

2023 Season highlights:

Sadly, the season started with the following message being posted on the website and Facebook page:

IMPORTANT: Saturday 15th April 2023

Due to the amount of rain over the past week it has been decided that the greens are too soft for play. Therefore, the traditional Men's "Captain v Vice-captain" match today and the Association Drive tomorrow have both been cancelled.

Club morning on Monday 17th will go ahead so please make sure you arrive before 10am to be included in the morning's proceedings!

Not the start we wanted but the weather did improve from Monday 17th and Club morning was well attended by both clubs.

There were also two matches played during the week with a Mixed Friendly against Ardagh on Tuesday 18th and Portishead Ladies played a Friendly against Portishead RBL (The Poppies) on Thursday 20th.

Sadly, neither match went our way, but it was a good way to blow away the cobwebs and enjoy the great outdoors again!

Sunday 30th April:

Well done to those intrepid, prospective bowlers who visited us for our first Open Day of the season. It was a little misty and damp, but everyone did really well and we look forward to seeing you all at Club Morning.

We have another Open Day on Sunday 28th May if you missed out this time!

Many thanks to our coaches and all members who came along and made the day such a success.

Sunday 28th May:

Such a change from the last one with perfect weather for our 2nd Open Day!

Today we welcomed an amazing number of people trying out bowls on our wonderful greens and learning all about the club. All age groups were represented, and we managed to get everybody bowling pretty well in no time!

Everybody said how much they enjoyed the experience with us and we look forward to seeing them again soon at one of our Club mornings.

Many thanks to all the members and coaches that put in such a huge effort during the day!

Monday 5th June:

Well done to all the members of both clubs who participated in our fun Charity event this morning.

Our lucky dip games, splendid raffle and hot dogs raised an amazing £441.14, to be split between this year's charities Clevedon and District Foodbank & Great Western Air Ambulance Charity.

Well done to George Norris for winning the 'spider' and to Chris Sheppard as overall winner with the best shot score of an amazing 30!

Thanks to Jenny B and her helpers for organising the games and the raffle, to Marilyn and her helpers for the fabulous hot dogs and to the men for the putting out the equipment and manning the bar.

Tuesday 18th July:

Portishead Ladies & Portishead RBL Ladies held their annual Ladies Open Triples Day, and what a fantastic event it was! The weather behaved itself and the standard of bowling was very impressive.

After 4 rounds of 7 ends, 4 teams had won all their games, so positions were decided on shot difference and many congratulations go to the winners:

- 1st place - Redland Green with 8 points and +19 shot difference
- 2nd place - Long Ashton - 8 points and +18
- 3rd place - West Backwell - 8 points and +16
- 4th place - Olveston - 8 points and +10

Thank you to everyone who came to take part and all the volunteers from Portishead Ladies & the Poppies for an outstanding day's effort in making the day run smoothly.

Monday 31st July:

What a chaotic start to our Charity morning!

The overnight rain scuppered play at 10.30am however we did manage the Spider, which was won by Richard Brake, and a 'lucky dip' game of 8 ends.

Congratulations to Rod Hawkins for winning with an impressive 20 points and to Tony Benford for winning the wooden spoon.

Many thanks to Sue Tassell and her helpers for the excellent ploughman's lunch with a fine choice of desserts, and to all those who helped to make a lovely morning. Your efforts do not go unnoticed!

All profits will be divided between the Ladies and Men's charities:
Clevedon and District Foodbank CIO and Great Western Air Ambulance Charity (GWAAC)

Sunday 7th August:

Topsy turvy weather for our Mixed Pairs competition today with heavy downpours and bright sunshine!

We played 3 x 1-hour games with 2 points for a win & 1 point for a draw and, as is often the case, a number of pairs had 6 points and the results were decided on shot difference.

Many congratulations to the winners Dave Girling & Julie Sheppard and the runners up, Niall Morrissey & Lin Cobb. A mention also for Dennis Poulston & Myra Ringrose, who came in a close third by 1 shot!

Many thanks to Jenny Brown for organising and keeping all the scores and Jenny White for all the teas and coffees.

Friday 11th August:

The Association BBQ today was a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by all those who came along on a lovely summer evening. The burgers, sausages and chicken were amazing, the salad display was spectacular, and the desserts were delicious.

However, none of this would have been possible without the tremendous amount of work put in by Sue Tassell and her band of volunteers. Sue, Marilyn W, Jenny B, Kate S and Sue D did hours of prep and cooking in the kitchen, we had Pat on the Burger BBQ and Rod, Julia, Paul, Peter S, Duncan C & Roy doing shifts on the bar.

Thank you all it was a real treat!

Thursday 17th August:

Portishead Men hosted their annual Captain & President's Day today, attended by the membership and the Captains & Presidents of all 4 Clubs in the Association.

Play started with the Spider, which was won by Stewart Calderwood. This was followed by 3 games of 6 ends (actually 2 of 6 ends and 1 of 4 ends, due to time constraints) and guess who won?..... Stewart Calderwood! Well done, Stewart!

A lovely 2 course meal with wine followed and there were speeches, jokes, and banter.

A fabulous event so thanks to everyone who attended, those who helped set up, Sandra for the amazing flowers and table decorations and our lovely ladies Julia & Diane for manning the bar and serving the wine.

Monday 28th August:

Today was our main Finals Day of the weekend with most trophies being decided.

The full list of winners and runners-up will be available after the Presentation Evening in November.

Well done to all those that entered and played in some close fought, lively and friendly matches. The standard of bowls on view was impressive.

Many thanks to all the markers, Jenny Brown & Neil Dale for putting the schedule together and again, to Jenny for organising a brilliant day.

All the winners have been updated in the respective 'Club Competitions' sections on the Information page and some photos of the day are available in the Gallery.

Saturday 2nd September:

A perfect morning for Portishead Ladies playing the Friendship Cup with the Poppies (Portishead Royal British Legion Ladies Bowling Club).

A Portishead Lady teamed with a Poppy playing 3 rounds of 8 ends in this annual Pairs competition. Great fun, some great bowls and so lovely to be able to get together in a friendly competition.

Huge congratulations to Maggie Wilks (Portishead) & Joy Kelly (Poppies) on a fabulous win by being the only team that won all 3 of their games

Dee Dee Johnson (Portishead) & Chris Roberts (Poppies) had the most shots of the 2nd placers to take away the Runners Up bowl

Many thanks to Jenny B (Portishead) and Marg (Poppies) for organising the event and all those who provided our fabulous lunch and manned the tea/coffee & bar

Wednesday 6th September:

A cracking afternoon of bowls today!

The annual Portishead Men v Portishead Ladies match was a resounding success with the friendliest of results.

After 18 ends, 2 rinks were won by the Men, 2 rinks to the Ladies and a draw on the 5th rink. Total shots 77 each!

Well done to everyone on a fabulous afternoon of excellent bowls, with special mentions to 'Honorary Lady' Bob (Roberta) Swift, Margaret Hurst & Anne Bridgen for the tea & biscuits and Mark Stiddard on the bar.

Thursday 7th September:

The Ladies were blessed with beautiful sunny weather for their Captain & President's Day today. The pavilion looked amazing, the flowers were fabulous and their members and guests brilliant!

As always there was a 'Spider' followed by a few rounds of bowls with randomly picked teams. Winner of the 'Spider' was Steve Secker, Captain of Portishead Royal British Legion Bowling Club and winner of the overall points prize was Hazel Aspinall, so congratulations to them!

There then followed a delicious two course meal with wine, presentations and speeches by the Ladies President, Sandra Daisley and Captain, Liz Parker.

Many thanks go to everyone involved in organising the event and to Frank & Rod for manning the bar and serving the wine.

It was a truly wonderful afternoon, well done everyone!

Wednesday 20th September:

Well, the season ended much as it started, with the following email being sent to all members:

TO ALL MEMBERS OF PORTISHEAD BOWLING CLUB

Good afternoon, everybody.

Please note that the greens will be closed for the rest of the season. This includes the Association Drive on Sunday.

However, on the plus side the bar will be open on Friday lunchtime.

Ah well.....

Friday 17th 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!

Men

Championship (Presidents Cup):

Winner: Dennis Poulston / Runner-Up: Mike Berryman

Sid Woods Trophy:

Winner: Dave Linsdale / Runner-Up: Michael Way

Fixed Jack:

Winner: Niall Morrissey / Runner-Up: Rod Hawkins

Gordano Cup (Pairs):

Winners: Tony Benford & Rod Hawkins /
Runners-Up: Edd Ormston & Ian Aspinall

Thirtle Salver (Veterans):

Winner: Niall Morrissey / Runner-Up: Tony Benford

Silver Jubilee Trophy:

Winner: Mike Berryman / Runner-Up: Niall Morrissey

Hayes Cup (Points):

Winner: John Herring / Runner-Up: Niall Morrissey

Triples:

Winners: Chris Jones, Stewart Calderwood & Geoff
Lawrence / Runners-Up: Michael Way, Frank Murray &
Dave Taylor

Australian Pairs:

Winners: Geoff Pinder & Ian Aspinall

Mixed Pairs:

Winners: Julie Sheppard & Dave Girling /
Runners-Up: Lin Cobb & Niall Morrissey

Ladies

Championship (Pennine Cup):

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

Joan Neville Salver:

Winner: Julia Hawkins / Runner-Up: Joy Murray

Fixed Jack:

Winner: Maggie Wilks / Runner-Up: Janet Linaker

Pairs:

Winners: Irene Benford & Susie Sealy /
Runners-Up: Wendy Tinios & Maggie Wilks

Veterans Pairs:

Winners: Diane Poulston & Dee Dee Johnson /
Runners-Up: Myra Ringrose & Joy Murray

Triples:

Winners: Angela Lawrence, Julie Sheppard &
Susie Sealy / Runners-Up: Mavis Cross, Janet Linaker
& Gill Berryman

2 Wood Singles:

Winner: Janet Linaker / Runner-Up: Julie Sheppard

R Mansell Salver (Points):

Winner: Dee Dee Johnson /
Runner-Up: Julie Sheppard

Friendship Cup (PLBC/RBLLBC Pairs):

Winners: Maggie Wilks (PLBC) & Joy Kelly (RBLLBC) /
Runners-Up: Dee Dee Johnson (PLBC) &
Chris Roberts (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 Michael Way and the Ladies "Club Personality of the Year" was Liz Parker
