



Ashcombe Park
Bowling Club®

Looking forward to the new season

From the men's captain – Andy Evans

Dear men members, I wish to take this opportunity to reflect on a very successful season last year, thank all of the players who “gave battle” on the greens, and set out my hopes for competitive bowls in the oncoming season.

Over 55's league teams:-

Crusaders captained by Ben Benstead were Division 1 runners up

Knights captained by Steve Jackson finished Division 2 winners (promoted to Division 1)

Templars captained by Paul March are our development team made up of new players and very experienced long standing players who pass on their advice and guidance to the team

Somerset County Saturday A, B and C teams:-

Ashcombe “A” team captained by Allan Corbett finished equal top of Division North 1 but came second on shot difference

Ashcombe “B” team captained by Steve Jackson finished in the top 3 of Division 2 North and were promoted to Division 1 North

Ashcombe “C” team captained by Bill Miles and Roger Warrington, started the season struggling for players but with the influx of new members and thanks to some help from the ladies, finished strongly as runners up in Division 3 North and were promoted to Division 2 North

North Somerset mixed league – 2 rinks:-

The second successful season of the North Somerset mixed league saw Ashcombe fielding teams against 7 other north somerset clubs. Organised by Gordon Sansam this league gives the opportunity for a mixture of experienced and new players to play in a competitive league. The league will continue into the 2024 season and is again expanding.

Internal competitions:-

Finals days in September saw some difficult weather but all of the internal competitions were completed. The club internal individual competitions give an opportunity for players of all abilities to challenge themselves and gain great knockout experience. Some surprising results saw some long standing top players pushed, and even beaten by new members – particular congratulations to Tim Mitchell who in only his 2nd year became club champion.

Opportunities for exciting competitive bowls in the new season:-

I would invite all playing members to indicate their interest in playing mid week Over 55's, Saturday ABC's and North Somerset mixed leagues on the forms submitted on paying in day. Over 55's is always popular but my particular favourite from last season was playing in the Saturday afternoon County league – all 3 teams were very successful last season although the C team struggled at the start for players – get those forms filled in please.

Friendly bowls matches in the new season:-

Ashcombe bowls has a marvellous line up of mixed, men's and ladies friendly matches for the new season and every player will have many opportunities for competitive and developmental bowls – I wish you all the very best for a terrific season of bowls!

Kindest regards – Andy Evans (Men's Captain 2024)