subject to assurances that work will be programmed). Most of this came from the Raffle in which the star prizes were a ceramic donated by Pete Moss (won by Andy Bateman) and a meal for 2 at The Wig & Mitre donated by Bryan Carr (won by Jane Bullimore). A list of 32 prize winners is on the Notice Board. Thanks to all donors & supporters.

REVIEW of the LEAGUES: 2016 SUMMER SEASON

Lincoln & District League: Having been promoted to Division 2 the team were in second place with one game to play, but they were thrashed at Thorpe On The Hill in the final match. There were only 6 teams in this Division and the whole League may change in 2017. Clubs have been consulted on revised formats. Eastgate Committee voted for the status quo.

1	Leadenham	10	8	0	2	859	811	48	88
2	Ruston	10	5	0	5	913	796	117	80
3	Eastgate	10	5	0	5	820	872	-52	73

Cliff League: The Team were promoted for the second successive year and struggled to begin with, but picked up admirably in the second half of the season to maintain their status in Division 2, finishing 7th of 10. Next year the Division reduces to 9 teams when hopefully Dilys will have been repaired - she has been "sorely" (groan, groan) missed.

1	Thorpe On The Hill	18	15	0	3	1331	1014	317	188
2	Lee Road	18	11	0	7	1187	1124	63	151
3	Brant Road	17	10	0	7	1176	1014	162	142
4	Saxilby	18	10	0	8	1181	1130	51	137
5	Ruskington	17	10	0	7	1113	1067	46	135
6	Nettleham	18	10	0	8	1226	1107	119	134
7	Eastgate	18	9	0	9	1188	1125	63	123

City Evening League: Having been relegated to Division C for the 2016 season, it was largely a matter of ensuring survival. This was achieved but the team only won half their matches, finishing a reasonable 4th of 8:

1	Leadenham	14	11	0	3	1314	1127	187	139
2	Navenby	14	10	1	3	1360	1139	221	132
3	Cherry Willingham	14	9	0	5	1231	1217	14	115
4	Eastgate	14	7	1	6	1239	1184	55	102

City Afternoon League: John Dean was the new Captain and masterminded the winning of the Knockout Cup as reported in the recent Special Edition of the Green 'N'. The Team continued to struggle in the League but rose one place to 6th of 8.

1	Norman House	14	11	0	3	837	595	242	107
2	Branston	14	10	0	4	724	642	82	95
3	Bardney	14	9	0	5	803	641	162	90
4	Navenby	14	8	0	6	726	688	38	74
5	Hykeham 'B'	14	7	0	7	702	649	53	73
6	Eastgate	14	4	0	10	657	730	-73	48

Lincoln & District Ladies Wednesday Morning League: Judy took her Ladies Team from 8th to a wonderful 2nd:

1	LINNETS	8	7	0	1	120	86	34	14
2	EAGLES	8	5	1	2	113	103	10	11