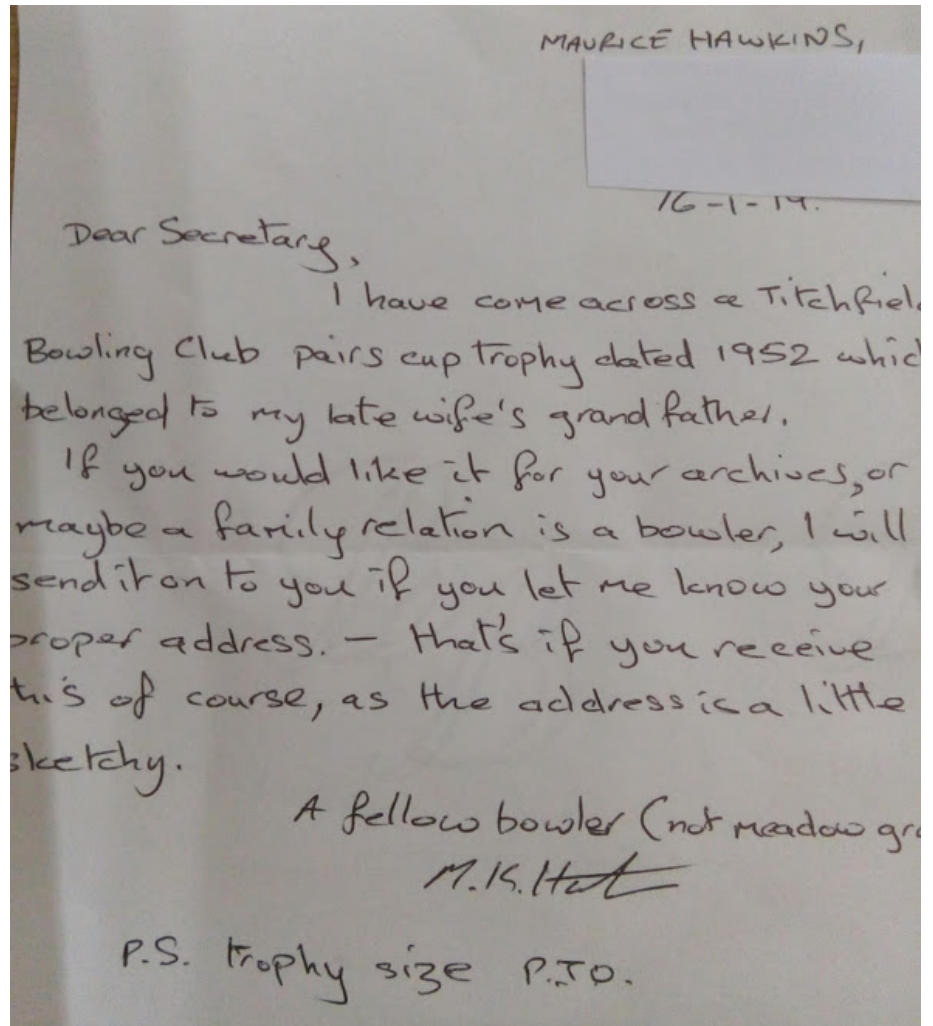


At a recent short mat bowling afternoon I was handed a letter by our President, addressed to me c/o The Titchfield Bowling Club. The Post Office had done well as the club does not usually receive mail and the address was rather vague.

Inside we discovered the following letter from Maurice Hawkins, who lives near Bristol.

Maurice clearly knew that we are an Old English club as he describes himself as, *a fellow bowler (not meadow grass)*.

Meadow grass being the prescribed surface for the Old English form of the game.



I wrote back to Maurice and forwarded him a copy of the Club History booklet, which incidentally is still available for purchase, price £2.

I was delighted to receive the following medal shown opposite and a letter back from Maurice.

The medal was awarded to W E Watkins in 1952 for winning the pairs event.



Jan 31st.

Dear Dennis

So glad that you received my letter and thank you for your reply and club booklet. I found it very interesting and will have to look you up if I am down that way. I notice that you had a Mr R.A. Wilkins as chairman and secretary 1962 - 1978. Maybe related.

The only gen I have on W.E. Wilkins, full name Walter Edwin 1878 - 1964. His son Stanley lived in West End where my late wife was brought up.

Enjoy your bowling, very best wishes

Maurice

I would be interested to discover more about Walter Edwin Wilkins. Does anyone know if indeed he was related our former Chairman R A Wilkins? Does anyone know who might have been his pair's partner back in 1952?

Please get in touch if you do.

Dennis Dowsett
Hon Sec

Jan 2019.