

**PURLEY BOWLS CLUB**  
**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**26th OCTOBER 2022**

**Present**

Committee Members: T. Andrews (Chair), S. Souppouris, K. Clark, M. Thurley, M. Aynsley, D. Jameson, B. Manning, D. Souppouris, C. Reynolds, K. Lyford, T. Gallagher and 34 other members.

**1 Apologies**

Apologies were received from David and Veronica Briant, Wyn Currion, Maureen Dixon, Lynn and Kevin Donovan, Mick Durkin, Ajay and Meera Gajjar, Georgina Godwin, Raj Goel, Steve Haggis, Valerie Jackson, Anne Jameson, Bob and Jill Jenkin, Xandi Manning, Peter Marshall, Martin Newman, Fran O'Neill, Alan Palmer, Tony Pratchett, Keith Purkiss, Sue and Richard Rubidge, Harue Saito, Jane Sanders, Aaron Sizer, Andrew Stanley, Mike Terriere, Ann Traynor, and Janet White.

**2 Minutes of Last Meeting**

The Minutes were unanimously approved on a show of hands.

**3 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**4 Captain's Report**

Tony Andrews presented his report to the meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. The meeting thanked Tony for a successful year as Captain. The report was approved unanimously.

**5 Lady Captain's Report**

Sue Souppouris presented her report to the meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. The meeting thanked Sue for a successful year. The report was approved unanimously.

**6 Presentation of Accounts by Treasurer**

Derek Jameson presented an audited Financial Statement for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Derek gave a brief report on the salient financial matters. A copy of Derek's Report and Financial Statement is filed with these minutes. The Accounts and report were approved unanimously.

**7 Appointment of Officers and Committee Members**

There was only one candidate for each of the following positions on the Committee.

The following were appointed unanimously on a show of hands.

Captain	Tony Andrews	Club Secretary	Miki Aynsley
Lady Captain	Sue Souppouris	Treasurer	Derek Jameson
Men's Vice Captain	Stuart Littlemore	Green Ranger	Butch Manning
Ladies' Vice Captain	Jane Seymour	Mgmt Committee Rep	Conrad de Sousa
Men's Match Secretary	Vacancy	Committee Member	Tony Gallagher
Ladies' Match Secretary	Linda Gallagher	Committee Member	Kara Lyford

There being no nominations for Men's Match Secretary, the post remains unfilled. Anyone interested in the post is asked to speak to Tony Andrews. In the meantime, Demetrios undertook to complete the preparation of the 2023 Men's and Mixed Schedules.

## **8 Appointment of Auditor**

The appointment of Auditor has not been confirmed.

## **9 Tournaments and Matches for 2022**

Demetrios Souppouris reported that 31 (33) friendly matches had been arranged for the 2022 (2021) season. 8 (10) of these matches were cancelled (one because of the hot weather) and 6 of the remaining matches were played with fewer rinks because of reduced availability; for one match (against Sutton & District) we increased the number of rinks. Of the 8 matches that were cancelled 6 were mixed and 2 were men. Of the 23 (23) matches that were played 17 were mixed and 6 were men; we won only 5 friendly matches all of them mixed. The number of friendlies will be reducing next year, and fewer rinks will be played in some matches reflecting this year's experience.

Carolyn Reynolds reported that next season the ladies' friendly alongside the men's ESL would be removed, and Reigate Priory BC will be stepping down from friendly matches.

## **10 Social Programme for 2022**

There are three social events remaining for 2022, Quiz Night on 11<sup>th</sup> November, Ladies' Christmas Lunch on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, and Bingo Night on 9<sup>th</sup> December.

In 2023 there will be a Rat Pack Swing Night on 28<sup>th</sup> January. Events for the rest of the year will be announced shortly.

Purley Bowls also hope to be going on tour to Torquay in September 2023.

## **11 Hon Secretary's Report.**

Miki Aynsley presented her report to the meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes

## **12 Management Committee Rep's Report**

Richard Rubidge sent his apologies for not attending the AGM due to half term commitments.

Richard reported : Since the Purley Sports Club's AGM in December last year we have attended 4 management meetings. This number has reduced from approximately 10 due to the revised structure organised by the Chairman. Because of this the meetings consisted of reports from the various sections and the financial position of the Club. They have also included possible alterations to the Club Rules which obviously need ratification at the Club's AGM. This should be arranged in December.

During the year we have seen safety nets erected for cricket; alterations to the tennis playing surfaces; and refurbishment of the main entrance and terrace room. Items that still have not been completed are :

- Security
- Entry System to Bowls Gate, and the Main Entrance
- Amendments to Club Rules

Finally, I'm signing off and wish the new rep a pleasant experience.

Richard Rubidge

## **13 Motions**

There were three proposed motions.

1. A proposal to dispense with both the men's and ladies' End of Season Meetings, and just have an AGM.

*Proposed by Linda Gallagher, and seconded by Carolyn Reynolds.*

The proposer explained that the ladies' EoSM was very poorly attended. If just one AGM it would reduce the organisation and work for the committee.

The general feeling from attendees was that EoS Ms gave both the ladies and men a chance to have meaningful Q&As at the end of the season. Plus, did the men want to hear details of the ladies league results, and vice versa. Steve Parnham commented that if combined, the AGM could end up being very lengthy. Both Tony Gallagher and Ursula Wharf suggested that the EoS Ms should be pushed into October as many members go away immediately the season ends.  
Voting on the Motion : For : 6      Against : 36      Abstentions : 3  
It was agreed that Committee will re-set the date for the EoS Ms into October.

2. After hearing very positive comments about the Captains' Day Australian Pairs games organised by Ken Clark, I would like to know if there is an appetite amongst our members for an Australian Pairs competition to be added to our internal competitions?

*Proposed by Tony Gallagher, and seconded by Linda Gallagher.*

The proposer explained the format of Aussie Pairs, also known as 2-4-2. It involves both players alternating between lead and skip.

The attendees seemed to think this would be a good idea. Howard Marsh mentioned that a downside could be the amount of walking that would result in an outdoor game, and maybe having few ends could be a solution. There was discussion of whether this should be a tournament, a league or a competition, and when would be the best time to slot this into the calendar (eg. replace Sunday ballots; evening tournament; Bank Holidays; Coronation Day). It was agreed though that this should not replace any existing competition. Jane Harding asked whether there was a way of running a tournament called the Pat Teasdale Cup.

It was unanimously agreed that Committee would sort out the best option, and we will trial Aussie Pairs in 2023.

3. Could Purley Sports Club explain and justify their wine pricing.

*Proposed by Pam Stuttard, and seconded by Ursula Wharf.*

The proposer explained the basis of her question. She recently purchased a bottle of wine at the bar for £24 which transpired was priced £5.75 on Google. Why are we paying 4 times the price? London restaurants only mark up 3 times.

There was a full discussion regarding issues surrounding the provision of food and drink at the Club, and the fact that it is a members' club. Of note was the refusal to provide food when the kitchen was catering a function, and the running out of popular lines.

Captain Tony pointed out that Management were aware of the issues and were trying to address them.

It was unanimously agreed that our Management Rep should take Pam's question to the Club's Management Committee.

## 14 Any Other Business

- a) **Open Day** – Elaine Applebee enquired whether committee intended holding an Open Day in 2023. Captain Sue Souppouris confirmed we would. Elaine pointed out that there could be a problem with her as head coach. She has been asked to provide a CV to Coach Bowls and they want to see a teaching qualification. Elaine has received a template CV which she will assess, and let committee know how she intends to proceed.
- b) **Bowls' Troughs** - Ann Finch explained that every year at the end of the season her husband Maurice takes all the bowls' troughs home, examines each one and repairs as necessary.

All present gave a sincere round of applause, and Captain Tony Andrews offered grateful thanks.

Captains Tony and Sue gave sincere thanks and presented gifts to those committee members stepping down, Ken Clark, Marian Thurley, Carolyn Reynolds, Demetrios Souppouris, and Richard Rubidge (in absence), for all their hard work and wonderful support.

There being no further items for discussion Tony thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting ended at 9.20 pm.

Signed : .....

8<sup>th</sup> November 2023

## **MEN'S CAPTAIN'S REPORT 2022**

It seems a long time ago that, after taking over as Captain, we had to have our second committee meeting via zoom as Covid was on the increase again. Thankfully those days are now behind us.

Prior to the start of the season we decided to adopt an online booking system and after research chose Bowlr which on the whole has been well received. This would not have happened without Tony Gallagher spending his time setting it up and inputting all our data a very big thank you to Tony.

We had our pre-season pie & pint in February and as usual the steak and kidney was excellent. 39 members attended and we collected £70 for our charity. The evening was rounded off by our resident comedian and Jethro impersonator Geoff Trown.

In March several members helped to do work around the green including repairing the fox fence, clearing the ditches, fitting a ditch protection, painting fences and clubhouse entrance wall, and power washing the patio and generally tidying up. To all those who helped, the club would not have looked so good this season without your hard work. Huge thanks to all.

Unfortunately I could not attend the pre-season buffet due to having covid but I'm told it was a success and was attended by a representative from our captains' nominated charity, the Lily Pad Appeal.

The green was opened on 9<sup>th</sup> April, on the 18<sup>th</sup> we had our opening ballot. 60 plus people attended, the weather was good and everyone had a good time and no doubt pleased to be bowling again. The season then got underway with friendly matches starting to be played.

On the weekend 30<sup>th</sup> April we had an Open Weekend. 19 people signed up for coaching and 10 are now members, and some are already playing competitive and friendly matches. Thank you to Elaine and fellow coaches for spending time coaching our new members.

A thank you also to Howard for organising the ballots. These are an integral part of the club and long may they continue.

The season continued with Mediterranean type weather which made bowling even more enjoyable.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> June we had our Bank Holiday Drive. It was fancy dress based on the Queen's Jubilee. Jane Harding and Richard Applebee won prizes for their costumes.

In August we hosted a County match between Surrey and Bedfordshire. The day was a success with those watching enjoying the matches. Our green got good compliments from the visitors and the afternoon finished with a meal in the Cowen suite. Thank you to all those that helped on the day and to Kara for her bread pudding.

From the sublime to the ridiculous, a week later Derek Jameson, Richard Rubidge, Demetrios and myself helped at the Ladies' Invitation Day dressing up as the 3 Amigos plus 1. Paul Dobbs was the official photographer and was so impressed with the fun the ladies were having he thought about joining the ladies' section.

We had our BBQ on 20<sup>th</sup> August with a variation on the menu. Thanks to all those who made and provided the desserts.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> August we had a trip to Selsey Bowls Club who made us very welcome and provided us with a BBQ after the match.

Now a little moan, I think that all those who went to Selsey would agree that the journey was worthwhile. It's therefore unfortunate that we had to cancel the Southampton trip because of lack of numbers. Demetrios would have spent a lot of time arranging this match and then having to tell Southampton we are cancelling does not put our club in a good light. Please think about this next year when a trip like this is arranged.

Onto a lighter note, we had a candlelit bowls evening on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September which everybody enjoyed and we finished up in the bar having ham, egg or sausage, and chips. For those who didn't attend I would recommend you do next year. It was a great evening.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> September we had our Presentation Dinner with 90 people attending. Well done to all those who won trophies. We invited 2 ladies from our captains' nominated charity, The Chartwell Cancer Trust Lily Pad Appeal, and presented them with a cheque for £3,000. Thank you to all our members and Piscatorial Bowls Society for donating. To those who were there, I think you would agree it was a great evening and an excellent meal, and well done to all those who helped to bring this event together.

## **MEN'S CAPTAIN'S REPORT 2022 (continued...)**

Coming onto competitions. Our Finals Weekend was played in fine weather and this year we adopted a quicker turn around between matches which was better for the spectators. Well done to all the players and to the helpers.

Unfortunately our results in both the Tons and Vilamoura leagues were poor. On the whole availability for friendly matches was good and team selection made much easier by it now being on Bowlr .

Whilst the men did not have much success in the Surrey competitions, we did have a high number of entrants, for some members this being their first time in the competitions.

The internal triples league gave some of our new members a chance to play competitive bowls. Thank you to Richard Carr and Howard for organising.

We played our last ESL match of the season on the 25<sup>th</sup> September requiring 2 points to clinch promotion and go up as champions We had fantastic support and needless to say it was tense. We crossed the line by winning one rink. Well done to the whole squad this season with the reward of now playing in first division.

Well done to the ladies for their achievements this year which captain Sue will give you the full details of.

I am sorry to say that we will be losing 5 members from our committee and, on behalf of Captain Sue and myself, I would like to say thank you to Marian, Carolyn, Ken, Demetrios, and Richard for all the hard work and dedication they have put in .

Finally I would like to thank you all for your support this season and I look forward to seeing all on the green next year

Tony Andrews  
Men's Captain

## LADY CAPTAIN'S REPORT 2022

Thank you Tony and congratulations from all the ladies on the men's success in the ESL.

Good evening, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Following the two Covid years, we were able to commence our 2022 season on time and offer a full programme of matches. The ladies adapted to our new Bowlr booking system.

An increased number of ladies entered the internal competitions. In our external competitions we have overall bettered our results to those of last season. We reached the semi-finals of the Past Times competition, the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of Top Club. In only our second year of the Cristal league, we were placed 4<sup>th</sup> and, in fact, only 4 points separated the top 4 clubs.

For the 1<sup>st</sup> time in 5 years, we triumphed in the Croydon & District League; a very close finish - we won by only one point. A Purley team of Jane Seymour, Pam & Ursula won the Triples competition; and Jane Seymour beat Gill Long to win the Carol Ware Singles Competition.

We were triumphant too in the Ladies of Croydon competition: Ursula won the Badged Singles; Linda G and Jane Gibbs won the Australian Pairs.

In the Smith's Trophy 2-Wood Triples League we were less successful.

More than a dozen Purley ladies entered various Surrey Competitions - a number of them reached the last 16 and a few the Quarterfinals. Janet, Linda Ball and Miki successfully reached the semi-finals of the Benevolent Triples.

In July, I received an urgent request for the use of our Green for the Surrey Triples Quarterfinals. Many thanks to those of you who helped at short notice.

In August, finally after an absence of 4 years, we were able to hold our Ladies Invitation Day. Twenty lady visitors, alongside their Purley hosts participated in a selection of fun bowls' games on the Green. Glorious sunshine and Commonwealth flags adorned the outdoor space, and the geraniums were in full bloom. A summery meal was followed by a bumper raffle. Ursula had, once again, done wonders in the hall, as she has for all our functions throughout the year.

I would like to mention here that this would be the last time we would see our former member, Pat Teasdale. She had so enjoyed the day and I know that many of you were delighted to have spoken with her. Pat had held most offices within the Club and for this she had received the Surrey Loyal service Award. Many Purley ladies dressed in their pink fleeces made a splash of colour in the church a few weeks later. The funeral service was officiated by our own bowling member, the Reverend Fiona.

My thanks to you all for your continued support in entering your names for matches be it friendly or league and to those of you who have so willingly helped with refreshments and other duties when required.

Finally, my thanks to the lady committee members for their invaluable assistance throughout the year. May we have continued success next year.

Sue Souppouris  
Ladies' Captain

## **TREASURER'S REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2022**

The Bowls section finances have held steady thanks to the members organising and supporting events and fund raising. Thank you to Miki and Linda G. in particular.

We also had donations in memory of Joan Martin.

You will see from the accounts that we made a loss on the year of £4,550. This was due to the expenditure of the refurbishment of the club room and changing rooms where we installed new blinds and restocked the flower beds, tubs, and hanging baskets.

We also purchased the on-line booking system Bowlr.

An update to the sprinkler system to ensure full coverage of the green has been installed. Thanks to Stuart L for doing the work on this, and other maintenance around the green.

Although we made some small losses on some events, a good profit was made on 60s Night and BBQ which enabled some £500 to be added to the captains' charity. Further donations were raised throughout the year, and we donated £,3000 to the Lilypad Appeal at the Presentation Dinner.

The Nationwide Building Society no longer support our accounts so we had to transfer both the Capital £10,731.10 and Tour fund £3,212.17 to HSBC. These accounts will be moved to an account with interest in the future.

Our bank balance as you see is £22,280.89 with liabilities in region of £15,228.27, which includes the Ring-fenced item of Capital and Tour fund.

A flyer has been given out so that you can see the funds available of £7,052.62

Derek Jameson  
Hon. Treasurer

## SECRETARY'S REPORT 2022

After the turbulence of two Covid-interrupted seasons, 2022 was jammed packed with friendlies, league games, internal and external competitions, social functions, and....excessive heat! The de rigueur was definitely 'keeping hydrated' and 'playing reduced ends'. And, as our own back gardens turned to straw, our fantastic groundsman kept our green looking and playing beautifully. Thank you Mark!

***Our membership*** : After our bumper intake of new bowlers last year, 23 in total, this year was a quieter affair. We signed up 9 men and 1 lady, which went some way to replenishing the 30 members who sadly did not renew in 2022. For the vast majority it was ill health that forced them to step down from bowling, and some may hopefully return to us in the future. Our current membership stands at 127, 81 men and 46 ladies. Elaine and her coaching team once again stepped up and successfully coached the 'Class of '22', and she must be very proud of her newbies, especially Pete Power who in his first season, partnered with Ursula, won the Two Wood Mixed Pairs competition.

***Surrey Competitions*** : Moving onto the 2023 season and Surrey Competitions. Bowls Surrey have significantly altered the date for competition submissions. It was previously the 30<sup>th</sup> November but, as from this year, submission date is 28<sup>th</sup> February. I have emailed entry forms to all members, separately for ladies and men, and I need to receive these completed plus payment by **no later than Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023**. This gives me a good couple of weeks to collate and input all the entries, plus check and re-check!

Finally, I'd like to say thank you and well done to Captains Tony and Sue for a terrific season, and I wish you both an equally terrific and successful 2023. Winter well everyone.

Miki Aynsley  
Hon. Secretary

**PURLEY BOWLS CLUB****GENERAL FUND****Year Ended 30th September 2022**

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<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>
	£	£
Internal Competition Entry Fees	1257.00	1417.00
External Competitions	476.00	529.50
Sale of Mens/Ladies Club Clothing	215.00	1029.38
200 Club Subscribers 2022/22	2036.00	2031.00
Bonus Ball Income 1248	3068.00	3068.00
Quiz Night Profit	350.00	
Swing Night/ 60's Profit	604.35	
New Members Coaching	110.00	130.00
BBQ Profit	412.72	262.63
Raffles Profit	0.00	170.78
Captains Charity 2021	2307.66	251.00
Commission on Bowlsweat	37.00	46.00
Donations	0.00	10.00
PSC Reimbursement of Expenses	2351.40	1940.67
Ladies Section Transfer of Funds	0.00	1486.83
Ladies Invitational Profit	70.98	
Profit from Tea Kitty	91.63	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b><u>13387.74</u></b>	<b><u>12372.79</u></b>
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		
Internal Competition Prizes	1210.00	1040.00
External Competitions	856.50	617.00
Loss on Presentation Night	380.87	164.35
loss on Pie & Pint	40.00	
loss on Pre Season Buffit	69.60	
Loss on Candlelight Bowls	21.98	
loss on Ladie Xmas Lunch	160.15	
Deposit foe 2023 Swing Night	100.00	
Trophy Repair and Engraving	386.00	195.00
Groundsman's Gratuity	150.00	166.00
200 Club Prizes	1200.00	1300.00
Bonus Ball Prizes (£490 o/s)	1820.00	1365.00
Honours Board Artwork	679.00	307.50
Bowls scorecards	184.80	13.50
Stationery	318.37	52.03
Website and Zoom Expenses	573.35	197.20
Mens/ Ladies Club Shirts/Caps	0.00	926.67
Refund Surrey Life Affiliation Fees	0.00	30.00
Captains Charity 2022	3040.00	450.00
Captains Charity 2021	0.00	250.00
PSC Pagoda Contribution	0.00	500.00
Flowers	176.25	173.80
Tea,Biscuits and meals	0.00	51.98
Hot Shot Badges	0.00	13.20
Locker Keys	0.00	124.70
Clubhouse Cleaning	0.00	189.45
Sundries	85.44	137.56
Trophy Insurance	0.00	18.90
Expenses Reimbursed by PSC	2351.40	1940.67
Bank Charges	119.73	
Plants for Bowls green	348.40	
Club House refurbishment	2669.69	
Club Booklet	164.00	



Box for Club Name Slates	51.90
Pen Presents	237.60
Sprinkler Enhancements & Hose replacements	244.94
Glue for Ditch Liner	48.00
Tour Deposit	250.00

<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>17937.97</u></b>	<b><u>10224.51</u></b>
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Excess Income over Expenditure	-4550.23	2148.28
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Balance at HSBC bought forward	<u>12887.85</u>	<u>10739.57</u>
General Fund at HSBC carried forward	8337.62	12887.85
Capital Fund transfer from Nationwide	10731.10	
Tour Fund transfer from Nationwide	3212.17	
Total Balance at HSBC carried forward	<b><u>22280.89</u></b>	<b><u>12887.85</u></b>

<b>Liabilities</b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>
200 Club	900.00	900.00
Bonus Ball	490.00	455.00

**Notes**

1. Expenses reimbursed by PSC

Affiliation Fees and Year Books	1179.50	1248.00
Fixture Books	0.00	139.00
Match and Rink Book Diaries	0.00	26.91
Clubhouse Cleanind and Decorating	0.00	98.01
Delivery Mats	183.60	135.00
Jacks	72.00	0.00
Scorecard Holders	0.00	118.50
Coaching Cards	0.00	45.00
Safeguarding Course	0.00	25.00
Covid Expenses	0.00	50.11
Secretarial Postage and Stationery	0.00	55.14
Ditch Protection	798.30	0.00
Fence Panel & Paint	118.00	0.00
	<u>2351.40</u>	<u>1940.67</u>

2. Stock

Mens Club Shirts	5	8
Rain Jackets	1	1
Gilets	3	5
Hats	2	7
Wine	8	18
Ladies Club Shirts	67	
Ladies Rain Jackets	15	

**CAPITAL FUND**

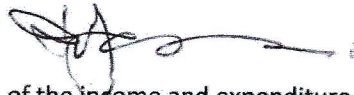
RECEIPTS

Capital Fund at Nationwide brought forward	10217.37	
Tour Fund at Nationwide brought forward	3212.17	
Tour Fund Transfer	0.00	3210.55
Bequest	500.00	
Capital Fund Interest	13.73	11.84
Total Receipts	<u>13943.27</u>	<u>3222.39</u>

PAYMENTS

Less Capital Fund transferred to HSBC	-10731.10	
Less Tour Fund transferred to HSBC	-3212.17	
Balance at Nationwide bought forward	0.00	10207.15
Balance at Nationwide carried forward	<b><u>0.00</u></b>	<b><u>13429.54</u></b>

D W Jameson



A substantial proportion of the income and expenditure of the Club is in cash which cannot be fully controlled until entered in the accounting records and is therefore not capable of independent audit verification. Subject to the foregoing, in my opinion the Hon.Treasurer's Financial Statement for the year ended 30th September 2022 give a true and fair view of the Club's financial affairs for the year.



A.Seymour - Examiner