



The Haslemere Bowling Club

HISTORY The Club Pavilion



The previous pavilion was a basic timber framed building built by club members in the seventies consisting of a social area with bench seats and coat hangers and a small 5ft by 4ft kitchen area, no toilets, changing room or bar, and a chair put outside with a bowl of hot water, soap and towel, to be used by all after the game.

The President Alan Marchant who was a building estimator drew up some plans for a slightly larger building with some of the missing amenities but being a structural engineer I thought we could do better and drew up a larger building plan. Restricted in length somewhat by the cost of moving underground water supply, but nevertheless of adequate size, the new width necessitating a reduction in the size of the bowling green to its present 40 x 40 yds square, much to the President's dismay.

I presented my plans to Waverley at my own cost, which were approved (with some adverse comments about looking like a cowshed). So with the help of an architect friend at Surrey County Council we came up with the better looking pavilion that you see today. This was built by a Liphook firm of builders and finished in April 1994, after club members had got together to demolish the old building, the remnants used to construct the equipment store also by members.

The financing of the Pavilion, which cost a very reasonable price of £32,000 was achieved by generous grants from Foundation for Sport and the arts £10,000, Waverley BC £10,000, Haslemere Town Council £2000, and the rest from HBC organised superbly by our Treasurer Mr Eric Wilson who managed to get several members to loan amounts to cover a shortfall to whom he repayed their loans after only 3 months. The supervising of building work was carried out by Roger Marchant (an up and coming architect) and myself, with one or two changes in construction and materials advised by the builder.

My son in law did all the electrics Flurescent Lighting from a local house sale cost £10 the lot, Club members carried out the Plumbing, Kitchen, Bar and Lockers converted from boxes, decorating all rooms, providing glasses for the bar, china for the kitchen, three Car boot sales to finish off the clubs expenses.

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