

Vardre Bowling Club

VBC News



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A New Year but Sad News

By now you all know of the sad loss of our Chairman and friend, Dave RJ. Since Dave has been with the club he has been actively involved from the roles of Captain to Chairman. He was responsible for the introduction of the sponsorship of the banners around the green which brought in hundreds of pounds for club funds. He was a successful and busy local businessman but was always there for the club and individuals with help and advice. He was a lovely man and I know that his death was a great shock to many of us. He was in the Chair at our AGM at the end of November and although he had not been well for a while I don't think many of us actually realised the seriousness of it. He will be sadly missed. I have passed on the clubs condolences to Margaret, his wife, and family. His funeral was held on 21st December at the Colwyn Bay Crematorium.



Even More Sad News

Tudor Owen sadly passed away on 4th January. Tudor and his wife Beryl, who passed away in 2019, were both active members of the club and lovely people. Tudor became our President before he left the club due to ill health. It was only last March that we was made a Life Member of the Club. Our condolences go out to his family and friends.

Christmas Lunch

On a lighter note, this lunch was held at the Maesdu Golf Club. I think that those of you who attended would hopefully agree that the food was good and the cost was reasonable for Christmas. There were, however, issues with the service. I know that a letter of complaint was sent in by one of our members and I ended up getting involved.. I think the complaint was warranted and that as a result of what happened the Golf Club will be speaking to the restaurant Manager, as the restaurant is franchised, to ensure that the arrangements for large bookings are improved. As this was my choice of venue I apologise for any issues that you had with the poor service. I just hope that the complaints will ensure that it improves for others in the future.

Having to move out of the dining area after the lunch was a nuisance and didn't help the running of the quiz but thankfully we were assisted by the use of the Golf Clubs microphone which certainly helped. Thanks to everyone who donated a raffle prize and also to Sylvia, Fiona and Karen B for helping it to run smoothly. It raised around £115 for club funds

New Season Starting Soon

Although at the time of writing the opening date for our new season is not yet known, please be aware that required **club membership fees are from 1st January. £60** will give you 12 months membership which includes the £3 membership of the WCGBA.

Please Note that any member who intends to play in a league team this season and is not yet registered will need to do so. If you are one of them, let me know as soon as possible. There is a one-off payment of £12 and the club will make all the arrangements for you so there's no need to panic.

All the team players will be sorted out prior to the opening of the season as some of the first league matches can start as early as the first week of April. Don't forget, when we open keep your eye on the noticeboard for these details and all sorts of other information.

Club Sponsorship

Our Club Sponsor's, logo, MKM, can now be put onto our club shirts. When you buy a new one it will automatically be put on but if you have bought one without the logo it can be put on free of charge. If you call Trevor at 'Clothes for Work' on 01492 873100 you can arrange to have it put on.

Some members are not completely happy with the quality of the shirts and therefore we will be reviewing this at our next committee meeting at the end of January and coming up with a solution to this along with other related issues.

Don't forget to keep an eye on the clubs website on vardrebowlingclub.com to keep up to date with other news and useful information on all sorts of things. Diane has a quirky sense of humour that will make you smile as well as keep you up to date.



Hard to believe but Penrhyn New Hall Bowling Club has gone into liquidation and no longer exists. What a shock that is. They were always close friends and competitors of ours and were involved in the Friendlies every season.

We were looking into the possibility of erecting two wooden shelters around the green but in their wisdom! Conwy CBC say we need planning permission which will make the idea too expensive. We will therefore be looking at other alternatives. Thanks Conwy CBC for your support.

We still need two club representatives on the Committee. If you are interested please let me know.

Slowly but surely we are increasing our membership and donations in the 'Easyfunding' scheme. I think we have raised around £30 with 10 members. Imagine how much more we could raise if we recruited more of you. Anyone who, by now, doesn't know what this on-line shopping fundraising scheme is about, get in touch and I will give you the details.



'On this Day' (15th) in

- **1535** King **Henry VIII** declares himself head of the Church in England

- **1559** **Elizabeth I** crowned Queen of England in Westminster Abbey

- **2001** Wikipedia a free Wiki or content encyclopedia is launched by Jimmy Wales and Larry Sanger
