



**Sunningdale
Bowling
Club
Centenary 2013**

A message from the President

It is a very great honour and privilege for me to be President of Sunningdale Bowling Club during this Centenary year.

Forty years ago the then Management Committee, and in particular the then secretary Bill Sarney, produced a booklet for our 1973 Diamond Jubilee describing the Club and its progress from humble beginnings to a prosperous successful long life. Bill signed off the booklet with the wish that we, in future, work just as hard to guide the club to its Centenary year.



President Margaret Nutley

I believe the members over the intervening 40 years have ensured that the Centenary year will be every bit as successful as that of our Diamond Jubilee, and that the Sunningdale Bowling Club will continue to give its members pleasure and competitive bowling for many years to come.

Finally, I would like to echo the words of Roger Dwyer, the 1973 Diamond Jubilee year President, in wishing you all a very happy season's bowling. Enjoy winning and lose graciously.

Margaret Nutley
President Sunningdale Bowling Club 2013.

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A century of Sunningdale Bowling Club

Sir Francis Drake's famous game of bowls at Plymouth before he set sail to tackle the Spanish Armada may have been more than 300 years before the game came to Sunningdale. However, that didn't stop an imaginative reporter on the Windsor & Eton Express from bringing the famous mariner into a lyrical report of the formation of Sunningdale Bowls (*not Bowling in those days*) Club a century ago.

The report in the Sunningdale news section of the paper in May 1912 began: "This ancient pastime imperishably associated with the name of Sir Francis Drake, and now coming into vogue, is to find its votaries in this parish."

It went on to describe how the Club's first home off what is now Halfpenny Lane had been levelled, turfed and screened for one bowls rink, and an adjoining tennis court, at the expense of the vicar, and had an initial membership of 16. A small shed to keep bowls and a shelter for rain were to be built.

At the end of that summer Sunningdale played half-a-dozen home and away games against Ascot Bowls Club. But it was the following year that the club really got going, moved to a new and better ground in the Old Village area, and changed the name from Bowls to Bowling Club – and that is why our forebears always regarded 1913 as the real start of the Club.

That first temporary ground - nicknamed the "chicken run" - had soon proved unsatisfactory, with the greens quickly becoming so worn that some games had to be played on the Silwood Park cricket square. So the vicar, the Rev J.C. Cornish, who had helped set it up, offered part of his extensive vicarage garden off Church Road to build a proper bowling ground with three rinks.



To raise the £25 needed to prepare the ground on what is now Sidbury Close, and put up a new lock-up shelter, the Club issued 10s. shares (50p in today's money but the equivalent worth of about £40 in 2013).

So the Club now had what it thought would be a permanent home and, despite the interruption of the First World War, had several happy years there.

At the end of 1920 came some unexpected news. The original vicarage was to be pulled down and replaced with what is now the Old Vicarage, and part of the grounds including the bowling green was to be sold off. Fortunately a benefactor was to hand, and the current site off Whitmore Lane was made available.

Throughout the winter of 1920/21 Club members beavered away helping a sports ground firm to construct six rinks, a "rustic" pavilion, and surrounded with rhododendrons and hundreds of plants. In March 1921 the local paper reported: "The ground will be as picturesque as any in the county. It is satisfying to know that members are joining from Windsor, Staines, and other parts of the surrounding district, so the outlook of the Club is very promising."



Then came the big day on Saturday April 30, 1921. The sun shone as Mr T.H. Lowinsky, who had given the site on his Callaly Estate rent free, formally opened the premises and unfurled the new Club flag to the accompaniment of the Ascot and Sunninghill Comrades' Band. The President Dr C.M. Wildridge welcomed the 80 members and their wives, plus the guests including local dignitaries such as Sir Harry Samuel MP.

An inaugural match was then played against our old rivals and friends from Ascot, with an appropriate 123 to 94 victory for the home team on their new green. The day ended with Mr A. Bullock, President of the Berkshire Bowling Association, congratulating the Club on "having a green which was suitable for having a County match upon."

Fears of a repeat of the Club losing its home due to development arose a few years later when the Callaly Estate was sold. But in 1927 the new owner Mrs Anabel Adora Maria Kruse decided to give the land to the Club permanently provided it was used as a bowling green (or a sports ground if the Club ceased to exist). It was stipulated that the site could not be sold for building or any other purpose.



Original Membership Card.

A sunny future seemed assured, as shown on the Club badge, but in 1940 disaster struck when a German bomb fell on the Whitmore Lane ground during the Second World War. The pavilion was completely destroyed and the green was damaged. Fortunately no-one was there at the time, but many members lost their woods and shoes and many of the Club's invaluable records were gone forever.

The wartime spirit of Britain prevailed, and the members carried on with a tent as a temporary pavilion. Tea and sandwiches were dispensed with a smile and the game continued.

When peace returned the Club received compensation which paid for a new largely wooden pavilion, although second-hand building materials were used because of wood rationing, but we still had no mains gas or electricity. In 1962 it was decided to celebrate the Golden Anniversary the following year by installing electric lighting, and improving other facilities such as providing a bar.

In 1973 the Club passed its next milestone, our Diamond Jubilee. Roger Dwyer (President), M. Young (Chairman), E.T. Wood (Captain), W.J. Sarney (Hon Sec), and D.W. Joyce (Treasurer), were among the Committee who organised various celebration events.

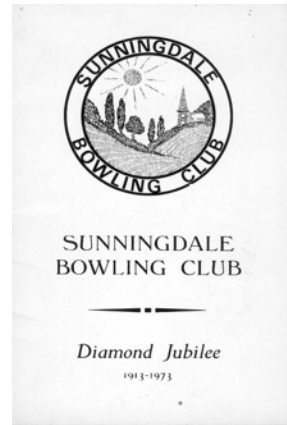
BOWLS CLUB - This ancient pastime imperishably associated with the name of Sir Francis Drake, and now coming into vogue, is to find its votaries in this parish. A suitable piece of ground adjoining the Broomhall Chapel of Ease has been kindly lent by the Vicar, the Rev J G Cornish, who has at his own expense also generously had it levelled, turfed and screened by a close fence and made suitable for tennis with one court for bowls. A meeting was held on the ground on Tuesday evening for the purpose of forming a bowls club. The subject was warmly taken up and sixteen members joined at once. The Rev J G Cornish was recognised as president, Mr G Burt was appointed hon. sec. And treasurer, and a committee consisting of Messrs J.C. Pither, Wakelin, Hayward and Frisby was also constituted. It was decided to build a small shed for keeping bowls, etc. And for shelter in case of rain. Practice began on Wednesday.

Windsor & Eton Express 11th May 1912

One thousand copies were printed of a Diamond Jubilee booklet, and a programme of special matches and social events was arranged to mark the occasion.

The booklet contained a history of the Club, the rules, the records that had survived the wartime bomb, and pictures of many past and present members.

It ended with a prophetic message from Bill Sarney: “The preceding pages are an effort to ensure that the Diamond Jubilee year of the Sunningdale Bowling Club will be long remembered and a tribute to all the people over the years who have worked and contributed to its successful and long life. May we in future work just as hard to guide the Club towards its Centenary year.”



Diamond Jubilee Booklet

In the early 1980s the post-war pavilion was beginning to show its age, and the committee decided to go about raising funds for a modern replacement. Grants came from the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead and the Sports Council. A variety of fund-raising events were held, including selling bricks for the new building for £5, and finally the old building was sold to Kempton Park racecourse for use as a storeroom.

In 1984 local builder Mr Alfred Cartwright began the outer brick shell, and an army of volunteer members – including specialist electricians, bricklayers and plumbers – completed the task. The local paper noted that “even the 20 lady members are included as they are involved in making curtains and other items.”

It was a real all-round Club effort and Mr Sarney, by now President of the Berkshire County Bowling Association, was quoted in the paper as saying: “This will be the best bowling club pavilion in Berkshire when it is finished.” Few would disagree with that even today.



The Post War Pavilion

The opening of the pavilion in the summer of 1985 coincided with the 75th anniversary of the Berkshire County Bowling Association, and to celebrate both events an anniversary match between the County (whose team included Bill Sarney) and the English Bowling Association was played at Sunningdale. Later in the season the green hosted the County finals.

The 1990s heralded many improvements to the clubhouse, as various loans for its construction had been paid off. The bar was rebuilt in a new location thanks to the efforts of local builder and then Club Captain Ken James, ably assisted by committee member Ken Tomlin. State of the art equipment for the dispensing of the amber nectar and an automatic glass washer were installed. Ken also used his powers of persuasion to purchase tables and chairs at a knock down price of £700 from British Aerospace. British Gas piped in a gas supply allowing us to bring in central heating at long last. This meant no more struggling to light three temperamental portable gas heaters in a freezing cold club house with condensation running down the walls. The clubhouse was recarpeted and a dishwasher and cooker installed in the kitchen. Hallelujah.

The Club literally blazed into the new millennium when the new cooker caught fire during the cooking of a supper for a Kennet League evening game. Fat from cooking three turkeys for the New Year's Party had got into the electric elements causing the blaze. No long term harm was done, and the manufacturer kindly providing a new cooker.

Soon afterwards the kitchen was completely refurbished, with a new fridge, fridge freezer and storage units costing a total of £2,800. The work was carried out by project leader Ron Allen, our Maintenance Officer, with a team of club members.

Lady members were delighted with the new kitchen and in time honoured tradition continued to produce excellent meals ensuring that visitors and members alike were well fed. It's true to say that local clubs look forward to their matches at Sunningdale. The men members play their part in the clubhouse and are responsible for maintenance, cleaning and stewarding the bar. Long may this arrangement continue to work well!



The Present Clubhouse

The Green Sward

Little is known about the upkeep of the green and surrounds between the time it was constructed by A. Luff and Sons of Wimbledon Park in 1920/21, with the help of Club members under the supervision of Mr J.J. Wood, until 1960 when Ted Woods was appointed green-keeper, except for the fact that part of it was destroyed by a German bomb in 1940.

Ted remained green-keeper until 1980, some 20 years of dedicated service, which was recognised by the membership in 1988 when the present scoreboard was built in his memory. He was also appointed Club Captain for the Club's Jubilee Year of 1973 in "recognition and appreciation of the work he had done maintaining the green and surrounds in such magnificent condition."

Fellow member Derek Bishton followed in the role until 1988, when local businessman and engineer Sid Colledge took on the task, consulting local green keepers, experts from the E.B.A., and The Royal Horticultural Society at Wisley, using his newfound knowledge to significantly improve the green. Sid was also instrumental in having the manual watering system replaced in 1990 with the fully automatic one we have today. He also devised the rink marking system, which has been copied by many other local clubs. Sid was a genial and well-liked member of the Club, both on and off the field making many friends around the county.

Ken Bishton, brother of Derek, took on the responsibility in 1993. Ken was passionate about the condition of the green. Such was his enthusiasm that he would be seen doing a little weeding on his, or an adjoining, rink during matches, much to the concern of his fellow teammates.



Ted
Woods



Derek
Bishton



Sid
Colledge



Ken
Bishton



Reg
Nutley



Ron
Earley

So we enter the 21st century with many further improvements to the green and the surrounds, with Reg Nutley, taking over as green-keeper.

It was agreed to invest in new equipment. Two Toro Mowers, a Groundsman Spiker and a Protea Power Groomer were purchased thanks to substantial donations from The Ascot Fire Brigade Trust and Sunninghill Fuel Allotment Trust. Reg cajoled six men members to form a Green Team to carry out a programme of regular cutting, grooming and spiking. This process considerably improved its condition.

Green Team members also replaced the rotting wooden supports around the green with galvanised metal Green Edge, thanks to a donation from the Berkshire Community Foundation. The ditches brought up to the new EBA standards and the ditch stones were replaced with rubber chippings. The steep slope of the drive to the clubhouse was reduced, flowerbeds redesigned, and the ancient Leylandii hedge to the adjoining field ripped out, courtesy of Alf Cartwright and his tractor, and a new hedge planted, also an area of garden cleared for an additional equipment shed.

With the objective of creating greater public awareness of our activities the solid metal entrance gates were replaced with Alexandra bow gates, manufactured and erected by Staines Steel Gate Co. Ltd. owned by club member Clive Gingell. New signage was purchased and put into place overlooking Whitmore Lane, thanks to yet another generous donation from the Berkshire Community Foundation.



The New Gates to the Club erected 2010

Local contractor and Club member Les Green's services were employed to create an area for the waste skip, using the old gates as the entrance from Whitmore Lane. Reg stood down at the 2011 A.G.M. having made an outstanding contribution, to make way for the present green-keeper, Ron Earley, who continues to do sterling work.

Our thanks must go to all the aforementioned green-keepers, also the many, many members past and present who have given so much of their time and energy to help maintain and preserve "this piece of land" so generously bequeathed by Mrs Annabel Adora Maria Kruse.

It is interesting to note that in 2012 after almost one hundred years in the village, the Parish and Royal Borough Councils agreed to the erection of road signs directed to the club.

Recognition at long last!

*Footnote about Sunningdale's secret weapon, the little devils. Legend has it that when the chips are down at The Dale, the Captain will have a quiet word with the green-keeper. "We need some assistance. Bring on those pesky little midges." Or maybe they are mosquitoes. What is the difference? The answer is none; they both bite and the end result of both is the same: a nasty lump on the skin the next day. The little devils have come to our assistance on more than one occasion. Just ask the opposition. **Green-keeper: keep bringing 'em on!***



The Green, looking good as always

Social Events

Social events have always played an important part in the Club's activities, with members gaining much pleasure in taking part in a wide variety of activities, both on and off the green.

Greater opportunities for keeping the membership together were created with the opening of the new clubhouse in 1985.

Our winter social programme brings members together for quizzes, cribbage, skittles, beetle drives, Scrabble, backgammon and dominoes. What was once a Christmas Party in December where the ladies cooked the traditional turkey and Xmas pudding with members joining in party games, a sing-a-long or maybe a quiz, is now a New Year's Extravaganza in January with a three-course meal and entertainments, ranging from a musical group, murder mystery plays, to pantos, which are put on by some of our more talented club members to the delight and appreciation of members and guests.

Short Mat Bowling was introduced into the Winter programme in 1997 when Llew Jones persuaded the Committee to invest in the purchase of a second-hand carpet for the princely sum of £75. Such was its popularity that a further, second-hand carpet was purchased in 1999. Llew's carpet was replaced with a new one in 2007 at the cost of £640.

So great has been the success of Short Mat that we now have a programme of weekly drives together with competitions within the club and also 18 friendly home and away games against local clubs throughout the winter months, the revenue from which helps cover the costs and adds a little more to help fund some of the clubs other activities.



Short Mat in the Clubhouse



A damp start to the 2012 season, Captain v President's Day.

A number of days are reserved throughout the outdoor season for club social days. The first of which is the Captain v President's Day in April. Organised drives and fun days such as Tony Buttery's Crown Green Competition and John Dumpleton's Golf related Knock-Out Competition. These events all help to create good club spirit.



The Queen's Jubilee Celebration 2012

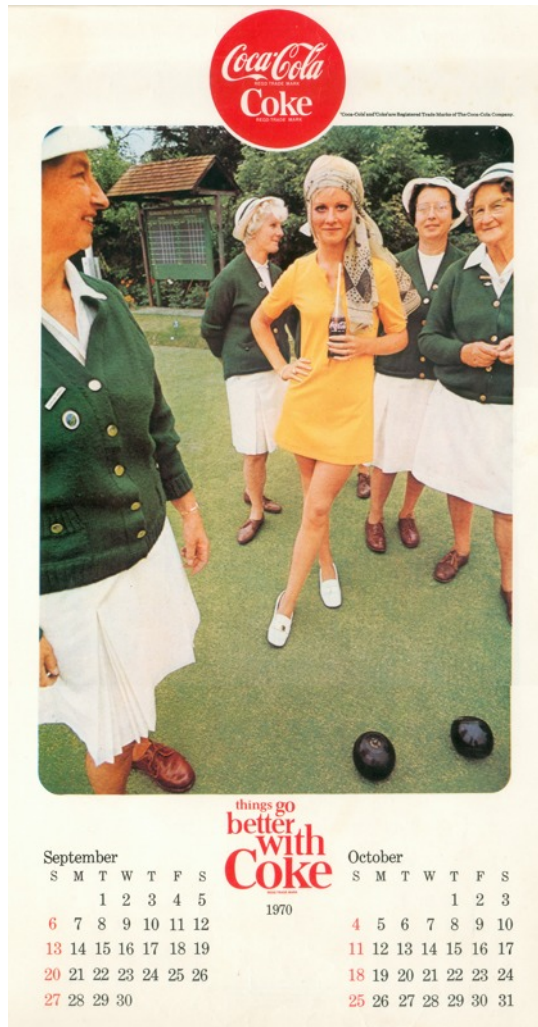
The camera never lies.....or does it?

Twice Sunningdale Bowling Club has been seen nationally in the media – and on neither occasion did it have anything to do with the members' skills on the green, nor were things quite as they seemed.

Back in 1969 the Club was asked if it would provide the location for a picture of a model posing on the green with some lady Club members for the following year's Coca Cola calendar.

The Club were under the impression that the girl in question was the famous model Twiggy. And on the day the lady members who posed alongside her, including Joan Grimmett (nee Hawkins), Dorothy Kendle, Molly Hancock and Ellen McQueen, certainly thought it was Twiggy.

But it turned out that the model was, in fact, a Twiggy lookalike called Jane Sidey (herself a well-known model of the day, and married briefly to the composer John Barry). The large colour calendar for 1970 featured Jane in various iconic English settings – none more so than the September/October page which was the Sunningdale Bowling Club picture.



How the Whitmore Lane ground came to be selected in the first place remains a mystery. As does its use as a location for a TV film shoot 38 years later, although one current member can still remember being paid £85 a day for two days work as an extra.



Filming at 'Fairlawn Vale Bowling Club'.

The actors and crew descended on Sunningdale to shoot part of an episode of the ITV comedy-drama *Honest*, starring Amanda Redman (seen more recently in *New Tricks*) as a mother who decided her criminal family must change its ways.

For several days in the summer of 2007 the Club became “Fairlawn Vale Bowling Club”, where a safe was stolen during a daring robbery – not that Sunningdale has ever had a safe containing any money worth stealing! The series ran the following summer.

Club Competitions

It's true to say that in-house competitions have become an increasing part of the Club's activities over the years. Therefore it is not surprising that the number of competitions has grown from one, The Men's Championship in 1921, to 15 men's, ladies' and mixed competitions which are now fought for during the season.

What was once Men's Finals Day (the ladies first being invited to join in 1979) is now a two-day event which includes all the usual men's, ladies' and mixed competitions plus the Club's open singles final for the "Needle" Trophy, introduced in 2005 to commemorate the unification of the Club's membership.

The ultimate trophy, The Supreme Championship, was introduced in 2004. It pits the new Men's Champion against the new Ladies' Champion. It has become the final game on the final day and has proved to be an excellent finale, competitive bowling played in great spirit with all the partisanship and merriment from members and visitors.



Finals Day 2012

Our thanks go to the many benefactors and members, past and present, for generously contributing trophies and to Mary Prince for funding the honours boards in memory of her husband Roy's long service to the club.

The following is a record of the benefactors and a selection of the more successful competitors over the years.

Men's Competition Winners and Runners Up

Championship Winner - "The Challenge Cup 1921"

H. Fletcher 1921

Jack Bailey 1932-34-39-41-42-44-49-50-51-52-53-55.

Harold Brown 1957-58-59-63

Ted Woods 1940-48-54-56-60-61-62-69-79.

Wayne Manley 1978-81-85-87-88-89-91-97.

Derek Cooper 1996-2007-08-10.

Richard Manley 1983, youngest ever winner aged 15 years.

Championship R.U. - "The Male Cup "

Gifted by Mr. & Mrs. H.G. Male in 1954

Jack Bailey 1954

Tony Parsons 1984-92-95-2006

John Turner 1993-99-2000-07

Derek Cooper 1997-2003-2004

Ryan Cooper 2010-11, youngest ever winner aged 15 years.

Handicap Winner - "The Tittenhurst Cup"

Gifted by Mrs. William Mosenthal in 1937 she later served as Club President.

P. Feest 1937

H. Garrett 1933 - First recorded winner.

Jack Bailey 1935-36-42-49.

Ted Woods 1939-48-52-64-65-67-70-83.

Ms Smith 1945-46-51.*

Harold Brown 1950-58-59-60-66.

Con Fairbrother 1996-97-2000-02-04-06.

Richard Manley 1987, youngest ever winner aged 19 years.

* The competition was open to both men and ladies until 1964.

Handicap R.U.Cup

Gifted and won by Bernie Sexton in 1995.

Ted Woods 1963-65-73-76

Ryan Cooper 2007, youngest ever winner aged 12 years.

Derby Cup Winner - "Men's Novice Cup"

The cup is engraved "Shrubs Hill Bowling Club, presented by the Earl of Derby K.G. In July 1923".

L. Rushbridge in 1952. First recorded winner.

Brothers Abe Winch, Jimmy Winch & Jimmy's wife Susie, all won the competition between 1954 and 1966, when it was an open competition.

Ryan Cooper 2009, youngest ever winner aged 14 years.

Derby Cup R.U.

The cup was gifted in 1987.

Sid Stephenson 1987.

Ken Bishton 1978. First recorded winner.

Men's Two Woods Winner

Gifted in 1965 by Frances Brown

Stan Sharman 1965

Daphne Tanner 1966

Con Fairbrother 1988-93-2003-05

Ryan Cooper 2012, youngest ever winner aged 17 years.

The competition was initially an open competition for Men and Women, the rules were changed to make it Men's only in 1977. Winner that year Wayne Manley.

The winner now goes through to the Berkshire County Two Woods "Champion of Champions" Competition which was introduced in 2001. The winner that year was Club Secretary, Brian Webb.

It is interesting to note that prior to 2001 the rule was that a counting wood had to be within a yard of the jack.

Men's Two Woods R.U.

Just when the cup was presented to the Club and by whom remains a mystery.

Len Richardson 1978. First recorded winner.

Con Fairbrother 1990-2000-02.

Drawn Pairs Winner - "The Candy Cup"

Gifted by Mrs. Fox of Foxcombe, Dry Arch Road, to commemorate the Club's Diamond Jubilee Year 1913 to 1973. The trophy was originally gifted for the Captain v Presidents game. It is interesting to note that the trophy is named after her dog, Candy, who apparently never missed a game.

Con Fairbrother - John Barker 1988. First recorded winners.

Con Fairbrother 1993-99-2005 with different partners.

Owen Robinson 1997-2002-08-10 with different partners.

Drawn Pairs R.U. Cup

The cup was gifted in 2000

John York - Brian Webb - 2000

Wayne Manley - Roy Prince 1988 First recorded winners.

Owen Robinson 1994-2004 with different partners.

"It's a Club record"

2011 was a landmark year for Les Green when he set a club record by winning the Men's Championship - Handicap - Derby Cup - Two Woods - Supreme Championship and Jimmy Winch Trophy partnered by Joan Cooper.

SIX OF THE BEST. "Unbelievable".



Les Green

Ladies' Competition Winners and Runners Up

Championship - "The Irene Galpine Trophy Ladies Championship Cup".

Gifted to the club in 2002 in memory of Irene by her family. Irene was a popular member who took up bowling in her 70s and continued to play into her 90s.

The original trophy was first played for in 1956, and won that year by Frances Brown, the Ladies Secretary, also in 1958-59-60.

Charlie Wood 1961-63-76-83-84.

Daphne Tanner 1964-65-68-69-71-73-78.

Margaret Nutley 1995-98-99-2000-03

Cathy Harris 2002-05-06-09-10

For the record, in millennium year of 2000 Margaret and husband Reg Nutley won their respective championships thereby setting a unique record.

Championship R.U. - "Sunningdale President's Challenge Cup".

Gifted by President Robbie Robbens in 1965.

Daphne Tanner 1965.

Nola Bishton 1972-80-82-83

Handicap - "Ladies Handicap Winner Cup".

Gifted by George Cattley in 1967.

Daphne Tanner 1967-73.

Peggy Bishton 1979-80-81-84-86-88-92.

Margaret Nutley 1989-90-91-98-2002-05-08.

Janet Spencer 2003-11-12

Handicap R.U. - "The Charlie Wood R.U. Cup"

Gifted by Charlie in 1982. Charlie was also Ladies County President that year.

Ruth Hughes 1982.

Janet Spencer 2002-04-05-06

Ladies' Two Woods - "The Norton Rose Bowl".

Introduced in 1977.

Daphne Tanner 1977-78

Nola Bishton 1980-82-88-89.

Peggy Bishton 1983-84-87

Margaret Nutley 1991-94-2000-05-06-11.

"Ladies' 2 Wood Singles R.U."

Gifted in 1978.

Peggy Bishton 1978.

Kathy Edwards 1999-2001-09-10-11.

Ladies' Pairs Shield

First record 1991.

Peggy Brades & Joan Hawkins - 1991.

Mary Stevenson 1995-96-97-2001-02 with a variety of partners.

Margaret Nutley 1992-93-94-98-2000-04-09 with a variety of partners.

Ladies' Pairs R.U. Cup

Gifted in 2000 by Bernie Sexton.

Cathy Harris & Di Colledge 2000.

Kathy Edwards & Margaret Nutley 1991. First recorded winners.

Joan Grimmett 2003-06-07 with a variety of partners.

Ladies' Kruse Cup - "Ladies Novice Cup"

Gifted in 2000

Janet Spencer 2000

Sheila Parsons 1987. First recorded winner.

Ladies' Kruse Cup R.U.

Gifted in 2000

Alice Pack 2000

Joyce Irvine 1987. First recorded winner.

Mixed Pairs - "The Frances Brown Cup"

Gifted by Frances Brown (Ladies' Secretary from 1956 to 1969)

Wayne Manley - Ruth Hughes 1974. First recorded winners.

Wayne Manley 1986-87-94 with a variety of partners.

Di Colledge - Dennis Bailey 2000-06-11.

Joyce Irvine - John Turner 2002-04-05

Mixed Pairs R.U. - "The Parsons Trophy Shield"

Gifted in 1998 by Sheila & Tony Parsons, long serving members of the club.

Margaret & Reg Nutley 1998-2000

Sheila & Tony Parsons 1987-92

Jimmy Winch Memorial Trophy

The competition was introduced in 1998 by Susie Winch, in memory of her husband Jimmy.

Elaine Mathias & Llew Jones 1998

Chris Wollerton & Owen Robinson 2003-05-08

Jimmy Winch Memorial R.U. Cup

Gifted in 2000

Sheila & Tony Parsons 2000

Susie Winch & Les Green 2005

Mixed Triples League Shield

Gifted by Club Secretary, Brian Webb in 1983.

Mrs. Charlie Wood - Des Guy - Ted Wood - 1983

Marcia Manley - Roy Prince - Wayne Manley - 1986-87-88

Mixed Triples R.U. Shield

Gifted in 1983.

Ruth Hughes - Les Chalmers - Mick Hughes - 1983

Sheila Parsons - Brian Webb - Tony Parsons - 1985-88

Maureen Webb - Tony Parsons - Brian Webb - 2005-6

Reg Nutley - Llew Jones - Margaret Nutley 2011-12

Mini League

Gifted by John Dumpleton in 1997.

Maureen Harley - Archie Clifton - John Dumpleton 1997

Cathy Harris - Jim Harris - John Dumpleton - 2006-07-08

Needle Championship - "The Needle"

Gifted in 2005 by Di Colledge and Ron Allen to mark the unification of the male and female sections of the club. This is at present the only competition open to all members.

Con Fairbrother 2005

Derek Cooper 2006 - 08 - 10 - 11

Ryan Cooper 2009

Needle Championship R.U.

Gifted by the club in 2010.

Janet Spencer 2010

Supreme Championship Vase

Ladies' Championship winner v Men's Championship winner

The trophy was introduced in 2004.

Gifted by long serving member and Vice President, Joan Grimmett.

Marjorie Walklett 2004 - 2012

Cathy Harris - 2005-06-09

Derek Cooper set a record by winning both the Supreme and Needle Championships in 2008-2010.

For more detailed information of all competitions please check the club website.

The Sunningdale Tour

When the Finals' Day is over, there used to be nothing for the competitive bowler during September each year. In 1977 some enthusiasts, headed by Ken Ambrose, Brian Webb and Joan Grimmett (Joan Hawkins as she was then), decided that a week-long tour, comprising six men's and four ladies' rinks, would keep the interest of many members alive.

The first tour was in 1977, to Ilfracombe, where some six local clubs were pleased to receive the tourists. Subsequent tours were mainly to the South Coast, with Bournemouth, Eastbourne, Torquay and the Isle of Wight proving the more attractive venues. (Other venues were Cliftonville, Great Yarmouth, Weston-super-Mare and Weymouth). Apart from supplying some excellent competitive afternoon bowling, many members strengthened their friendships with other members during the free explorative mornings and the evening sessions in local hostelryes.

Over the years the Tour welcomed members from other East Berkshire clubs and the "Sunningdale Tour" became an organisation separate from the Sunningdale Bowling Club.

The growth of indoor bowls clubs in the area caused a falling off of the interest in, or indeed a need for, a tour and the last Sunningdale Tour was to Weymouth in 2005.

The Club has now reinstated an annual short trip which in recent years has been to Pontyclun in South Wales, a club which has included Sunningdale Bowling Club in its tour to Berkshire. Trips to South Wales and Weston-Super-Mare have also taken place.

A team from Pontyclun in South Wales visited us in June 2011 and brought the "Minnesingers" with their Director of Music, Meryn Williams, to entertain Club members to a concert of Welsh Male Voices.



Eastbourne 1981



Torquay 2000



The Minnesingers choir from Pontyclun 2011

Friendly Cup Fixtures

Sunningdale Bowling Club has long-standing friendships with many clubs, both in Berkshire and the adjoining counties, and with Worthing. In many cases, the “friendly” matches have been given a competitive edge by individual bowlers of Sunningdale and the opposition donating trophies to be played for each year. The earliest of these are the Cattley and Simes Cups for the men’s and ladies’ matches with Staines. More recently there is the (Wayne) Manley Cup fought over with Wokingham, the (Sid) Colledge Cup for the Egham matches, the Ascot Cup (donated by David Bucktrout) for the Windsor Great Park matches and the Cyril Hughes Cup for matches with Cyril’s club at Bracknell. The C.G. Challenge Cup, donated by Clive Gingell, is played against Sunninghill Comrades Club. Naturally, Sunningdale aim to have all these trophies in its clubhouse at the end of each season!

These fixtures provide much enjoyment forging a bond between the respective clubs. Therefore it would be remiss not to set on record a short history of how these games originated and to thank the individuals for their generosity.

Cattley Cup

SBC v Staines Bowling Club (Men).

Presented in 1973 by George Cattley who had played for the Staines Bowling Club prior to joining Sunningdale in the 1960s. The trophy was originally played for by four rinks of men and two of ladies, with the overall score from the home and away games determining the winners. George won his Berkshire County Badge in 1973.

Len Simes Challenge Cup

SBC v Staines Bowling Club (Ladies).

Presented in 1982, by his widow in memory of Len, ex-President of Staines Bowling Club.

The Committees agreed that it would be a good idea for the Ladies and the Men to each play for a cup on Cattley Cup days. The cups are played on a home and away basis, four rinks of men, two rinks of ladies, the team with the highest accumulated score wins the cup.

The Manley Cup

SBC v Wokingham Bowling Club. (Men)

Presented by Wayne Manley in 1987 in appreciation of the close relationships established over the years.

Men's six rinks played for home and away each season, the team with the highest accumulated score wins the cup.

The Colledge Cup

SBC v Egham Bowling Club. (Mixed)

The cup was donated by both clubs in memory of Sid Colledge in 1997, who gave freely of his time and energy to both clubs.

The cup is played for on a home and away basis. Five rinks of men - one rink of women.

The team with the highest accumulated score wins the cup.

C.G. Challenge Cup

SBC v Sunninghill Comrades Club. (Mixed)

Presented by Clive Gingell in 1999. Clive is a member of both clubs with a wish to strengthen relationships and also raise money for Sunningdale B.C.

The game is played for once a year at the Dale. Team selection remains a mystery as many of the participants are like Clive, members of both clubs. Needless to say it is a needle game.

Ascot Challenge Cup

SBC v Windsor Great Park Bowling Club. (Men)

Presented by David Bucktrout in 2001. David, a past member of the club, moved to the Great Park after many happy years at The Dale.

The game is a Men's triples played for home and away each season. The team with the highest accumulated score wins the cup.

The Cyril Hughes Cup

SBC v Bracknell Bowling Club. (Men)

Presented by Cyril, of the Bracknell Club, in 2007 to mark many years of competitive bowling and friendship between the respective clubs.

The cup is played for on a home and away basis.

The team with the highest accumulated score wins the cup.

Worthing Bowling Club

SBC v Worthing Bowling Club (Men)

This fixture was established sometime in the late 1950s when Jack Bailey moved to Worthing, joining the Worthing Bowling Club at Beach Park.

It is one of our longest standing friendly fixtures, a club day out for the members to enjoy the sea air and bowling upon the hallowed turf at the home of Bowls England, the National Governing Body, where the Men's National Finals are played out each year.



S.B.C. at Worthing

Potdale Trophy

S.B.C. v Potton Tourist B.C. (Mixed)

The Trophy was Presented by Potton Tourists B.C. in 2012

The Bedfordshire based club's first visit to "The Dale" was in 2007 as part of their annual tour.

Such is the special relationship between our respective clubs that the fixture has become established as their last game prior to returning home.

The trophy just adds that extra competitive edge to the game.

Men's County & International Honours

Of the many players worthy of a place on a Sunningdale Bowling Club County Honours Board two members probably stand out.

First of all, Jack Bailey, our only international player. Jack's father Ernest John Bailey was a founder member of the Club, an original Trustee and Club Secretary for 21 years. Mr Bailey senior was a cabinet maker, and had a shop in Silwood Road, Sunninghill.

Jack became an upholsterer and followed his father both in the family business and to the Bowling Club, where he won the Championship 14 times between 1932 and 1955 and the County Singles Championship six times between 1944 and 1954 and was runner-up in 1941.

1950 was a remarkable and memorable year for father and son, Jack winning the County Singles and father the Hon. Secretary's Singles, creating a County record. Jack and Ted Woods also won the County Pairs.



Jack Bailey

In 1953 Jack's prowess came to the attention of the international selectors and he was invited to a trial at Mansfield Bowling Club.

As a result he was selected to play in internationals against Scotland, Ireland, and Wales at Preston Park, Brighton, in July of that year and he represented England again the following summer.

This is how the Windsor and Eton Express described him when they reported his 1953 international selection: “This most consistent bowler has, during the last 12 months won his Club championship for the 10th time, the Berkshire County Singles for the fourth time in seven years, was finalist in the Bexhill-on-Sea Pairs Championship, won the Ascot Indoors Bowls Championship, and was skip for England in the two Indoor Internationals held at Boston last year.”

Jack moved to Worthing, and then emigrated to Australia before settling in Auckland, New Zealand, where he continued to bowl almost until his death, at the Waiheke Bowling Club at Surfdale, Waiheke Island.

BOWLS

Sunningdale Player Is Capped For England

JACK BAILEY, the Sunningdale bowler, has been selected to represent England in the series of International matches. As a result of the International Trial, held at the Mansfield Bowling Club on

Windsor & Eton Express 19th June 1953

In more recent times the star mantle has passed to Wayne Manley. Wayne has been involved with bowling from a very early age, beginning in 1953 as a member of the Dog Inn Bowling Club, Bearwood, Staffordshire (Crown Green).

On moving to Worcestershire he joined Malvern Victoria Bowls Club where he stayed for a short while before moving south to Berkshire. In 1972 Wayne joined Sunningdale Bowling Club, quickly becoming its Treasurer, a post that he held for 12 years. He then became Club President for a period of seven years. During this time he became a qualified EBA Coaching Instructor.



Wayne Manley

In 1997 Wayne became President of the Berkshire County Bowling Association and after a very successful year in office was elected as a Life Member of the Association. Between 1997 and 2000 he was Berkshire County Delegate to the Home Counties Bowling Association.

In December 2001 Wayne became President of the English Bowling Association and as such was the figurehead and leader of the national body responsible for lawn bowling in England. During his year of office he attended the Commonwealth Games as head of Flat Green Bowls National Governing Body (NGB). In addition he was invited to Buckingham Palace with the other heads of NGBs to meet the Queen.

Our thanks must go to the many members who have successfully competed in the various County Competitions for they have done much to enhance the profile of the Club.

At present we have eight County Badged players. Father and son, Derek and Ryan Cooper, Les Green, Wayne Manley, Tony Parsons, Owen Robinson, John Turner and Brian Webb.



Ryan Cooper

In 2009 Ryan Cooper became the youngest member to have reached a County Finals Competition at the age of 14 years and has become a regular member of the County Under 25 squad.

Men's County & International Honours

1922	J C PITHER	C.B.A. SINGLES RU
1938	E.J. BAILEY	C.B.A. HON. SEC. SINGLES RU
1941	J BAILEY	C.B.A. SINGLES RU
1944	J BAILEY	C.B.A. SINGLES
1945	J BAILEY	C.B.A. SINGLES
1947	S.B.C.	C.B.A. DOUBLE FOURS RU
1950	E.T. WOOD / J BAILEY	C.B.A. PAIRS
1950	J BAILEY	C.B.A. SINGLES
1950	E.J BAILEY	C.B.A. HON. SEC. SINGLES
1950	J BAILEY/E.T. WOOD	C.B.A. PAIRS
1952	J BAILEY	C.B.A. SINGLES
1953	J BAILEY	C.B.A. SINGLES
1953	J BAILEY	E.B.A. INTERNATIONAL
1954	J BAILEY	C.B.A. SINGLES
1954	J BAILEY	E.B.A. INTERNATIONAL
1955	H BROWN	C.B.A. HON. SEC. SINGLES
1956	H BROWN	C.B.A. HON. SEC. SINGLES RU
1957	E.T. WOOD	C.B.A. SINGLES RU
1957	H CLARKE/L RUSBRIDGE/H BROWN	C.B.A. BEN TRIPLES RU
1963	H BROWN	C.B.A. HON. SEC. SINGLES
1965	W SARNEY/E.T.WOOD/L.SOLE/A.CARMEN	C.B.A. FOURS
1966	M YOUNG/T GARMAN/H BROWN	C.B.A. BEN TRIPLES
1970	H BROWN	C.B.A. PRESIDENT
1974	W SARNEY	C.B.A. HON. SEC. SINGLES
1974	J CLARK/A NEWNHAM/E.T. WOOD	C.B.A. BEN. TRIPLES
1975	E.T. WOOD	E.B.A. SAGA NAT. SINGLES
1975	S.B.C.	C.B.A CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
1979	J BARKER/W MANLEY/M HUGHES	C.B.A. TRIPLES
1981	S.B.C.	C.B.A. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
1985	W SARNEY	C.B.A. PRESIDENT

1986	W MANLEY	E.B.A. CHAMPS OF CHAMPS NAT. FINALIST
1987	S.B.C.	C.B.A. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
1989	R PRINCE/W MANLEY	C.B.A. PAIRS
1992	S.B.C.	C.B.A. LX. TRIPLES
1992	W MANLEY	C.B.A. CHAMP OF CHAMPS
1997	W MANLEY	C.B.A. PRESIDENT
1998	C. FAIRBROTHER	C.B.A. SINGLES R.U.
2000	K.TOMLIN	C.B.A. CHAMP OF CHAMPS. R.U.
2002	J TURNER	C.B.A. UNBADGED SINGLES R.U.
2002	C FAIRBROTHER/M BURCHELL/ A BURCHELL	C.B.A. TRIPLES R.U. - NAT SEMI FINALISTS
2002	W MANLEY	E.B.A. PRESIDENT
2004	B WEBB	C.B.A. HON SEC. SINGLES
2006	D COOPER	C.B.A. UNBADGED SINGLES
2009	R COOPER	C.B.A. UNDER 25 SINGLES R.U.
2012	L GREEN	C.B.A. TWO WOODS CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS R.U.



1965 C.B.A. Fours

Bill Sarney, Ted Woods, Alf Carmen, Len Sole



1979 C.B.A. Triples

Wayne Manley, John Barker, Mick Hughes



2002 C.B.A. Triples Runners Up, National Semi Finalists

Matthew Burchell, Con Fairbrother, Arthur Burchell

Men's Section v County and Country

The Club was granted membership of the Berkshire Bowling Association in 1921 and was proud to be one of its supporting member clubs, and as such has enjoyed playing host to visiting teams from the Presidents of the County and the English Bowling Association over the years.

County Bannerette Games

The first record of such game at the Dale was in 1960, against what was then the County Captain's Team. However in 1961 the County renamed it as the President's Bannerette Team, awarding a bannerette only to Clubs who successfully defeated them. We were victorious in 1967, 1970, 1973, 1993, 1998, and 2009.

English Bowling Association Pennant Games

The Club proudly displays pennants commemorating games played to celebrate the Club's anniversaries in 1963 and 1973 as well as games in 1983, 1985, 1993, and 2002.

Two of the most memorable games over these years were the Club's narrow defeat by 120 shots to 119 in the Club's Diamond Jubilee Year of 1973, and then in 1993 when the Club got revenge with a two-shot victory 117 to 115. The winning rinks were skipped by Ken Bishton, Dennis Bailey and Wayne Manley whilst the rinks of John Barker, Roy Prince and Jimmy Winch went down. "Three all" over the rinks, but the overall score gave it to the Dale. One can well imagine the interest, tension, hope, elation and disappointment created as the final end was played out. A fitting result for the Club's 80th birthday.

The other landmark day for the Club was in 2002 when Club President, Bernie Sexton, welcomed Club member and President of the English Bowling Association, Wayne Manley, to the Dale. Wayne's side ran out winning on all six rinks, with an overall score of 135 shots to 100. Wayne skipped his four to an eight-shots victory over Club Captain Arthur Burchell's squad which included President Bernie.

A brilliant day for Wayne but a disappointing one for the Club. Who says it is only a game?

We look forward to celebrating our hundredth year with games against a six rink men's Berkshire President's Invitation team. Also, and for the first time, a six mixed rink game against a Bowls England President's team.



S.B.C. v E.B.A. 2002. With E.B.A. President Wayne Manley



The Royal County of Berkshire Honours

Sunningdale Bowling Club has produced three County Presidents, who have given so much to the sport we all enjoy. Their enthusiasm, energy and devotion to the game does them great credit, and we remain very much in their debt.

Harold Brown.	County President	1970
	C.B.A. Honorary Secretary's Singles	1955
	C.B.A. Honorary Secretary's Singles R.U.	1956
	C.B.A. Honorary Secretary's Singles	1963
	C.B.A. Benevolent Fund Triples R.U.	1957
	C.B.A. Benevolent Fund Triples	1966



Bill Sarney.	County President	1985
	C.B.A. Honorary Secretary's Singles	1974
	C.B.A. Fours	1965



Wayne Manley.	County President	1997
	Berkshire County Triples Winner	1979
	Berkshire County Pairs Winner	1989
	Berkshire County Champion of Champions	1992
	Berkshire County Player	1979 - Present
	Berkshire Middleton Cup Player	1984 - 1997



		(13 Years) - 49 Games
	Berkshire Delegate to Bowls England	2007 - Present
	Hon. Life Member of Berkshire C.B.A.	1997 - Present
	Hon. Member of Bowls England	2008 - Present

In 1970 the Club gained the agreement of the County for a new competition for Club Champions to commemorate Harold Brown's year as President. The Cup was engraved 'The H.G.Brown Cup'. The competition named 'Berkshire County Champion of Champions'.

Berkshire County Kennet League

The County established the leagues in 1972 to provide competitive Club versus Cub matches. The Club entered the league in 1983, joining over 100 teams throughout the County.

Kennet League

The Club now play in the Eastern sector; games are usually played on Tuesday evening, four rinks of 21 ends. These games have done much to improve the general standard of bowling and have helped foster a strong competitive spirit in the Club.

Our record since 1983 has been somewhat chequered, nevertheless we go into our hundredth year back in the Second Division having become third division champions beating Thatcham 84-71 in the play-off final.

2003 Group A Division 2 winners

2008 Group A Division 3 winners and League Champions

2009 Group A Division 2 winners and League Runners Up

2012 Group A Division 3 winners and League Champions



Kennet League Division 3 Champions 2012

Kennet League LX

The men's section entered the league in 1983 thus providing the over sixties with competitive bowling against neighbouring Berkshire Clubs in the Eastern Section of the divisions.

These games are usually played once a week in the afternoons, three triples of eighteen ends. Such has become the popularity of these games the Club field 'A' and 'B' teams..

A TEAM HONOURS

1988 Division 1 East Winners

1992 Division 1 East Winners and League Champions.

1994 Division 1 East Winners

1996 Division 1 East Winners

1997 Division 1 East Winners

1998 Division 1 East Winners

B TEAM HONOURS

2004 Conference Winners and League Champions

2005 Conference Winners

2006 Conference Winners

2007 Division 2 East Winners

2010 Division 2 East Winners

Our thanks must go to the County Officials, our Captains, Greenkeepers and Lady Members for providing welcome refreshments at the close of play over the years, also to neighbouring clubs and our own members for their enthusiastic participation.

The Ladies' Section

Just how and when the Ladies' Section was formed remains a mystery, as all records prior to 1965 have been lost. However, what we do know is that in 1956 Frances Brown was made Secretary and in the same year won the Club's Ladies' Championship Trophy. Frances held office until 1984 and was Secretary in the Club's Diamond Jubilee Year 1973 when there were 22 lady members, two of whom Joan Grimmett (nee Hawkins) and Susie Winch still bowl along with us.

The first recorded minutes that survive are of a Ladies' Section meeting which was on 1st January 1965 at Fox Covert with nine ladies present, and two apologies received. Among the items discussed were that they would introduce a Ladies' Pairs Competition run on similar lines to the singles. They had the usual complaints from some of the membership about non-selection for matches. Reading through the minutes it seems as if the ladies were invited to play rather than as we do now making ourselves available by filling in the match sheets. Then a donation of a £1 (worth more than £25 in today's terms) was made to the County to go towards a cup in memory of Miss Christine Forenden, President of the BCWBA. The committee was duly elected, and the meeting closed.

During the next meeting in 1966 the ladies discussed their competitions, then they decided to keep the same tea rota as before but those on duty to come earlier to tidy up, and a vote of thanks was then taken for Ted Wood the green-keeper and all his excellent work.

The meeting in 1967 had 12 members present. The format was the same. They had 38 entries for the County Competitions and they decided on holding a Club Championship. Mr Cattley donated a cup for the handicap competition.

In 1968 the colours were chosen for the cardigans and hat bands, changing from blue to green. The matter of some players having been to Wimbledon on several occasions, and were not being eligible for County honours, was going to be put forward at the next Council meeting.

During the next meeting they had four nominations for Captain! But the last year's Vice-Captain was duly elected as with the tradition.

These meetings continued in much the same vein, keeping each one short, until 1978 when several matches had to be cancelled due to lack of names. £13.50 had been raised in raffles.

Due to low numbers of ladies their competitions were played 'American Style' but many failed to get in the right number of matches so it became difficult to find a winner. The Men's Section suggested they follow their pattern of competitions and to have the Ladies' finals on same day as the men.

In November 1982 we had a request from Staines Ladies to play for a cup on the same basis as the men's team play for the Cattley Cup. The ladies' trophy would be called the Simes cup, named after Staines President M.L. Simes.

During the meeting in 1987 it was proposed and passed that no lady of 70 years and over would be required to do teas! This was changed again in 1995 when the age for exemption was raised to 80 years! It was agreed in 1995 to keep the Ladies' membership to 35.

The minutes show that as time went by the ladies kept up with the times entering more competitions, playing more friendly games and becoming more adventurous with producing teas and suppers and more involved with the management of the Club - culminating in the unification of the Ladies' and Men's Sections in 2004.

Above all, the ladies have enjoyed themselves very much and long may it continue.



Sunningdale Ladies enjoying a match at the Club

Ladies' Section County Honours

In the years since the Club's Diamond Jubilee our ladies have enjoyed considerable success at County level.

At present we have six County players. Diana Colledge, Joan Grimmett, Cathy Harris, Margaret Nutley, Janet Spencer and Marjorie Walklett.

Four of these have occasionally represented Berkshire in the Ladies' National Finals at Leamington Spa.

We have also had representation in the John Trophy (equivalent to the Men's Middleton Cup).

1973	J.HAWKINS - C. WOOD	C.W.B.A. PAIRS R.U.
1989	J.TOMLIN - P.BISHTON	C.W.B.A. PAIRS
1989	M.STEVENSON-J.HAWKINS -N.BISHTON	C.W.B.A. TRIPLES
1990	J.HAWKINS - N.BISHTON	C.W.B.A. PAIRS
1990	J.HAWKINS	C.W.B.A. HON. SEC. SINGLES
1990	N.BISHTON	C.W.B.A. CHAMP OF CHAMPS R.U.
1992	S.B.C.	C.W.B.A. THAMES VALLEY LEAGUE
1995	S.B.C.	C.W.B.A. THAMES VALLEY LEAGUE
1996	P.BAILEY - J.TOMLIN	C.W.B.A. PAIRS
1997	P.BAILEY - J.TOMLIN	C.W.B.A. PAIRS R.U.
2004	M.NUTLEY	C.W.B.A. CHAMP OF CHAMPS R.U.
2004	J.SPENCER	C.W.B.A. UNBADGED SINGLES R.U.
2004	S.B.C.	C.W.B.A. THAMES VALLEY LEAGUE R.U.
2004	D.COLLEDGE-M.WALKLETT -M.STEVENSON-M.NUTLEY	C.W.B.A. FOURS R.U.
2005	M.WALKLETT	C.W.B.A. HON. SEC. SINGLES
2006	S.B.C.	C.W.B.A. TOP CLUB
2007	D.COLLEDGE - M.NUTLEY	C.W.B.A. OVER 55 PAIRS

Ladies' Section v County and Country

The Ladies' Section have over the years established strong ties with the County, to such an extent that since the early 1990s they have enjoyed what has become almost an annual game against the Ladies County President side.

The ladies have also had the pleasure of hosting many Berkshire County games, other County sides including various rounds of the national County v County Competition for the Johns Trophy, and also rounds of the Ladies County Competitions.

In 1993 the ladies celebrated the Club's 80th year with a game against an English Bowling Association side. Captain Marcia Manley's team went down 122 - 99 shots. The skips of the day were Nola Bishton, Peggy Bishton, Joan Hawkins, Margaret Nutley, Mary Stevenson and Jeanette Tomlin.

Joan Hawkins' rink managed a slender two shot victory as our only winning rink. However, the sun shone on yet another memorable day at the Dale.

Our ladies look forward to playing against Berkshire Lady President's team in our Centenary year.



Sunningdale v EWBA 1993

The Royal County of Berkshire Sunningdale Ladies County Honours

Sunningdale Bowling Club has produced three County Presidents who have contributed much to support the County's activities over the years. Their enthusiasm, energy and devotion to the game does them great credit and we remain very much in their debt.

Frances Brown 1965



Vera Usher 1975



Charlie Wood 1982



In 1965 the Club gifted a cup for the winner of the County Unbadged Singles Competition to honour the election of Frances Brown to the President of the B.C.W.B.A. The cost was £26.12.6d coming from members' subscriptions.

Club Secretaries

The Club has been blessed with the good fortune of having six Secretaries who have given exceptionally long service.

They have all committed a significant amount of their time and energy to the task, working without reward for those who have enjoyed Sunningdale Bowling Club.

Men's Section Secretaries



Ernest J. Bailey
1919 - 1951
32 years



Harold Brown
1954 - 1970
16 years



Brian Webb
1986 -
27 years, ongoing

Ladies' Section Secretaries



Frances Brown
1956 - 1984
28 years



Joan Hawkins (Grimmett)
1985 - 1994
9 years



Marjorie Walklett
1997 -
16 years, ongoing

Sunningdale Bowling Club Presidents

Sunningdale Bowling Club owes the following members a great debt of gratitude for their time, energy and devotion to the game of bowls and the betterment of the Club.



Rev. J.G. Cornish
1913



W.E. Robbins
1964 - 71



Roger Dwyer
1972 - 78



Bill MacFarlane
1979 - 82



John Barker
1983 - 85



Arthur Newnham
1986



Wayne Manley
1987 - 93



Hugh Devonald
1994 - 2001, 2006



Bernie Sexton
2002



Bob Montgomery
2003



Llew Jones
2004-5



Margaret Nutley
2007-

1921 Dr. C.M. Wildridge (No photo available)

1922 - 57 Records missing

1958 - 63 Mrs. William Mosenthal (No photo available)

Sunningdale Bowling Club Ladies' President

Frances Brown
1985-89



Officers 2013

Playing Section Committee

Weekend Captain	- Maureen Harley
Midweek Captains	- John Boyer/ John Forster
Match Secretary	- Brian Webb
Competition Secretaries	- Gareth Williams/ Maureen Webb
County Representative	- Chris Wollerton
Kennet League Captain	- Tony Buttery
LX 'A' Team Captain	- Tony Buttery
LX 'B' Captain	- Ron Allen

Ladies Bowling Section Committee

Chairperson	- Margaret Nutley
Hon. Secretary	- Marjorie Walklett
Captain	- Joyce Irvine
Vice Captain	- Kathy Edwards
Thames Valley League Rep.	- Joyce Irvine
Ladies Competition Secretary	- Maureen Webb

Vice Presidents

Wayne Manley - Llew Jones - Brian Webb - Joan Grimmett

Life Members

Hugh Devonald - Joan Grimmett

Management Committee



President
Margaret Nutley



Chairman
Bob Montgomery



Hon Secretary
Brian Webb



Hon Treasurer
Peter Sparks



Membership Secretary
Brian Munden



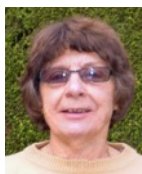
Green-Keeper
Ron Earley



Maintenance Manager
Ron Allen



Social Secretary
Maureen Harley



Ladies' Captain
Joyce Irvine



Ladies' Secretary
Marjorie Walklett



Catering Officer
Margaret Butler



Web Master
Mike Thompson



Bar Managers
Les Mathias/ Brian Webb

Trustees

Conveyance of a piece of land at the corner of Whitmore Lane and Kiln Lane in the Parish of Old Windsor in The County of Berkshire.

Conveyance dated 28th January 1928.

Owner of the land:

Annabel Adora Maria Kruse of Sunning House, Sunningdale,
formerly of Mount Row, Mount Street, London,
wife of Captain John Frederick Conrad Kruse.

Original Trustees:

Charles Moody Wildridge (Doctor of Medicine) of Buva, Sunningdale
John Henry Wakelin (Builder and Contractor) of Sunningdale.
Ernest John Bailey (Cabinet Maker) of Silwood Road, Sunninghill.
William Hendor Newport (Caterer) of Links Cafe, Sunningdale.

Present Day Trustees:

Marjorie Walklett of Old Windsor
Brian Webb of Sunningdale
John Gareth Williams of Sunningdale
Derek Cooper of Bracknell.



Marjorie
Walklett



Brian
Webb



Gareth
Williams



Derek
Cooper

P.P. 14803

This Conveyance made the twenty eighth day of January

One thousand nine hundred and twenty eight **Between**
Annabel Adora Maria Kruse of Sunningdale in the County of Berks formerly of 1. Mount Row Mount Street in the County of London the Wife of Captain John Frederick Conrad Kruse (hereinafter called 'the Grantor') of the one part and Charles Moody Wildridge of Buva Sunningdale aforesaid Doctor of Medicine John Henry Wicklin of Sunningdale aforesaid Builder and Contractor Ernest John Bastley of Selwood Road Sunninghill in the County of Berks Cabinet Maker and William Hender support of Links Cafe Sunningdale aforesaid Cotier (hereinafter together called 'the Trustees') of the other part **Whereas** under a conveyance dated Eighth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty seven and made between Hugh Edwyn Burnaby of the one part and the Grantor of the other part the Grantor is the estate owner free from incumbrances in respect of the fee simple of the property hereinafter conveyed **And whereas** the Trustees are the Trustees of an unincorporated body called the Sunningdale Bowling Club **And whereas** the Grantor has with a view to promoting open air recreation and the welfare of the Sunningdale Bowling Club agreed at the request of the Trustees to convey to them the land and hereditaments hereinafter described in consideration of the Trustees entering into the covenant on their part as hereinafter appears **Now** in pursuance of the said Agreement and in consideration of the covenant on the part of the Trustees hereinafter contained and of the premises **this conveyance witnesseth** as follows:

1. **The** Grantor as Beneficial Owner hereby grants and conveys unto the Trustees **All** that piece or parcel of land in the Parish of Old Windsor in the County of Berks fronting on Whitmore Lane and Kilm Lane and now in the occupation of the Sunningdale Bowling Club containing by estimation Two rods and nineteen perches and which said premises with the respective boundaries thereof are delineated on the plan drawn hereon and thereon coloured pink **To hold** the same unto the Trustees in fee simple as joint tenants.

Part of the Deeds document of January 28th 1928 assigning the Whitmore Lane grounds to the Sunningdale Bowling Club

Centenary Year 2013 - Special Fixtures

March

- Friday 22nd Short Mat Bowling Finals 2.30 p.m.

April

- Saturday 20th Green opens. Public open day 2.30 p.m.

- Sunday 21st Captain v President's day (H) 2.30 p.m.

May

- Sunday 26th (Tri Tournament) Prospect Park (A) 2.30 p.m.

June

- Sunday 16th (Tri Tournament) Abingdon (A) 2.30 p.m.

- Sunday 23rd Berks President Invitation (H) 3.00 p.m.

July

- Monday 1st Berks. V.P.s v Surrey Presidents (H) 2.30 p.m.

- Saturday 6th Centenary Gala Day (1913 Theme) 11.00 a.m.

- Wednesday 17th Bowls England President Team (H) 1.30 p.m.

- Sunday 20th C.G. Challenge Cup (H) 2.30 p.m.

- Tuesday 23rd Berks. C.W.B.A. President Team (H) 2.00 p.m.

August

- Sunday 25th Club Finals

- Monday 26th Club Finals

- Friday 30th Sidmouth Tour

September

- Monday 2nd End of Sidmouth Tour

- Monday 9th Potton Tourists PotDale Trophy (H) 2.00 p.m.

- Sunday 15th (Tri Tournament) Abingdon/ Prospect Park (H)
2.00 p.m.

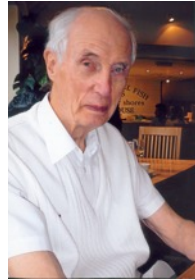
- Sunday 22nd Bowls Drive & Social - End of Season 2.30p.m.

Why do we do it?

By Harry Chapman

What draws us bowlers to the 'Dale?
We don't come just to sup the ale.
Simply the sport? We all enjoy
Outdoing our opponent's ploy.

When our wood finds the jack through the pack
When our wood pots the shot off its spot.
When we come from behind but finally find
We have won at a trot by a shot.



Brief minor triumphs, these: nothing without
Good company and their good-natured chaff,
Applauding skill but never much put out
By lack of it no matter what the gaffe.

All very well.
But the engaging spell
Is in the very place: the fragrant smell
Of baskets bright with hanging flowers
(They must have cost someone some hours)
And beds of blooms of great variety
With shrubs in elegant society.

Uplifting scene, folk like to sit and view
And surely dedicate each time they do
A grateful thought for those who stoutly strive
To beautify the green, keep it alive.
Upon the seats past stalwart's names show how
They did it then. Praise them and those who do it now.

Harry, now in his 90th year is still bowling along with Staines B.C.
Harry left Sunningdale because in his mid 80s he gave up driving, letting the train take the strain.



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