

# *HESKETH ARMS BOWLING CLUB*

## *sUMMER 2014*

### **INTRODUCTION**

As another enjoyable summer of bowling approaches it's finale, the time has come to reflect on some of our members' successes and look forward to future events. This newsletter contains information about our teams' performances in the Aughton League and the results from all the Club's internal handicaps. We are also pleased to include details of our Awards and Social Evening – please get your tickets early as this has proved to be very popular in recent years.

### **AUGHTON LEAGUE**

The Club again had two men's teams competing in this Wednesday afternoon league and for the first time, the Hesketh Kestrels were playing in the very competitive 1<sup>st</sup> Division, having won the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Division championships in 2013 and 2012.

Despite a slow start, with some difficult away fixtures to negotiate, the Kestrels adapted well to the higher standard and with the help of some good home victories, were able to secure their top flight status for 2015. Congratulations to the whole team but in particular to **Dave Pennington** on another fine season, winning 12 games out of 17 played to take the team merit award.

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division, the Hawks also had a good season and for a long time were challenging for promotion. In the end, however, they had to settle for 3<sup>rd</sup> place, winning 9 games out of 18 played. The team merit award for this team goes to **George Hitchmough**, who was unbeaten with an impressive record of 14 wins out of 14.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Division**

1. Crowlands	143
2. Mere Brow 'A'	137
3. Zetland	120
4. Burscough CC Vets	118
5. Hurlston Hall	118
6. Mere Brow 'B'	105
7. Freshfield	105
<b>8. Hesketh Kestrels</b>	<b>94</b>
9. Victoria Park 'A'	83
10. Aughton Town Green	78

**Merit Winner : Dave Pennington, 12 wins**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Division**

1. Scarisbrick BC 'A'	137
2. Cockbeck Seniors	120
<b>3. Hesketh Hawks</b>	<b>114</b>
4. Kensington House	107
5. Ormskirk Park	99
6. Cockbeck Vets	86
7. Tin Tab Seniors	78
8. Aughton Institute 'B'	73
9. Scarisbrick BC 'B'	72

**Merit Winner : George Hitchmough, 14 wins**

### **AWARDS AND SOCIAL EVENING**

*To be held at*

**Churchtown Conservative Club**

**Saturday 11th October 2014  
starting at 7.30pm prompt**

**Bingo, Quiz, Raffles  
Refreshments**

**Tickets only £ 5.00**

All monies raised will go to club funds.

Tickets available from Team Captains

### **MEMBERSHIP**

We are delighted to report that membership of the Club has continued to increase during the 2014 season and now stands at a record-breaking **152**. In addition to running eight league teams, at a time when many bowling clubs sadly are having to withdraw teams from the local leagues, the Hesketh Arms offers a busy programme of social bowling. Since their introduction in 2013, the Tuesday morning Round Robins have proved extremely popular and have attracted many new members to the Club, as well as bringing in additional revenue. Thanks go to **Jim Finnimore** for all his hard work in organising these sessions.



## **CLUB COMPETITIONS**

The Club was again able to complete a full programme of competitions during the 2014 season. These were again well-supported and proved to be very enjoyable afternoons.

The successful competitors were :-

	Winner(s)	Runner(s)-Up
Rose Bowl	Barry Coates	Chris Harding
Spring Pairs	Joe Parker & Eileen Rawcliffe	Jim Finnimore & Alex Rimmer
Coronation Cup Diamond Jubilee Plate	Brian Jones Mike Dunlop	Jim Finnimore
Vice-Presidents Trophy	Kevin Leddy & Don Parish	Jim Finnimore & Alex Rimmer
Vice-President's Plate	Irene Nowell & Fergal Wright	
President's Cup President's Day Plate	Mike Dunlop Jim Halsall	Joe Parker
Chairman's Shield	Dave Bedford & Mike Milne	Kevin Leddy & Alex Rimmer
Championship Cup Championship Plate	Jim Halsall Joe Parker	Brian Jones

### **PRESIDENT'S DAY**

*In July, the Club held it's second President's Day, hosted by Bill and Irene Nowell. Many thanks to Irene, Pat Jones and Betty Plant who provided excellent refreshments.*

*A raffle and a whisky roll were also organised and in total £136 was raised towards club funds.*

*The main competition was won by Mike Dunlop, who overcame Joe Parker 21-13 in the final.*

### **CHURCHTOWN CONSERVATIVE CLUB**

The Bowling Club was pleased to once again play host to the Churchtown Conservative Club and it's members when they competed for The B.J.P.O'Malley President's Trophy. Despite showery weather conditions 20 members and guests took part in an enjoyable afternoon's bowling, at the end of which, the President's Trophy was won by Mike Milne and John Tomlin, who defeated Chris Harding and Steve Pursall 15-8 in the final.

### **COMMUNICATION**

As the cost of postage is becoming increasingly expensive, the Club is always on the lookout for ways of reducing the amount of expenditure used in communicating with our members.

The Club's activities can be followed on our website at :-

[www.hesketharmsbowlingclub.co.uk](http://www.hesketharmsbowlingclub.co.uk)

If you do not already receive regular updates from the Club via e-mail but would like to do so, please let us know by e-mailing :-

[secretary@hesketharmsbowlingclub.co.uk](mailto:secretary@hesketharmsbowlingclub.co.uk)

We also have a [Facebook](#) page, which gives us the opportunity to keep members updated with club news. It is easy and free to join, simply find and like us on [Facebook](#).

### **TEA AND COFFEE**

Members are reminded that tea and coffee making facilities are available and that a contribution of 30p per cup should be placed in the tin provided. These drinks are not intended to be free - the charge is to cover expenses only.