



Aldershot & District B.A.

JANUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year

AGM

The AGM was held, as always, "first Monday in November" and this year produced a very good turn out with 15 clubs represented (out of the possible 19) and 22 bowlers in addition to the 6 committee members attending. Our president Gordon Lamb officiated and steered the meeting through the agenda. Gordon noted that competition secretary Mike Andrews was stepping down this year and asked the members to consider taking on this important job for the Association. Gordon's plea was successful and after the meeting Peter Sunderland of Fleet Social, volunteered. At our first committee meeting on December 16th Peter was co-opted onto the committee by a unanimous vote. The full committee is shown on the website.

COMPETITIONS

Rules Change: - The competition rules have been changed to allow 2 substitute players in the Fours competition. This should ease the problems caused when a player is permanently unable to play after the first round of the fours. The full set of rules are available on the web site.

Finals:- Four clubs responded to the request to host the finals day and after some discussion the committee decided to award the 2025 Finals to Farnborough (after a very successful finals day there in 2024) and the 2026 and 2027 finals day to Old Dean BC.

ASSOCIATION MATCHES

Indoors:- Three indoor matches have been booked for this year which we hope will prove as popular as this year.

1. Sunday February 23rd 14.00 against Surrey CIBA Patrons at Wey Valley
2. Sunday March 9th 14.15 against London Scottish BA at Camberley IBC
3. Saturday April 12th 14.00 against West Surrey BA at Wey Valley IBC

It is hoped to put out teams of 6 rinks and match meals will be provided, subsidised for this year by the Association.

Outdoors:- The Association is scheduled to play two outdoor games in 2025 at present:-

1. Sunday 10th August 14.00 against Old Dean BC, a celebration match at Old Dean
2. Saturday 27th September 14.00 against West Surrey BA at Mytchett BC.

We would like a rink from each club if possible so if your club is prepared to put in a rink or if you wish to be nominated to play yourself, let Andy Thompson know in plenty of time so that he can select the teams

You can e-mail Andy to on andy40church@hotmail.com.

LEAGUE FIXTURES

The League fixtures are already available on the Association website and have been sent to club contacts.

Janet Guess