



Bantham & Ongar Bowls Club

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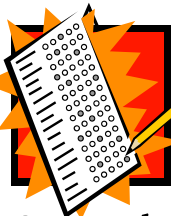
Newsletter

The closing date for submissions to our next issue (81) is 26th April 2015

Please visit our website for our latest news, photos and to see our on-line calendar for fixture and event details on WWW.Banthamandongar.org.uk



PS. We're also on facebook



Quiz Night

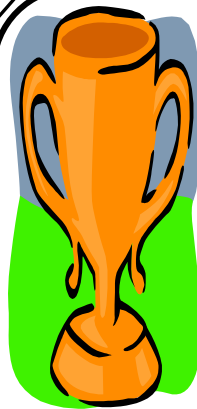
THE CLUB - 27th March-

There may still be some places left, but I've heard they've been going like hot cakes. If you want to try to secure a table or single seat give **Gill Challis** a call.

Pre-season meeting Sunday 29th March, 3.00 pm.

in the club house

All members are invited to our annual pre-season meeting. Meet the committee, collect your fixture books, competition forms, plan the season. Find out more about playing in the leagues.



MEMBERS' COMPETITIONS 2015

I've had a lovely trophy displayed on our mantelpiece over the winter months but now's the time to think of replacing it. If I can win a competition then anyone can – entry forms for the internal comps will be available at both the pre-season meeting and the quiz night or directly from **Jackie Brown**. There's a change to the format this year – Jackie and the committee have agreed that one day competitions such as the two wood will be played through to a final on the day, this will mean (for the talented few) not having to play up to 5 games over the finals weekend.



All hands on deck day – Saturday 28th March – we need your help to get the club, green and grounds looking spick and span for the new season. Plenty of work will be provided but you need to bring your own warm, protective clothing and tools. A snack may be useful too. We kick off at 9.30am but you can arrive at any time in the morning. You're all stars !



CLUB NIGHT

Club night is held every Thursday this year. Come along from 6.15pm for 6.30 start. The bar is open. Remember new members are particularly welcome – if you know someone who might be interested in joining the club then this is the best time to bring them along & let them give it a try.

Club nights start 2nd April 2015

E-mail!

I'm glad to say I'm still getting email addresses to add to our club records. To help, simply send an email with your name in it and 'Email Address' in the subject line to Banthamandongar@gmail.com

THANK YOU

BINGO EVENING

46 members and guests supported the Bingo evening held on Friday 20th February. It was a very enjoyable and successful evening raising £345 which all helps. Thanks to Gill Challis our Social Secretary who organised the event

GREEN

What's that sparkly bright thing in front of our club house? It's green, yes it's our newly cleaned green. It cost nearly £4000 to have it professionally manicured. Thanks to Mike Nash for 'supervising' the work. Now come along and try it. Our first club 'Drive' is on Monday 6th April.

Short Mat. – Currently we have a very successful and active short mat team representing the club. The club rules were recently amended to include a short mat representative as a voting member on the club committee. We recognise the valued contribution made to the club by our short mat players but now all that is in jeopardy as we cannot find a captain, or representative, for next season. If you feel you could help out with this very important club role or know someone that might be willing to take it on please contact me. Francis Czuba 1277362955



LEAGUES

If you have any interest in playing in a league please contact the organiser directly, for the record and to say thanks they are:

Pat Kitson :	New internal club league
Jackie Brown:	Harlow Ladies Triples
Ralph Cooper & Hazel Issitt :	Harlow Senior Citizens
Alan Dodd:	Brentwood & District

Outside competitions

Invitations to competitions and galas held by other local and regional bowls clubs are starting to be received. If you're interested please check the club notice boards

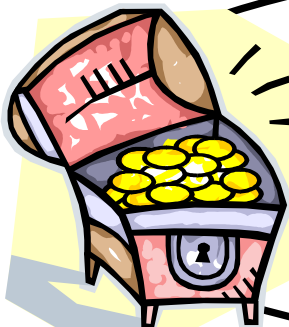
Subscriptions

Message from the Hon Treasurer.....

Subscriptions were due on the 1st January and we would be grateful to either receive outstanding subs of £40 or notice of your intention not to continue with your membership.

If you do not intend to continue please contact either Sue Czuba, the Hon, Secretary on 01277 362955 or Jim Heppel, Hon, Treasurer on 01277 362631

Many thanks to the majority of the membership who have paid up. Please support the club & make your Treasurer a happy man.



SHORT MAT

Short Mat Bowls are held every Monday evenings during the winter between 7.00pm and 9.00pm and also Friday mornings from 9.00am to 11.30pm. Cost for each session is £2.00 including refreshments. The Club also belongs to local leagues

Sponsorship

The club is always looking for sponsors, either from companies or individuals. There are plenty of opportunities, this newsletter, kit, finals day, trophies, the website etc. This season we reduced the cost of our fixtures book to £20.00 as a result of sponsorship. If you know anyone that may be interested please ask them to contact me, Francis Czuba, Club Chairman.



You can't beat an all-weather green.

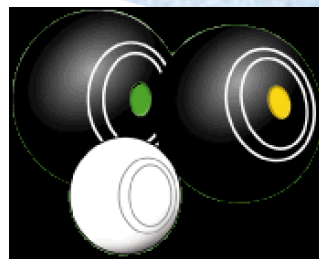
Latest results:- The last indoor game of the winter season was played on 14/03/15 at Tye Green IBC. We put out 5 triples and drew one lost four. General opinion was – *the meal was very good!*

The fixtures book will be available at the Pre-season meeting. Thanks to Roy Stockton & Estelle Bell for arranging the fixtures, Roy & Francis for preparing it for publication, *Lollipopz* for sponsoring it and Steve Andow for publishing it at cost. I'm sure he'd like feedback but we think he's done a great job!

**PRESIDENT'S DAY
Annual Ladies v Gents
Trophy Match**

10:30 a.m. SATURDAY 18th April 2015.

This is an annual match between the Ladies and Gents Teams. As well as full members, the committee has agreed that bowling friends of members are welcome to play. Once again our President, Mr Laurence Eldred, has kindly sponsored the post-match meal. Please add your names to the list on the club notice board or let Roy Stockton know.



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BRIDGE We are pleased to report that the weekly bridge sessions are going from strength to strength. We had six tables last Wednesday and room for more. If any member knows of a friend or neighbour interested in a weekly friendly game direct them to the Club on Wednesday mornings from 10.00am to 1.00pm. Cost £2.00 per session including refreshments

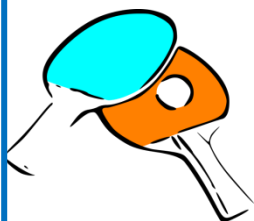


TABLE TENNIS

We now have three tables providing every opportunity for those wishing to play table tennis.

Weekly sessions under the guidance of our qualified coach Mary Nicholls are held on Thursday evenings between 7.00pm and 9.00pm. Cost £2.00 including refreshments.



CRIBBAGE

The Club also runs a weekly session of Crib held on Thursday mornings from 9.15am to 12 noon Cost £2.00 per session including refreshments.



WHIST DRIVES

Beth Stables runs, where possible, fortnightly Whist Drives.

These are held on Friday evenings from 7.30pm to 10.00pm.

Details of when the Drives are held are shown on the Bar counter.



YOGA

Yoga sessions run by Amy Bramble who is a qualified coach are held on Friday afternoon from 12.00 noon to 1.30pm.

Details are on the Notice Board.