

# ***HESKETH ARMS BOWLING CLUB***

## ***AUTUMN 2013***

**Welcome to the Autumn newsletter of the *Hesketh Arms Bowling Club*. The Club has enjoyed a successful year with two of our teams winning their divisional championships and two new teams performing well in their first season. If any member knows of anyone who might be interested in joining us in 2014, please contact any club official as soon as possible.**

### LV LEAGUE

In the Premier Division of the Southport LV League, the Eagles had their best season for several years, winning 11 out of their 18 games to finish in 4<sup>th</sup> place.

With the recruitment of Kyle Dawes and Fergal Wright towards the end of the season, it is hoped to improve on this position in 2014.

<u>Premier Division</u>	<u>Pts</u>
1. Banks 'B'	215
2. SNSC 'A'	207
3. Mere Brow	203
4. Hesketh Eagles	169
5. Ainsdale 'A'	167
6. Fleetwood Hesk. 'C'	145
7. London Tigers	144
8. Formby S & S	140
9. Zetland 'B'	123
10. London Lions	73

Eagles Merit Winner :  
John Hughes - 11 wins

Congratulations to Bob Staveley and the Hesketh Falcons, who won the LV League 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Championship . They nearly made it a double success but were narrowly defeated by Victoria Park in the final of the Alf Thomas Cup at Scarisbrick Bowling Club.

The Harriers, captained by John Stennett, also had a good season, winning 9 of their 15 games, finishing in 4<sup>th</sup> place.

<u>Second Division</u>	<u>Pts</u>
1. Hesketh Falcons	149
2. Ainsdale 'B'	141
3. Scarisbrick BC 'Z'	128
4. Hesketh Harriers	111
5. Zetland 'A'	85
6. Scarisbrick BC 'S'	83

Falcons Merit Winner :  
Ray Sutton - 12 wins

Harriers Merit Winner :  
Jim Finnimore - 11 wins

### BURSCOUGH LEAGUE

Congratulations to Neil Coulton on winning the Burscough League 2<sup>nd</sup> Division merit award. This was achieved with an outstanding record of 20 wins out of 21 games played and an average of +11.05.

Although the Ospreys, under the captaincy of Kevin Leddy, finished 12<sup>th</sup> in a new, tougher 2<sup>nd</sup> Division, several of the team are new to league bowling and continue to make significant progress.

<u>2<sup>nd</sup> DIVISION</u>	<u>Pts</u>
1. Crossens	184
2. Croston Black Horse	167
3. Zetland 'B'	159
4. Holmeswood 'B'	139
5. Tarleton	137
6. Burscough RBL 'B'	134
7. Botanic Gardens 'B'	128
8. Mawdesley 'B'	126
9. Hoole Village Hall 'A'	126
10. Hoole Village Hall 'B'	121
11. Longton VM 'B'	108
12. Hesketh Ospreys	90

Ospreys Merit Winner :  
Neil Coulton : 20 wins

### **SOUTHPORT PARKS LEAGUE**

*At a time when many bowling clubs are struggling to field teams in the local leagues, we were delighted to be able to form two new teams for the 2013 season.*

*The first of these played in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division of the Southport Parks League and was captained by Brian Mycock. Several of this team were new members of the Club who had not tried league bowling before but with help of a few more experienced players, the Kites enjoyed an excellent season, finishing in 4<sup>th</sup> position.*

*Well done to Brian and all his team on a successful first year.*

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Division**

### **Pts**

1. Victoria Park 'A'	231
2. Holmeswood 'C'	189
3. Hesketh Bank 'B'	154
4. <b>Hesketh Kites</b>	<b>153</b>
5. Victoria Park 'B'	152
6. Botanic 'E'	150
7. Crossens 'B'	146
8. Scarisbrick B.C. 'B'	145
9. Botanic 'C'	143
10. Ainsdale 'D'	130
11. Ainsdale 'C'	128
12. Formby Holy Trinity 'B'	112
13. Sandbrook Park 'B'	98

*Kites Merit Winner :  
Bill Bloor, 15 wins*

## **SOUTHPORT AND DISTRICT MEN'S VETERANS LEAGUE**

Our second new team was entered into The Southport and District Men's Veterans League, with matches being played on a Monday afternoon.

This team was ably captained by George Hitchmough and again included several members new to league bowling. Despite this, the Merlins competed well against some experienced opposition and finished in 9<sup>th</sup> place.

Congratulations to Bill Bloor, who completed an impressive double by winning the merit awards for both the Merlins and the Kites.

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

### **Pts**

1. Formby Park	191
2. Formby Sports & Social	182
3. Botanic 'B'	154
4. Fleetwood Hesketh 'B'	148
5. Victoria Park 'B'	145
6. Scarisbrick NSC 'B'	135
7. Scarisbrick B.C. 'B'	131
8. Freshfield 'B'	117
9. <b>Hesketh Merlins</b>	<b>116</b>
10. Formby Cons 'B'	112
11. Hoole Village Hall 'B'	110
12. Our Lady's 'B'	91

Merlins Merit Winner : Bill Bloor, 14 wins

### **TUESDAY ROUND ROBINS**

Many thanks to Jim Finnimore, who organised a weekly Round Robin on Tuesday mornings during the season. These were well-attended by members and proved to be a popular addition to the Club's programme of events, as well as contributing over £130.00 towards club funds.

### **CONSERVATIVE CLUB**

*The second Conservative Club competition of the season was held on the August Bank Holiday weekend, when members competed for the B.J.P.O'Malley President's Trophy.*

*Congratulations to Mike Milne and Dave White, who defeated Mike Ashton and Chris Harding 21-15 in a well-contested final.*

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership of the Club has continued to increase in 2013. The club currently has a total of **148** subscribing members. This figure breaks down as follows :-

Full Members – 75  
Social Members – 71  
Junior Members – 2  
Life & Honorary Members – 6