

Sevenoaks & District Bat & Trap League 2003

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Minutes of AGM
Held at The Bell, Kemsing, Nr. Sevenoaks, Kent.
Monday 29th October 2003

Committee Present:

Leighton	Evans	- Chairman
Carol	Tatchell	- Fixtures Secretary
Lee	St John	- Internet Secretary

Pubs Represented:

The Bell	Don	James
	Martin	Eady
Blacksmiths Arms	Duncan	Moore
The Bull, Brasted	Carl	Crowther
	Peter	Crowther
	David	Greenhalgh
Chequers Inn A	Cyril	Hensman
Chequers Inn B	Karrie	Curd
The Old Jail	Carol	Tatchell
	Leighton	Evans
The Rising Sun	Ian	Rauch
	Kathie	Rauch
The Rose & Crown A	Lee	St John
	Shelly	Hughes
	Joy	Brushneen
The Rose & Crown B	Barry	Marsh
The Stanhope Arms A	Brian	Bingham
	Nic	Hooper
The Stanhope Arms B	Alan	Smith

19 Players attended

Apologies Received: None Received.

The Meeting was opened by The Chairman at 8:20 p.m. All the delegates received a pack of information containing the AGM notification, the Accounts for 2002/2003 and pictures of all the receipts.

1. **Approval of previous minutes:** Minutes from the 29th October 2001 AGM were accepted.
2. **Matters Arising:** None
3. **Chairman's Report 2003.**

The 2003 season has been played out successfully, and with the exception of a couple of Tuesdays the weather has been better.

The season began with a New Year's Day challenge match held at The Crown between the hosts and The Rose and Crown. The result was a 2 – 1 victory to The Crown in severely wet conditions wearing "Bob the Builder" costume which was the theme for the day.

The Crown at Seal was visited on 16th January 2003, Nigel and Janis were subsequently given a complete red folder updated to reflect the new trophies. The pack included score sheets, rules, History, Equipment etc. together with some small promotional booklets. We were subsequently informed just before the commencement of the season that they could not raise a team.

Our thanks to Lee for his continued support with updating our web site with all the results and also adding many additional general points of interest regarding the game and photographs from special events.

Thanks to Carol for continuing with her role as treasurer together with assuming the role of fixtures secretary, due to Will having work and other commitments this year.

Our one-Day event this year was again played at The Crown in Knockholt on Sunday, 17th August. We contacted the Biggin Hill News and The Sevenoaks chronicle which resulted in an advert for the event being placed in both papers. The turn out was good with 16 teams taking part. Our thanks go to Roy, Pauline, Clive, Les and their staff, for providing another enjoyable day.



The image contains three promotional items for the Bat & Trap game. On the left is a newspaper article titled "League gears up for one-day competition" with sub-heading "BAT & TRAP". The article describes a one-day competition on Sunday, August 17, at The Crown pub in Knockholt. It mentions that Bat and Trap is a traditional Kentish game played in the gardens of pubs, with teams of four players. It also notes that the venue is the Crown pub at Knockholt, near Biggin Hill, and that several teams, including three from Kent, will be taking part. On the right is a magazine advertisement from "BORDER SPORT" titled "Bat & Trap's special day". It describes the game as the ancient and traditional Kentish game of bat & trap, to be played at a special one-day event on August 17. It mentions the venue is the Crown pub at Knockholt, near Biggin Hill, and that several teams, including three from Kent, will be taking part. In the center is a photograph of a Bat & Trap match in progress, showing players on a grassy field with a building in the background. Below the photo is a caption: "ROLL UP: Entries are being invited for the Sevenoaks & District Bat & Trap League one-day competition next month at The Crown pub, Main Road, Knockholt."

The presentation evening at Park Wood Golf Club also turned out to be a great success with 130 guests enjoying the evening dancing to the music of "Cold Tuesdays". We apologise for the quality of the food, it did not comply with our order and as a result of negotiations we have received a refund of £300 effectively providing us with 28 free tickets. This money has been deposited with our funds. My thanks go to Hanna and Rob for assisting me with the presentation of awards and our thanks go to The Crown, Stanhope and Duncan Moore of the Blacksmiths for helping to ensure sufficient tickets were purchased on or before the one day event, to ensure the function was possible.

Our Internet site was launched on the 1st September 2001 and has since been added to with a substantial amount of new information including the upgraded trophies. The Nominet Registration Certificate for the domain name www.batandtrap.org.uk is renewed and valid up to 5th February 2005. The host server at DMR is paid for up to 6th September 2005.

This is the end of our second full season with the website, giving everybody on-line access to up-to-date results, fixtures, general points of interest regarding the game and photographs from special events. The Counter of visits today showed over 5910 enquiries, doubling last year's interest. As you are aware the site self-financing with The Crown, The Old Jail, The Miners Arms and The Stanhope Arms sponsoring it.

This year we have continued with our efforts of promotion but we have also concentrated on raising money for the league, to this end and with the help of Roy Gleason Landlord of the Crown, I wrote to Adnams on 9th July with our promotional material and obtained sponsorship in the sum of £500 which was placed in our funds for placing the words "Sponsored by Adnams Brewery – Beer from the coast" on the division 1 Winners cup. The Old Jail team has also presented a brand new hardwood Wooden Spoon.



The Accounts.

I have covered most of the main items in the packs of accounts and information which has been made available to all of you.

As you will notice there is **£1268.64** in the account, which should assist with organising next year's presentation, evening. This is after paying for all the trophies, upgrading all the major cups which will last for another 20 seasons, The Band, Park Wood Golf Club and the Internet.

Are there are any questions? None were received.

4. Election of Committee.

As you are aware I wrote to the Captains and others on 21st August with my resignation, I therefore ask who is standing for Chairman?

Leighton Evans (Chairman) confirmed that as advised in his letter of 21st August sent to all Captains and others he would be resigning due to work and personal commitments. He also confirmed that Carol Tatchell (Treasurer and Fixtures Secretary) would also be resigning due to other commitments.

Nominations were requested for Chairman. A nomination was made by Cyril Hensman that Mike Curd (from Chequers B) – who unfortunately was not able to be present at meeting, would be willing to stand as Chairman. Mike's wife Karrie confirmed this. A vote was taken and was carried unanimously. Therefore Mike Curd was elected as Chairman for the 2004 season.

Nominations were requested for Fixtures Secretary. Carl Crowther (Bull, Brasted) nominated Karrie Curd (Chequers B). A vote was taken and carried unanimously.

Karrie Curd then stated that she and Mike Curd (Chairman) were married wishing to make everyone aware of this in order for them both to act as Chairman and Fixtures secretary. This was again agreed unanimously.

Nominations were requested for Treasurer. Cyril Hensman advised he would be willing to stand as Treasurer. A vote was taken and carried unanimously.

Lee St John advised that he would be willing to continue as Internet Secretary. This was seconded by Don James and unanimously agreed by the floor.

Due to the committee consisting of three members of The Chequers Team and one from the Rose & Crown any other nominations for posts on the committee were requested. Peter Crowther (Bull, Brasted) advised he would be willing to stand as an additional committee member this was agreed unanimously.

Leighton Evans (Chairman) handed a full pack of paperwork which included:

- Addresses and labels as known
- Draft AGM minutes for 29th September 2003 as known
- AGM notification
- Results sheet
- Contacts Divisions 1 and 2 as currently on the Internet best known
- Double competition template
- Trebles competition template
- Fixtures Divisions 1 and 2
- Knockout competition
- Standard Invoice
- Standard letterhead
- Receipt template
- Rules of Bat & Trap
- One Day Event Poster
- Presentation Night promotion poster template
- Standard Score sheet template
- Trophies Results and Prizes for all Cups so the location of perpetual awards is known.
- A CD Rom containing all of the above

The remaining funds of £1270 cash were then counted out and handed over by Leighton Evans to Karrie Curd, witnessed by the floor.

Karrie then requested that Leighton continued with the meeting due to Mike's absence.

Carl Crowther (Bull Brasted) addressed the floor and gave a vote of thanks to Leighton Evans and Carol Tatchell for their work as Chairman and Fixtures/Treasurer over the past years and for "sexing-up" Bat & Trap by bringing it into the 21st Century thus making accessing information re games and results so much easier.

He also confirmed that he had personally written to Leighton to thank him. This sentiment was concurred by several members of the floor.

Leighton Evans then awarded the 2nd Division winner's trophy and individual awards to Carl Crowther.

5. **Subscriptions.**

It was agreed the subscriptions for the 2004 season will remain at £30 per team and £2 per head for entry in to the doubles and trebles knockout competitions together with the one day event. **This is the same as last year.**

Subscriptions were then collected from The Old Jail, The Bull, Brasted, The Blacksmiths Arms and The Rose and Crown A and B by Karrie Curd and receipts were then given out which had previously been prepared by Carol Tatchell.

6. **Rule Changes. –**

Joy Brushneen from Rose & Crown wanted a rule change regarding the start time of a game due to the late finishing of games and the fact that her pub was in a residential area. This was discussed and a suggestion was made that the games start time changed to 8.15pm. Joy then advised that this would be difficult for some of her team. Other members of the floor confirmed that change of time would be difficult however it was suggested that she discussed this matter with her team Captains to relay the information to visiting teams regarding any noise created late at night.

Duncan Moore from Blacksmiths asked for the ball going over 7 foot rule to be looked at. After much discussion it was agreed that the rule be left as it is with the Captain's to use "gentleman's discretion" at all times during games.

Carl Crowther then wanted clarification on the trap actually falling once a ball has hit it. The rule is clear that the trap must fall for the batsmen to be out. Cyril Hensman requested that all Captains ensure that their equipment is regularly serviced so that the trap falls easily.

It was therefore agreed that no rule changes would be made for the 2004 Season.

7. **Any Other Business.**

Peter Crowther (Bull) asked for any comments regarding the losers buying a drink for the winning team. It was unofficially agreed that as the games appeared to be getting longer that as soon as the losing team was know (i.e. once one team has won two games) that the losers then bought a drink. It was agreed that this would not be a written rule but left to the Captain's discretion to agree at the beginning of each match.

Cyril Hensman suggested that committee members should be reimbursed for official duties of stamps, petrol, phone calls and stationary. Leighton Evans stated this is a matter for the new Chairman; there

has been no charge for any of these items over the past three years.

Leighton Evans then handed Karrie Curd the Wooden Spoon trophy being the only large trophy not awarded at the Presentation Evening.

Meeting Closed at 21:10hrs These minutes will be entered on the web site for all to see.