



**Annual Sanders-Rose / Pirouet Cup Competition
Newbury Bowling Club v Newbury Town Council
17 August 2006**



In 1955, the serving Mayor of Newbury, Councillor F Pirouet, donated a trophy cup to commence this annual competition between Newbury Borough Council and Newbury Bowling Club.

When Newbury Borough Council ceased to exist in 1974, Newbury District Council took over ownership of Victoria Park and continued the competition. When the original cup couldn't be found, the Chairman of the day, Councillor Mrs R Sanders-Rose, donated a replacement to ensure the continuation of the competition.

After Newbury Town Council became the new owners of Victoria Park, the competition returned to the Town Hall with the Town Council fielding a team for the last six years.

This year's match followed intensive and extensive practice under the guidance of the Team Captain, Mayor of Newbury Councillor Gillian Durrant, (well, we did talk about it). After many close and, at times, nail biting games, NTC somehow managed to take control of the lead and win. By the end of the match, both teams left the green exhausted from the effort and concentration of fighting for every point. Although foul play was inferred, chickens were not

spotted in either team



During the after match supper, the President of Newbury Bowls Club, Mr Tony Mason, graciously accepted defeat and handed over the cup, which had previously been held by the Bowls Club for the past nine years. The Mayor then thanked the Newbury Bowls Club for their wonderful hospitality and thoroughly enjoyable evening and also expressed her delight in receiving the cup, which will be displayed in the Town Hall for the first time in this council's history.

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