

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

In last year's report I mentioned recruiting new members as a priority. I am pleased to report that we have been successful in that aim as we have welcomed 18 new members with the possibility of another two couples who wish to join but for personal reasons have been unable to commit to this year but I hope to see next season.

The new members have come to the club in various ways, some through the website and many by the notice on the gate. I would like to thank John Tunney for making welcome those who came to club morning to give bowling a try and then became members.

The work I mentioned in last year's report has been completed i.e. new steps, new CCTV and the clubhouse has been redecorated. Thanks are due to Dave Smith for installing the CCTV and all the other work he does in the clubhouse throughout the season. The redecorating was a mammoth task and special thanks to Neil Kennedy for carrying out this work.

There are many jobs that are essential to the smooth running of the club and I have put a notice up asking for volunteers to undertake some of these tasks and I hope that new members will get involved.

I would like to thank The Management Committee for their hard work throughout the season and also those members who are not on the committee but regularly carry out essential work for the club.

Finally, I am stepping down as President and handing over to Marion Carter and I wish her every success as the new President.

Bob Taylor

## **Captain's Report (Men) 2019.**

The 2019 season has been marked with some success but also many challenges. We started the year having to drop one of our Friday league teams through lack of players. We continued with three teams on a Monday and four Percy Baker teams.

Following a great 2018 league season, the 2019 season has seen our Monday A team, who were promoted to the Premier League at the end of last season, demoted this year to League 1 (West). There were some good results, however the team lacked consistency. Our second team who won League 2 (West) last season and were promoted to League 1 (West) have managed to avoid relegation this year. This is a good result. Our third team will remain in League 2 (West) and despite many team changes and on occasions having to field inexperienced players they gave of their best.

In the Friday League the committee tried to produce two teams of equal ability and work a squad system rotating all players who put their names down to play on a Friday. This has had very mixed success with the 'A' teams finishing in the top three in League 1 and the 'B' team being relegated to League 2 for next season. It is hoped that if we have enough players next year we may be able to enter 3 teams in this league next season.

None of our Percy Baker league teams made it through to the final knockout stages. Well done to all our teams who have performed well this season. The challenge next year will be to get our teams who were relegated in the league this season promoted in 2020.

The Men's Committee met weekly throughout the season to select all our league teams. The members shared the responsibilities of league captaincy. The committee again co-opted Mike Stephenson in to its ranks to captain the Monday third team.

The friendlies were better supported this year and we had little difficulty in fulfilling our fixtures.

The Captain's Charity Day was another brilliant success. Thanks to the committee who helped to organise it and those who donated so generously.

My thanks goes to the Ladies Captain, Margaret, for her help and support this season. My thanks also goes to all those club members who work hard in the administration of the club and also those who keep the green, surrounds, gardens and clubhouse in such good condition.

Finally, and most importantly, my sincere thanks goes to Mike Solomon, my vice captain, and the rest of the Men's Committee who have been a fantastic support to me. They have worked tirelessly for the benefit of the club.

The hard work of all those people mentioned above must not be underestimated. I wish the incoming committee all the best for next season and especially to Mike Solomon who will be captain next year. Here's to a successful 2020.

**Paul Tibble (Captain)**

### **Lady Captain's report 2019.**

This summer seems to have gone by very quickly. Again, it has been a successful year for the ladies. Division 1 ladies won the league: Friday morning triples won their league and Bridport were runners-up in the June Culpin Trophy. This trophy was in memory of June who served as the County Secretary for a good many years. In the D.W.B. League Trish Field and Frances Hewett were joint winners of the Drawn Pairs. The final was aborted due to torrential rain hence the joint winners.

This year we had a 2<sup>nd</sup> division team and although we had a few hiccups at the end due to health problems etc., for a new team consisting of new and experienced bowlers they did well even though they all wished that they had finished higher in the league. Provided that next season we can maintain enough players to play then I am confident that they will be higher in the table as they will know more about the game and each other's play.

There have been a few grumbles etc, throughout the season but selection is not an easy task. I have said to come and see me or one of the committee and we will try and sort the issue out together. This didn't happen and consequently we couldn't rectify the problem. To the person who wrote an un-signed note on one of the selection sheets it would have been much better to talk to either Paul or myself direct. The friendlies have been particularly hard to select due to Clubs playing Triples and not Rinks and also only 4 rinks. We have tried to be as fair as we could in order to select a balanced team.

My thanks to Paul for all his help during the season and to the ladies committee and to Laura our Club Secretary.

I wish Gill all the best in her new position as Ladies Captain.

**Margaret Clapp**

## Ladies Competition Secretary Report 2018

Numbers of entries to the ladies competitions this year increased significantly on the previous year and it was great to see some new members putting their names forward to participate. Thanks to all those ladies who responded so positively to the plea in my 2018 report for more competition entries for 2019. Entering Club Competitions gives members of all abilities and experience an ideal opportunity to practise and improve their playing skills in a competitive but friendly environment and I hope all ladies will again enter as many competitions as possible next season to build on the success of this year. You will find the competitions listed on the Ladies Membership Form which is issued to members before the start of the 2020 season.

Five triples teams eventually took part in the Ladies Drawn Triples Day after a start number of twenty four dwindled to fifteen for various reasons but a good day was had by all - enhanced by a sociable & delicious mid-day lunch! Thanks for everyone's contributions on the day.

The mixed one day competitions saw increased entries this year with many of the new members entering along with the faithful longer serving members who regularly seem to turn up for these competitions for which the Competition Secretaries are very grateful!

The Finals Weekend was well supported by the members and the finalists provided us all with some very competitive and entertaining games. Congratulations to all the finalists who played so well and we look forward to them receiving their due reward at the Presentation Evening in November.

May I thank everyone who contributed to the success of the Finals Weekend, particularly Brian & his green keeping team, the umpires Bob and Laura, Marion & Gill, along with their team of willing ladies for providing the lunches and refreshments and also those members who kindly acted as markers.

**Ali Tibble (Comp. Sec)**

## MENS COMPETITION REPORT

The competition entries this season were slightly up but unfortunately for various reasons we had quite a few withdrawals. I would like to thank all those who came in as substitutes and saved the day.

Another year of fine weather meant most of our games were played in good conditions including the finals. These were played in the usual good spirit and produced some excellent bowling. Finals weekend was a great success and a big thank you to all those who helped both on and off the green.

Most pleasing were the one day competitions, single sets veterans etc. these were well supported and very enjoyable and well contested. Thank you to our caterers who kept us well fed and watered on those days.

Finally, my thanks must go to Alison who has been so easy to work with over the past three years, and I wish my successor the very best for the coming season.

**John Carter**

## **GREEN KEEPER'S REPORT 2019**

Again we have come to the end of a very good summer season. Many thanks to my weekly helpers, Dave Roberts and Mike Craddock, also to the regular bodies who do a sterling job when called to keep the club and grounds looking tidy.

Seagulls have been a particular nuisance this year digging holes in the green and leaving their calling card and this has caused extra work.

During the closed season we will be scarifying, hollow tining, slotting and reseeding where necessary. Also cutting will continue, weather permitting and a calcium dressing added.

Winter well and look forward to next season.

### **Brian Rumble - Green keeper**

#### **End of Season report from Bridport Fixture Secretary**

2019 season started with 33 friendly Matches, two of these matches were cancelled by Wells and Honiton due to date clashes and low attendance, the cancellation by Tiverton West End was due to their water logged green.

This year the response from our members to sign up for friendly matches have been excellent and has meant no cancellations or reductions by us this season

We have had seven Tours this year which have again been well supported in fact Thatchem BC Tour started at 6 rinks and a late call from them resulted in a reduction to 3 Triples, our members were obviously well over subscribed and this has now, due to our members agreement resulted in us supporting Thatchem and playing the original 6 rinks

The 2020 season so far has seen two clubs not having friendly matches due to lack of membership commitment from Charmouth BC, and Wey/Melc BC.

With the addition of Dorchester BC, and Ilminster BC we have four more home and away matches, also having requested all our friendly clubs to increase their rink sizes we have Ottery St Mary BC giving us another Home and Away Match plus their yearly reciprocal match, and 9 clubs changing their triples to 4s or more, allowing more members to have matches.

The results so far for 2020 are 36 friendly matches from 18 Clubs, we had 5 tours confirmed but 1 tour has pulled out due to the organiser having family problems and illness, I am looking forward to more tours applying after contacting the organising company Daish.

**GHS**

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

A busy year but a brief report.

The website continues to bring in new members and a variety of other requests. This year the use of the club email has been useful in keeping members up to date with changes to games, information about social events etc.

Following the success of last year's Presentation Evening, it has been agreed to have this in-house and our caterer has provided us with a delicious menu. I look forward to seeing lots of you on the night.

As there are a few changes to the committee next season, I have agreed to stay on to provide some continuity.

It has been a busy but enjoyable year. Winter well everyone.

Laura Taylor  
Secretary

## **CATERING REPORT 2019**

Once again it has been a successful season from the catering point of view with regard to friendly and tourist games and also Club competitions were well attended. We only had two full meals to cater for but Devon and Isle of Wight ladies have booked again for next year.

Finals weekend was particularly well supported this year and it was encouraging that so many of the competitors and spectators took advantage of the lunch provided and the wonderful selection of cakes. Special thanks to everyone who helped in the kitchen as Marion and I were otherwise engaged. It was very much appreciated.

We have enjoyed our years in the kitchen and appreciate the help from others. However next year we will both be wearing different 'hats' and so are grateful to Sue and Fran for agreeing to take over from us and wish them well.

**Gill and Marion**

## **Public Relations Officer's Report**

My thanks to everyone for letting me have the result cards or e-mails giving results for all the matches. I did get the majority. Apologies for any missing in August when I had problems with my computer. Thanks to Laura who forwarded my reports to the Bridport News during that time.

**Sheila Jones**

## **SOCIAL REPORT**

Social had a better year, with all but one event taking place. We did not resurrect the Race night as mentioned last year to due the initial outlay costs and work needed.

The events that did take place were well attended, again thanks to the regular faithful who continue to support us in all we do.

Autumn Fair	300.00	Xmas Quiz	212.49
Spring Quiz	219.00	Coffee Morning	346.00
Open Gardens	356.00	Charity Day	381.00
Summer Quiz	200.00		
TOTAL	£2014.49		

It was decided this year not to have a Spring Fair, but to do a coffee morning on the day the green opened. This proved to be very successful, with everyone enjoying bacon rolls or hot x buns before having a roll up

Taster Day was organised through social this year and we broke even with the cost of advertising set against the takings for refreshments.

Open gardens was a great success, thanks to all those who put in the time and effort. We were lucky with the weather, a very enjoyable weekend.

Captains charity day was done in conjunction with Social this year and we raised a total of £762. Half went to club funds and half to Dementia UK.

It was encouraging to see many new members and an indoor team at the summer quiz.

There will be more events happening next year, we are looking to be doing a soup and cake lunch regularly through the winter and a Christmas Quiz.

I just want to say thank you to Neil for all his support and the hours of work compiling all the quizzes, and to the rest of the social – Margaret, Jean & Bob for all your hard work & assistance throughout the year.

**Liz Kennedy**  
**Social secretary**

## **Bar end of year report – 2019**

Please find below the report regarding the sales and purchases for the club bar. For comparison purposes I have included relevant figures for the last 2 seasons:

	<b><u>2019</u></b>	<b><u>2018</u></b>	<b><u>2017</u></b>
<b>Banked</b>	9085.03	9321.04	10043.10
<b>Purchases</b>	4900.05	5393.84	5777.17
<b>Gross profit</b>	4184.98	3927.20	4265.83
<b>Stock difference</b>	+2.01	-146.77	+92.24
<b>Bar float difference</b>	-18.46	+36.29	+21.44
<b><u>NETT PROFIT</u></b>	<b><u>4168.53</u></b>	<b><u>£3816.72</u></b>	<b><u>£4379.51</u></b>

As can be seen the profit for the year is £351.81 more than for 2018, on a reduced turnover. This is due to price increases. Monthly banked breakdown figures are:

	<b><u>2019</u></b>	<b><u>2018</u></b>	<b><u>2017</u></b>
<b>Oct – March</b>	897.03	431.49	755
<b>April</b>	270	445	663.6
<b>May</b>	1255	2108.05	1854
<b>June</b>	1200	1218	1600
<b>July</b>	1918	1825	1990
<b>August</b>	2065	1775	1850
<b>September</b>	1480	1518.5	1330.5
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>9085.03</u></b>	<b><u>9321.04</u></b>	<b><u>10043.1</u></b>

As percentages the above figures are:

	<b><u>2019</u></b>	<b><u>2018</u></b>	<b><u>2017</u></b>
<b>Turnover</b>	45%	41%	44%
<b>Mark up</b>	85%	71%	76%

**Bob Willcox, bar manager**



