



# Newsletter 2024



## Club Secretary: Peter Evans

Welcome to the 2024 Newsletter. Again, the club has moved forward last year and improved its facilities. We have replaced the old heavy tables with lighter easier to carry ones and the Men's Urinals have finally been replaced with larger ones, along with all the piping,

We are still trying to get the Footpath lighting in place, Seaford Town Council (STC) had us produce a full Feasibility Study with Risk Assessment, comparing Solar Power and traditional Electricity. This has been accepted by STC and is now awaiting approval from Lewes District Council, it's a slow process.

Thanks to Brian's efforts we have a new more modern Fixture List with Sponsor adverts and thanks to David for getting the Brick in the Wall poster produced and on the wall.

We would like to invite you to our Coffee Morning on 6th April and our Open Day on 13th April. Outdoor Bowling starts on 15th April.

I wish everyone a good season of bowling!

## President: Mick Arrow

A very warm welcome to all existing and new members for the new bowling season 2024.

As many of you know it is my first year of being President and I am really looking forward to the task working with the committee. Let us hope that the weather will be kind and we can all get in some good bowling.

I would like to stress that The Crouch Bowling Club is yours and as members, we should all try to participate in the social activities as well. These are arranged by volunteers who work tremendously hard for you.

I wish to thank Flyle as our out going president for all his hard work.

During the last year we have sadly had to say goodbye to members of our club; Norman Atkins, David Thomson, Pat Budd and Jim Marden, all the funerals were well attended by our members.

All the best for the coming season.

## Treasurer: Richard Bosworth

For those who were at the AGM in December 2023, you will remember that it was explained that our Finances are in good shape following an excellent year. On top of that, 2024 looks like being another bumper year, with a full programme planned.

The income from the Bar, Socials. Raffles, Coffee Mornings, 200 Club etc give us additional funds to improve our club and its facilities and helps to stave off any increase in the Subscription rates in future years. I urge you all to support these areas as much as you can in the coming year to ensure our Club prospers.

In respect of the 200 Club, which is a private monthly lottery, we currently have 72 entries, giving monthly prizes of £144, £72 and £36, with £108 going to Club Funds. If this increased to 100 entries, the monthly prizes would be £200, £100 and £50, with £150 going to the Club. Please consider if you would like to rejoin in May 2023, or increase your current holding.

I wish you all a satisfying Summer and Winter playing bowls Outdoor and Indoor and hope as many of you as possible will renew, or indeed, upgrade your Membership of this friendly Club.





### Men's Captain: Bob Carrington

You wake up. Yawn! Yawn! Yawn!  
You reach for your Phone, an arm's length away.  
You look at the News. You go to your social media.  
You feel a bit depressed, when suddenly your brain clicks into gear and you remember it's Bowls today!

There and then you resolve to do 3 things. Bowls means you can have fun and socialise, encourage others and be a team player! As I gather my thoughts I begin to think of warmer weather and getting back to outdoor bowling again. Soon enough it will be Open Day and a chance to bring along a new potential member to join the club. Then they will also be able to have fun and socialise as well as be encouraged and a team player.

With the successes of last season we all look forward to joining, in either with Roll ups, Club drives, and a full list of Friendly matches. Including Friday league, Mixed evening league, our own club Competitions, as well as Meridian league [winners again for second season running], plus County and National Competitions.

I wish everyone well for this new season and ask, how much do you want to come and enjoy the great opportunities there are at the Crouch Bowling Club?

### Ladies Captain: Sue Conil

Welcome ladies to the 2024 Summer Season at the Crouch Bowling Club.

I am particularly thrilled to tell you that a new Ladies Coastal Development League has been started to encourage the newer bowlers. More information at a pre season get together, on Wednesday 17th April 2.30pm at the clubhouse with tea and cake.

The ladies roll up will commence on Tuesday 30th April at 10am running until 28th May, I hope you will come along to support.

I look forward to playing with some of you in the club competitions and hope the limited entry will continue again. Please put your names down, it's a good experience.

Marina Floodgate, my Vice Captain and I will take great pleasure in working together to ensure you all have a happy and fulfilling season of bowling at our fabulous club.

### Derek Budd: Competition Secretary

The outdoor season is not far away now, so it is time for me to say, get those entries in to the club knockout competitions. I urge you all to try as many as you can. They are great fun, win or lose, and you get to play against members that you might not otherwise meet. One of the features of our club is that we have good strength in depth, so the field is wide open. I would not like to predict who will win any of our competitions.

Good luck to all who have entered County or National Competitions and the same to all of you who get selected for our Top Club, Double Fours, Edward and Gladys Rowland and Meridian League teams. Remember, we are going for three wins in a row in the League. The men have also entered the Brighton League for the first time.

I am sure we can have a great 2024. Above all, I hope you all enjoy the season's bowling.

Best Wishes to all competitors!





### **Match Secretary: Brian Binning**

Another season of bowling is almost upon us and there will be plenty of opportunities for members to participate through inter-club matches, drives, league competitions and for those possessing the skill and ambition, County fixtures. At the time of writing, there are also plans to enter Crouch teams into two new league competitions, one for men and one for ladies, so look out for further details on these. Of course, there should hopefully still be time to fit in the usual Club Competitions as well!

Fixture cards should be available in time for the Coffee morning on 6th April and we will hold our traditional Open Day on 13th April, followed by the start of casual bowling on 15th April. Club Finals will take place on 7th and 8th of September, so make sure you keep that weekend free, you never know!

Finally, I would also like to mention that there will be a special Club Drive on 20th May in memory of the late Pat Budd.



### **Green Advisor: Fred Hammond**

The New season approaches in the calendar of 2024, with the prospect of warm sunny weather and friendly play. The green is, I believe, the best I've seen it, at this time of year. I hope I'm not tempting fate. With good grass cover and colour, there are some small spots of disease and moss, but this will be treated.

We are now members of the Grounds Management Association (GMA) and will be approaching them to carry out an independent consultation with recommendations on the green, during the playing season.

We are also looking at the possibility of having an extra topdressing of the green mid March in order to improve the playing levels and see if the green speed is affected.

May I request that, when tasks appear not to be happening, that the groundsmen are politely approached for information and any complaints are pursued through committee members. Remember that we fortunately have a groundsman based at Crouch gardens but there are other sites or greens to maintain and with only two staff to do it this can be a logistical problem at times.

Wishing members a good season with friendly contest and battles on the green, and the club as successful as 2023.





**The bar team await your orders!!**

### **Bar Manager: Mike Nolan**

Welcome to another season at the Crouch!

Thank you for the support you gave the bar in 2022/23, we made a profit of £4,402.98.

I would like to thank my wife Vi, for all the help she has given me in the purchasing of stock from the various supermarkets. I would also like to thank my bar staff for the help they have given me.

Please support the bar in any way you can, even if it's just a soft drink after a match, your bar staff need the work.

The Bar Team consists of Mike Nolan, Vi Nolan, Ann Blackman, David Grimley, Ashley Tyler, Marina Floodgate, Derek Budd, Brenda Monks and Rosie Waters and this season Ann Merritt, Ann Mitchell and Gwen Coward are joining the bar team.

If anyone is interested working behind the bar, please let me know.

### **Winter Activities Committee: Mike & Vi Nolan & David Grimley**

At the Crouch we have short mat bowling from October to March. Sessions are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays 9am to 12 noon, Tuesday and Thursdays 2pm to 4pm and Wednesday 7pm to 9pm. The bar is open at this evening session. We also have home and away matches against other clubs.

Skittles is played every other Friday 7pm to 9pm. This is now a very popular social event with 20 plus members every session. The bar is also open at this event and sausage rolls are usually served.

Social evenings are held on the last Tuesday of every month 7pm to 9pm when the bar is again open. Quizzes and Bingo are played, usually with some snacks.



### **Social Activities:**

During the year, we hold various social activities, often as part of a Bowling Drive, but for all members.

In the summer there is always a BBQ which is very popular. During the year we hold various Dances, with DJ Dave Tolly providing the music.

# The Crouch Bowling Club

## 2024 Committee Members

<b>Main Committee Roles</b>			
President	Mick Arrow	01323 895614	07711569402
Secretary	Peter Evans	01323 913381	07736750126
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Ladies Vice Captain	Marina Floodgate	01323 351251	07831477377
Men's Captain	Bob Carrington	01323 896014	07873188926
Men's Vice Captain	Ken Whippy	01273 517157	
Competition Secretary	Derek Budd	01323 897546	07768458056
Match Secretary	Brian Binning		07929592202
Clubhouse Secretary	David Grimley	01323 898483	
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	Marilyn Binning		07890 828757
	Daphne Hemmings	01323 890067	07974581251
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<b>County Delegates:</b>			
Ladies	Daphne Hemmings	01323 890067	07974581251
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