

2022 Season highlights:

Saturday 16th April:

Portishead Men got their season underway on the opening day with the traditional Captain v Vice-Captain match. This fixture is thinly disguised as a match but is, in reality, an excuse to get together again, flex the long unused muscles, blow away the cobwebs and enjoy the delight that is outdoor bowls. The weather was just right and a good time was had by all, but there has to be a winner, and this year it was the Vice-Captain's team that were victorious. Well done them!

Tuesday 19th April:

Portishead played their first actual match this afternoon, a Mixed Friendly, at home, against Ardagh. It's always a pleasure to welcome Ardagh to our Club and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the game. The weather nearly held off and there was just a little light rain for the final few ends. The result wasn't important (from which you will gather we didn't win) and our thanks go to Ardagh for making the afternoon so enjoyable.

We will seek revenge at the end of May in the return fixture.

Saturday 30th April:

Perfect weather arrived for the first of our Open Days!

We welcomed an amazing number of people trying out bowls for the first time on our wonderful greens.

There were quite a few couples as well as singles eager to try their hand and, although most of them had never bowled before, by the end of the session, they were nearly all getting the hang of it!

Monday 9th May:

The Men & Ladies held their first Charity event of the season today.

The weather was very kind again and well done to all our members and friends who participated in a smashing morning of bowls.

Our lucky dip games and lunch raised over £300 to be split between our nominated charities Children's Hospice South West & The Beacon Hub

Many thanks to Captains Julia & Rod for organising the morning, aided by Jenny B & Dave L, and to Sue Tassell, along with her band of helpers, Marilyn, May, Irene and Val, for the lunchtime hot-dogs and fabulous cakes.

Friday 3rd June:

What a fabulous, fun afternoon combining The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations with competing for The Spilling Cup, together with the 'Reserves' games on the top rinks.

The Spilling Cup is a match where mixed teams from Portishead Men & Ladies and Portishead RBL Men & Ladies compete against each other. The winner this year was the Portishead RBL team so well done to them for a deserved victory.

The games were followed by a mouth-watering 2 course supper which was enjoyed by everyone.

Well done to all those who helped arrange and host the event, it was well worth all the effort.

Sunday 3rd July:

Our main Charity event of the year and we were fantastically lucky with a warm, sunny afternoon for our Cream Tea Day.

We started with the ever popular "Spider" which was won by Geoff Pinder. Next came a fiercely fought Australian Pairs competition, which was won by the narrowest of margins, the victors being Geoff Lawrence & Dennis Poulston.

The afternoon continued with our Charity raffle, in aid of The Beacon Hub and Children's Hospice South West, a fabulous Cream Tea alongside sandwiches, and strawberries & cream.

Many thanks to all those who donated prizes for the raffle and to Sue Tassell and her band of helpers in the kitchen, and on the bar, for producing and serving the yummy grub!

The day raised a highly respectable £404 to be shared between the 2 charities!

Sunday 24th July:

Today saw the annual Hardwick Cup competition, where members from Portishead Men are each partnered with a member of Portishead RBL to play in a Pairs Competition for the Cup.

There were 2 groups of 10 teams, each team playing 4 matches of 8 ends (or 1 hour max.) The 2 group winners then went "head to head" in a final, to decide the winner.

The winners of Group A were Ed Ormston (PBC) and Arnie Strong (RBL)

The winners of Group B were Rod Hawkins (PBC) and Steve Secker (RBL)

The final was decided over a further 8 ends with the winners being Rod Hawkins & Steve Secker

Well done to them and to everyone that participated, and especially well done to the organisers for a brilliantly planned day!

Wednesday 27th July:

Portishead Men held their annual Australian Pairs (2-4-2 format) competition.

The teams play 3 matches, each of 6 ends (or 1 hour max.), with 2 points for a win, 1 for a draw and 0 for a loss. The winners are decided by points, in the first instance and, if tied, by shots scored. If still tied, then ends won will be counted.

The winners, with 5 points, were Ed Daisley & Dave Girling and the runners-up were John Herring & Dave Linsdale, with 4 points and a shot difference of +11.

Well done to the winners and to everyone that participated, and thanks to Duncan Day & Malcolm Leach for organising the event

Sunday 7th August:

Another jammed packed day at our beautiful club for the Drawn Mixed Pairs competition.

3 rounds of 7 ends resulted in an awesome win, with a +17 shot difference, for Lin Cobb & Chris Sheppard. Cay Norris & Rod Hawkins came in second with a +12 shot difference followed very closely by Liz Parker & Ian Aspinall with +11 . Well done to all players!

Many thanks to Jenny Brown for organising and running the day, to Jenny W, Helen, Kathy and May for providing tea/coffee and sorting and preparing all the sharing plates into a delicious lunch and clearing away afterwards and finally to Geoff, Angela and Rod for a sterling effort behind the bar. Phew!

Wednesday 10th August:

Well, what a hot day for Portishead Men hosting their annual Captain & President's Day!

Play started with the usual 'Spider' (won by Gill Berryman) and then 2 games of 6 ends each with the overall winner being Mike Berryman (keeping it in the family!).

This was followed by a fabulous 2 course meal with wine, speeches, jokes and much laughter.

A fabulous event and thank you to everyone who helped set up, Sandra for the amazing flowers and table decorations, our lovely ladies Sandra (again!) for manning the bar with Jenny B, and all our amazing guests.

Monday 29th August:

Today was the Men's & Ladies Finals Day.

Most matches were so close they could have gone either way, so great to play in and nail-biting to watch! Well done to all the winners and the full results will appear on this website in due course. Trophies will be awarded at our annual Presentation Evening on Friday 25th November.

Massive thanks go to Jenny B & Duncan for organising the competitions, and all the competitors and markers for taking part throughout the season to ensure an enjoyable final day.

Friday 2nd September:

Portishead Men's first attempt for many years to hold a Triples Competition proved to be a great success, albeit with the number of teams reduced from ten to eight due to members isolating for Covid.

Despite a forecast of grey cloud cover, the sun shone all day and everyone had a full day of bowls.

The eight teams each played four games of 6 ends, and at the end of the day the winning team was the only one to win all four games.

Congratulations to Alan Weeks, Dave Taylor and George Norris, narrow victors over Tom Kane, Dave Linsdale and Mike Berryman who won three games and drew one.

Big thanks to Duncan for organising the day and dealing with all the last-minute problems and withdrawals.

Saturday 3rd September:

A perfect morning playing the Friendship Cup with the Poppies.

A Portishead Lady is teamed with a Poppy, playing 3 rounds of 8 ends in our annual Pairs competition. Great fun and so lovely to be able to get together with the Poppies and get to know each other better.

3 teams had 5 points after 3 their games so shot difference decided the winners and congratulations go to Cay and Hannah. The runners up were Sandra and Val followed by Hazel and Chris.

Thanks to Jenny B and Lou for organising the event and all who helped/contributed to the lunch/raffle and manned the tea/coffee/bar.

Thursday 8th September:

So very lucky with the weather for our Ladies Captain & President's Day. Despite the forecast of thunder, lightning and heavy showers, we all stayed dry for the whole afternoon!

The pavilion looked fabulous, the flowers were amazing and the company outstanding!

A wonderful afternoon Ladies, well done everyone!

Wednesday 21st September:

What a brilliant afternoon for our annual Men v Ladies game today! Lovely weather, excellent bowls, great company and lots of fun. Well done all.

Winning 3 rinks each, the final score was 107 - 92 so congratulations go to the Men for their win.

Special congratulations go to Maggie, Gordon, Susan & Sandra for their amazing hotshot!!

Many thanks to Ms Herring (John) & Ms Pears (Gordon) for dressing appropriately and joining the Ladies' squad, and a huge "thank you" also to George, Frank & John who worked tirelessly throughout the afternoon preparing the teas, selling the raffle tickets and manning the bar.

Sunday 25th September:

What a way to end our season, with The Association Drive, on a lovely autumn afternoon.

Members from all four clubs joining together, picking random teams and positions from 'the bag' to play a series of mini games.

Well done to Ed Daisley on being closest to the spider, Duncan Day for winning Men's highest score and Julia Hawkins for winning Ladies' highest score.

Many thanks to Norman Rogers & Ian Gough for organising the games and to those willing helpers on the bar.

Friday 25th November

This evening we welcomed many members, old and new, to our Annual Dinner and Presentation, held at Nailsea Masonic Hall.

It was a fabulous get together with everyone enjoying a delicious 3 course dinner, followed by the presentation of the Trophies and Awards.

A big "thank you" goes to the venue for the excellent food and service during the evening.

Well done to all those who took part and supported all our competitions during the season and many congratulations to all our winners!

<u>Men</u>	<u>Ladies</u>
<u>Championship (Presidents Cup):</u>	<u>Championship (Pennine Cup):</u>
Winner: John Herring / Runner-Up: Trevor Hodgetts	Winner: Sue Tassell / Runner-Up: Julie Sheppard
<u>Sid Woods Trophy:</u>	<u>Joan Neville Salver:</u>
Winner: Tony Benford / Runner-Up: Ian Aspinall	Winner: Myra Ringrose / Runner-Up: Hazel Aspinall
<u>Fixed Jack:</u>	<u>Fixed Jack:</u>
Winner: Niall Morrissey / Runner-Up: Dave Girling	Winner: Sue Tassell / Runner-Up: Dee Dee Johnson

Gordano Cup (Pairs):

Winners: George Norris & Dave Girling / Runners-Up:
Mike Berryman & Frank Murray

Thirtle Salver (Veterans):

Winner: Tony Benford / Runner-Up: Ian Aspinall

Silver Jubilee Trophy:

Winner: Trevor Hodgetts / Runner-Up: Dennis Poulston

Hayes Cup (Points):

Winner: Trevor Hodgetts / Runner-Up: Dave Taylor

Triples:

Winners: Alan Weeks, Dave Taylor & George Norris /
Runners-Up: Tom Kane, Dave Linsdale & Mike Berryman

Australian Pairs:

Winners: Ed Daisley & Dave Girling

Hardwick Cup (PBC/RBL Pairs):

Winners: Rod Hawkins (PBC) & Steve Secker (RBL)

Runners-Up: Ed Ormston (PBC) & Arnie Strong (RBL)

Pairs:

Winners: Janet Linaker & Julie Sheppard / Runners-Up:
Myra Ringrose & Liz Parker

Veterans Pairs:

Winners: Dee Dee Johnson & Marilyn Withey / Runners-
Up: Lin Cobb & Pam Taylor

Triples:

Winners: Maggie Wilks, Dee Dee Johnson & Susie Sealy /
Runners-Up: Myra Ringrose, Pam Taylor & Helen Luffman

2 Wood Singles:

Winner: Maggie Wilks / Runner-Up: Dee Dee Johnson

R Mansell Salver (Points):

Winner: Helen Luffman / Runner-Up: Irene Benford

Mixed Pairs:

Winners: Lin Cobb & Chris Sheppard

Runners-Up: Cay Norris & Rod Hawkins

Friendship Cup (PLBC/RBLLBC Pairs):

Winners: Cay Norris (PLBC) & Hannah Tremlin (RBLLBC)

Runners-Up: Sandra Daisley (PLBC) & Val Ray (RBLLBC)

A special mention also to the person from each Club, voted for by the members, for their contribution during the season.

This season the Men's "Members Vote for Contribution to the Club" was Rod Hawkins and the Ladies "Club Personality of the Year" was Julia Hawkins
