

SHORT MAT NEWSLETTER JAN 2024 FINALS UPDATE

Dear Short Mat Member

Firstly, let us wish you all a very Happy and Healthy New Year and we hope you all had a wonderful festive period. There were several very enjoyable social events over the Christmas period at the club which we hope were enjoyed by all those that attended, with more social activities coming up over the next few months there should be something for everyone to join in.

Internal Competitions

Just a reminder to please complete any matches by the play by dates on the competition sheets as this prevents any delay in the following rounds. The Challengers are the top name on the sheet but if they have not made contact and you are the opponents then please contact them and remind them that there is a game to play. Should there be any problems with either players having to drop out, or games not being arranged please contact the competition secretary (Jill Bell) so that hopefully a quick resolution can be found.

Friendlies

There have been good responses to the friendly games arranged so far and we have further matches coming up so please add your name to the list when the sheets are on the board. Even if you are a beginner, these are very casual and friendly games so never think that you may not be good enough as it is a great way to learn more about the game.

Numbering of Mats

The mat blocks have now been numbered so this should make it easier for visiting players for league and friendly games.

Email Contact

There has been a change to the email contact for the short mat section of the club, this is to bring it in line with other sections. The new email is now: shortmat@westmoorsbowls.club (from which you have received this letter) and this will now be used for any short mat communications. Thanks to all those members who have confirmed they are happy for their contact details to be used.

Stewards

Our thanks again to all the stewards for their help with running sessions and especially to those that help put the mats away and back out again when needed (which happened quite a lot over Christmas time!). Can I ask that if the stewards have any queries or feel that there is anything required to help the sessions run smoothly please let us know.

Finals

Thank you to everyone who came along to see the short mat finals on Saturday. Everyone present was treated to some great matches with the singles being extremely enthralling, intense and absorbing matches, where the crowd certainly got their money's worth.

Rob beat Simon 21-19 after an epic duel and Jill beat Linda 21-20 in a match that had everything, so well played Rob and Jill. Commiserations to Linda and Simon, who certainly played their part and could easily have walked away victorious!

It seems that Rob's earlier battle took its toll as Keith and Ann played well and defeated him and Val.

I think new standards of play were reached in all of the matches with some world class shots, a true exhibition of the short mat play at West Moors. Roll on next year...

Thanks also for Chris and Karen running the bar and Debbie, Ann, Steph and Trish for their top work in the 5-star kitchen!

The Committee