

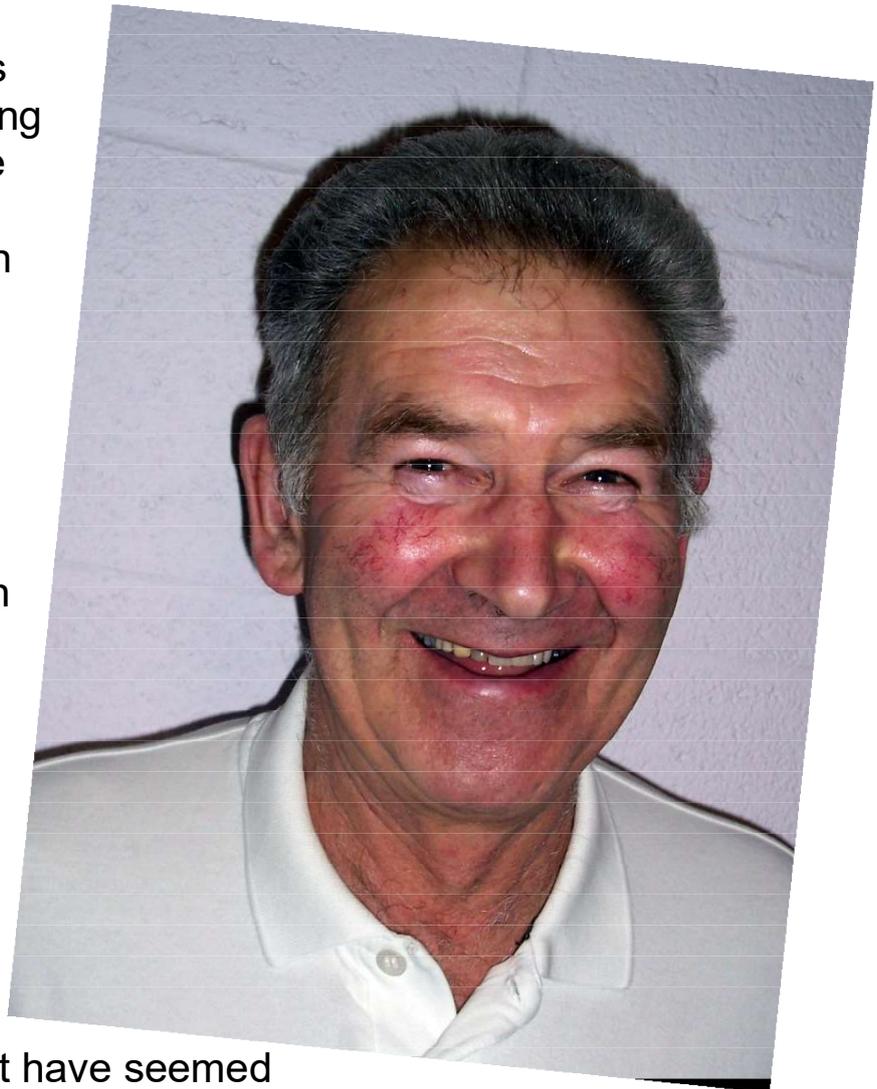
Dennis Robertson awarded with a Life Membership

At the 2006 Annual General Meeting, the G.P.C. proposed that Dennis should be made a Life Member. It was carried unanimously. Life Membership is an honour, which by its special nature, can only be granted very rarely and usually only to members who have made long and outstanding contributions to Club life.

Other members who are still serving the club and have been likewise honoured are Ron Hoyle, Jessie Parker, Charlie Biggs and Stella Curry.

It was mother-in-law, Edith Ash who introduced Dennis to the game of bowls. She was already well established at her home club down in Dover. It was in 1971 that

Dennis (who must have seemed “nought-but-a-lad”) decided to wander in through the gates at Princes Risborough and was promptly recruited by Club Secretary, Tom Wain. Wife, Carole and then Edith joined him



about years later. Club Captain Alan Wise, identified youthful potential and decided to take Dennis under his wing. It quickly paid off, for in the very next season came the first of many of his bowling successes, when he led for the trio that won the Neighbour Cup. He is still the only person in the Club's history to have achieved a hat trick of Club Championships, with wins in 1980; 81 and 82. That performance is put into perspective when considering it took the passing of another 13 years before he became Champion again. Spend a few minutes looking at the clubhouse honour boards and his name crops up all over the place. Five Handicap titles, the last being in 2004; he has won the two Wood Singles three times; two Samuel's Cup wins and three Club Pairs titles. On top of this, he has earned his County badge several times over with titles in both the Pairs and Triples. As recently as 2005, we saw him winning the BCBA Secretaries Cup after the disappointment of losing out in the final the year before.

He was made club captain in 1982, which of course brings with it a place on the G.P.C. Although his recollection does not allow him to be precise, he says that it seems as though he has "been on the G.P.C. for ever" - and from a date which probably precedes his Captaincy.

Dennis has served this club loyally for 36 years and proudly describes himself as a "one-club-bowler". He fulfils his current role as men's Team Manager and Competition Secretary, with a quiet efficiency - and has earned the respect of his fellow club members.

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