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**To: All S&DMBA Clubs**

**Date: 1st February 2020**

I hereby give notice to all Association Clubs that the Annual General Meeting of the **Stevenage & District Mixed Bowls Association** is to be held at the **Holwell Bowls Club pavilion on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 7.00pm for 7.30pm Start.**

Please can all association clubs send two representatives.

### **AGM AGENDA**

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Presentation of the Trophy's to the 2019 Winners & Runners-up.
3. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on the 22nd March 2019 (2018 season).
4. Matters arising from the last AGM.
5. Matters arising from the 2019 33rd League Season.
  - a) Secretaries Report.
  - b) Accounts for 2019 season. (Copy overleaf)
  - c) League future for 2020 season and beyond.
6. **Affiliation/Entrance Fee to the Mixed League & Knockout Competition for the 2020.**  
It is proposed that the fee's should be raised from £12 to £14 per club for the 2020 season.  
*The costs of running the association have been increasing over the last two years for Internet webhosting and domain, plus trophy costs. We have not had an increase in over 10 years.*
7. **Knockout Competition Draw for the 2020 season.**
8. **Any other business. ??????**

As some clubs are still struggling to find 12 players including 4 ladies at times and due to the match being triples, it is difficult play with reduced numbers so the games are cancelled and either rearranged or conceded. Votes will need to be taken on the following at the AGM.

- a) Howard Garden BC proposal, that if the league continues in triples format, the minimum amount of ends Played, to count as a completed match should be reduced to 10.  
*Rule 5 to be changed to read 10 ends*
- b) It has been proposed by Howard Garden BC that the Mixed League format be changed to three rinks of four players with one lady on each rink total 12 players team. This would enable those clubs who struggling for ladies members and have new bowlers to be introduce to the league matches as two's.  
*Some Rules and the Points scoring system will need to be changed, should the above be voted in at the AGM. See attached rule changes to Rules 1,2,3,4 and to remove Rule 17. Would be required for this proposal to go ahead.*
- c) Some clubs have expressed the view that they would not like to see the league change from 4 rinks of Triples to 3 rinks of Fours. As there member prefer the triples game.  
*So the AGM will need the vote for the option of keeping the league unchanged for 2020 season.*

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**PS. The Stevenage & District Mixed Bowls Association has its Internet Website for the Mixed Bowls League at Web address:- <http://www.mixedbowls.co.uk>**



## ACCOUNTS 2019

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Knebworth B.C.	12.00	Website Hosting (1Yrs Rental 2019)	40.00
Letchworth GC B.C.	12.00		
Riverain B.C.	12.00		
Stevenage Town BC.	12.00		
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## 2019 Mixed League Final Table

**Overall Champions** are **Letchworth Garden City Bowls Club** with **107 points**.  
**Runners-up** are **St.Ippollitts Bowls Club** with **98 points**  
**Third place** was **Datchworth Bowls Club** with **87 Point**

## Stevenage & District Mixed Bowls League Table 2019

Team	Games				Shots			Rinks			Games	Points
	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	Diff	Won	Drawn	Lost	Not Pld	
<b>Letchworth GC BC - Winners</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1524</b>	<b>1108</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>107</b>
<b>St.Ippollitts BC - Runners-Up</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1296</b>	<b>1141</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>98</b>
<b>Datchworth BC - 3rd Place</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1411</b>	<b>1232</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>87</b>
Howard Garden BC	20	13	0	7	1389	1257	132	45	0	35	0	84
Riverain BC	20	11	1	8	1375	1259	116	43	0	33	1	80
Three Horseshoes BC	20	9	2	9	1282	1282	0	43	0	37	0	73
Stevenage Town BC	20	5	1	12	1152	1166	-14	33	4	39	2	57
Willian BC	20	5	0	12	1037	1243	-206	24	8	44	3	49
Holwell BC	20	5	0	13	1074	1244	-170	26	0	46	2	41
Knebworth BC	20	4	0	15	1084	1332	-248	26	4	50	1	41
Aston BC	20	3	0	11	710	1070	-360	18	8	38	6	33

**Knockout Final 2019 Winners** - **St.Ippollitts Bowls Club** **74** shots  
and the **Runners-up** were **Willian Bowls Club** with **50** shots

## KNOCKOUT COMPETITION DRAW 2020

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		<b>PRELIM ROUND</b>			<i>To be Played by 4th June</i>
<i>Round</i>	<i>Home Club</i>	<i>Shots</i>		<i>Shots</i>	<i>Away Club</i>
<i>P1</i>			VS		
<i>P2</i>			VS		
<i>P3</i>			VS		
		<b>FIRST ROUND</b>			<i>To be Played by 2nd July</i>
<i>F1</i>			VS		
<i>F2</i>			VS		
<i>F3</i>			VS		
<i>F4</i>			VS		
		<b>SEMI-FINALS</b>			<i>To be Played by 23rd July</i>
<i>A</i>			VS		
<i>B</i>			VS		
		<b>THE FINAL</b>			<i>Played by 10th August</i>
<i>Final</i>			VS		



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## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019

	<b>Present</b>	<b>Hon. Association Secretary - Mike Parsons.</b>
1. <b>ASTON</b>	P Wilkinson, T. Phipps.	2. <b>DATCHWORTH</b> S. Arnold, P. Hills.
3. <b>HOLWELL</b>	P. Gilbert, H Harris.	4. <b>HOWARD GARDEN</b> T. Woods, D. Brethin.
5. <b>KNEBWORTH</b>	D. Harris, P. Veale.	6. <b>LETCHWORTH GC</b> S. Sinclair, T. Sinclair, J. Regan.
7. <b>RIVERAIN</b>	G. Chaplin.	8. <b>STEVENAGE TOWN</b> K. Greenough, J. Gardiner.
9. <b>ST. IPPOLLITTS</b>	C. Childs.	10. <b>THREE HORSESHOES</b> M. Martin, B. Pearson
11. <b>WILLIAN</b>	J. Skingsley, R. Morden.	

*Mike Parsons opened the meeting at 7.20 pm. He asked the meeting for a moment's reflection, for all of the local bowlers we will miss and have missed over the last few years, and for those we are going to miss on the bowling greens this year (2019).*

- 1) **Apologies for absence:** J. Chaplin (Riverain)
- 2) **32nd Presentation of the League & Knockout Winners & Runners-Up trophies.**  
The Association Secretary presented the League Trophy & Plaques to the following:-  
**League Winners - Letchworth Garden City BC & Runners-up** Plaque was presented to **Riverain BC**  
**Knockout Winners - St.Ippollitts BC** (presented at their presentation evening) & Runners-up Plaque was presented to **Datchworth BC**.
- 3) **Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting (2018)**  
of the S&D Mixed Bowls Association held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018, which were previously circulated,  
were accepted as a true record. Proposed by K. Greenough (Stevenage Town B.C.), Seconded by: D. Harris (Knebworth BC).  
*The VOTE was Carried Unanimously*
- 4) **Matters arising from those AGM Minutes.** – There were no matters arising.
- 5) **Secretary matters arising from the 2018 League Season.**
  - a) Overall League winners **Letchworth Garden City BC** with **91** points with 45 winning Rinks  
Runners-up **Riverain BC** with **90** points with 47 winning Rinks,  
Third place **St.Ippollitts BC** with **89** Points with 52 winning Rinks.
  - b) **St.Ippollitts BC** won the Knockout Competition **89 shots to 59 shots** against **Datchworth BC**.  
The Knockout Final was played 2 rinks home & 2 rinks away this year.  
I was unable to visit the clubs on the night as I was myself playing in a competition.
  - c) For the 2019 season, all clubs should use the website to send all your 2019 match results via email. The website will continue to be the main way of supplying the most up to date information on the League & Knockout competition.
  - d) If any clubs have photographs of their clubs with bowls in action, please send to me as they can be used on the website.
  - e) I would like to once again thank **Anna Gilbert** and **Holwell B.C.** for the use of their club house for the AGM.
  - f) Accounts for 2018 were accepted as presented by the Association Secretary.  
Proposed by: T. Phipps (Aston B.C.), Seconded by: G. Chaplin (Riverain B.C). *The VOTE was Carried Unanimously*
- 6) **Proposed Affiliation/Entrance Fee for 2019.**  
It is proposed by: **Mike Parsons** (Association Secretary) that the fees for the 2019 season should again remain at £12 per club.  
It was seconded by H Harris (Holwell B.C) *The VOTE was Carried Unanimously*
- 7) **Knockout Competition Draw for the 2019 season** was made with all twelve league clubs entered. (See Below)
- 8) **Any other business.**

a) I have been informed that some of our League clubs have been having some female membership issues and that next year more problems are expected. Therefore It has been suggested at the rules should be changed to reduce or remove the penalty for not playing mixed rinks.

1. Proposal for the removal of the Forfeit of 20% of a rink score with a minimum of 4 shots to be deducted, for not playing mixed rinks in the Mixed League & Knockout Competition – Proposed by Holwell Bowls Club

2. Proposal to reduce Forfeit to 10% minimum 2 shots for not playing Mixed Rinks in League & Knockout – Proposed by Mike Parsons

After a long discussion on the 2 above proposals, Tom Phipps (Aston BC) proposed that we keep the current forfeit instead of any of the above. This was put to the meeting and the vote was 17 to 2 for not changing the current forfeit rules for 2019 Season. *The VOTE was Carried 17-2*

**There being no further business the secretary closed the meeting at 8.10pm**



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		FIRST		ROUND	<i>To be Played by 9th July</i>
F1	Aston BC		VS		St. Ippollitts BC
F2	Winner of Prelim 3		VS		Winner of Prelim 2
F3	Three Horseshoes BC		VS		Howard Garden BC
F4	Winner of Prelim 1		VS		Willian BC
		SEMI	-	FINALS	<i>To be Played by 31st July</i>
A	Winner of F2		VS		Winner of F4
B	Winner of F1		VS		Winner of F3
		THE		FINAL	<i>Played by 17th August</i>
Final	Winner of B		VS		Winner of A

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### LEAGUE MATCH RULES

1. All games to be based on four rinks of **three** players (Triples).  
**Clubs can mutuality agree, to play their league matches as 4 Rinks Fours, Ideally at would be agreed between each club at the start of the season.**
  2. All games shall be of 18 ends, **except if fours are played it would be 21 ends.** To start a League Match a coin is to be tossed to decide who has the option of the Jack.
  3. League points will be awarded for the following: - 3 Points for an overall win (Total No. of shots), 1 Point for each winning rink (Total No. of Shots). Drawn rinks are to play an extra end to decide who wins the point, but any shots scored will not be added to the overall match total. To start an extra end a coin is to be tossed for option of the Jack.
  4. Rained off games (not started) are to be rearranged where possible. If this is not possible each club will be awarded 3 Points each.  
In the event of a League match being conceded by a club, only 4 points will be awarded to the opposition.
  5. A match is a minimum of 11 ends per rink. Abandoned matches after 11 ends or more being played, on each rink constitutes a result. The score at abandonment to stand. Points will then be awarded in the normal way. Games abandoned before 11 ends are played, will be rearranged where possible restarting the game. If it is not possible to rearrange the match, rule 4 will apply.
  6. Bowlers playing in the league must be full members of the clubs they play for and can only play for one league club in a season.
  7. There must be a minimum of 4 ladies/4 men playing in a match for each club and there must be at least one lady/one man on each of the four rinks in a league match. If at any time mixed rinks cannot be played, those rinks will forfeit 20% of their score. A minimum of 4 shots is to be deducted. \*
  8. In the event of two clubs having the same number of points at the end of the season, the club who has had the greatest number of winning rinks will be the winner. Should there still be a draw it will be decided on shots.
  9. The home club are to forward the match result card to the league secretary. This should be carried out as soon as possible
  10. The league secretary will provide via the associations website ([mixedbowls.co.uk](http://mixedbowls.co.uk)), current status on the league match results and league table. This will be carried out on a weekly & sometimes daily basis depending upon receipt of result cards of matches played.
  11. In all matches, match score cards will be placed face down, paired off and rink numbers marked up by the visiting captain.
  12. League matches are to be played under Bowls England Ltd & World Bowls Rules unless domestic rules apply. The Home Teams are responsible for completing and getting the Match Result Cards signed and returned to the League Secretary, as soon as possible.
  - ~~13. At the end of the 2002 season, the league will split into two divisions. This will mean the top six clubs in the 2002 league, will form Division One and the bottom six clubs will form Division Two. In the event of any new club wanting to join the association they would join division two in their first year.~~
  - ~~14. The promotion and relegation between divisions will be on the two up & two down principle.~~
  - ~~15. The Division One & Two Winners Trophies will be known as the Doc Walsh Trophies. The winners & runner up will receive a Plaque each.~~
  16. If a player/team fails to appear and be ready to play within 30 minutes after the agreed time for the league match, the opponent(s) may claim a "walk-over" for each rink that does not start within the allocated time.
  17. **Clubs can mutuality agree to play their league matches as 4 Mixed Fours, Ideally at the start of the season.**
- \* Forfeiture of points will only be applied once per rink & Decimal place rounding up & down should be as below ( 0.1 to 0.5 = 0 and 0.6 to 0.9 = 1 )

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2 Points for an overall win (Total No. of shots), in the event of overall shots draw, the points will be awarded to the team with greatest number of ends of winning ends.  
1 Point for each winning rink (Total No. of Shots).  
Any drawn rinks after 21 ends, the point will be awarded to the rink who won the greatest number of ends.
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