



Shirley Park Bowling Club

Newsletter 1, April 2023

Introducing the Newsletter

Welcome to the first Shirley Park Bowling Club newsletter. Our aim is to publish, on a monthly basis, at the start of each month, a newsletter with information about the club, its matches, forthcoming events and any other articles that may be of interest to our members. If you would like to write an article or would like to know more about something specific or just have feedback on the newsletter please write to the spbc.editor.newsletter@gmail.com Other regular articles will include a mens and ladies

update on ESL, ESLL and C&DLL matches. We hope you enjoy this and future newsletters.

P.S. We are looking for a volunteer to coordinate the newsletter. On a monthly basis you would receive and collate the articles into a single email, send that to Kevin Rudduck, who has agreed to design the newsletter then send it to the secretary for publication. Would you like to volunteer? If so please email Tony at spbc.editor.newsletter@gmail.com

Social activities for April and May

1. Saturday 22nd April 1pm
Club re-opens. Reunion Mixed Drive
2. Sunday 23rd April 1pm
St Georges Mixed Drive
3. Wednesday 26th April 1pm
Mixed Drive
4. Friday 28th April 7pm
Cabaret Lee Rivers
5. Monday 1st May 2pm
Australian Pairs
6. Monday 8th May at 2pm.
Coronation Fun day & Tea Party, friends and family welcome.
7. Tuesday 23rd May at 9:30 am
Bowlsweat Direct will be visiting us.

Club news updates

1. The bar refurbishment following the collapse of the top shelf last June has been completed.
2. The roof above the men's and visitors changing rooms has been re- covered following a major leak.



Other news

Did you know a copy of the minutes of each general committee meeting are filed in the telephone cupboard for members to read. Please do not take them home but read at the club.

Surrey Bowls have advised that the revised Fourth edition of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls is now available. Ideally all members should have a copy. You can legally download and print them from www.worldbowls.com/lawsumpiring/laws-of-the-sport/

Huge thanks



The Gardening team would like to thank everyone who has donated towards the cost of membrane, bark and shrubs and of course those who have helped on Monday and Friday mornings.

We have already raised £480 towards this and if you would like to donate please pay £10 into the bank ref gardening or by cash to Jackie or Janet.

So far we have worked on the big round bed as you come down the slope, we have put membrane and bark down. The bed in front of the equipment shed has been weeded and is ready to turf. Now the hard work starts doing the back bed. If anyone is free on a Monday or Friday morning please come and join us as many hands make light work.

A short history

As you are aware from the History of your club on our website, it was originally on the grounds of Shirley House. This house was built in the 1720s and we have one of its owners to thank for the two roundabouts on Upper Shirley Road, a Colonel Maberly who lived in Shirley House.

The old original roadway, a narrow inconvenient way, passed close to the house and cut across the path to a lake in the gardens. He applied to the Quarter Sessions to have it widened and diverted, but his application was unsuccessful. Adopting a more indirect method to obtain his end, he next invited the county magnates to a grand banquet at Shirley House.

He then advised neighbouring farmers of his design, asking them to block up the narrow path with their dung carts and wagons, at just about the time of the banquet. Consequently, it was only after much uproar, and the greatest exertions, that the guests arrived at their destination: but too late for their banquet. Very soon afterwards Colonel Maberly obtained permission to divert the course of the old road as he wished and hence the roundabout was created.

The link below will display a current map overlaid with a map from 1800. Using the slider (top left) fades from current to 1800 and visa versa. Note: this only works on a desktop or laptop.

www.london-road-croydon.org/history/sources/enclosure/croydon-enclosure/interactive-map/

Tony Skrzypczyk



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Upcoming fixtures for April and May

APRIL					
Date	Opponents	Home /Away	Rinks	Greys / Whites	Time
SAT 22	Reunion Mixed Drive	H	6	G	1.00
SUN 23	St Georges Day Mixed Drive	H	6	G	1.00
WED 26	Mixed Drive	H	6	G	1.00
FRI 28	Cabaret / Lee Rivers	H	N/A	N/A	8pm
SAT 29	Epsom BC ESL	A	3	W	2.00
MAY					
MON 1	Australian Pairs Tournament	H	6	G	2.00
TUE 2	Bethlem Royal Hospital Friendly	A	3T	W	2.00
WED 3	Wallington Friendly	H	3	G	2.00
SUN 7	Ashtead ESL	H	3	W	2.00
MON 8	Coronation Fun Day/Tea Party	H	6	TBC	2.00
TUE 9	New Beckenham BC Friendly	A	2	W	2.00
THR 11	Mixed Drive	H	6	G	2.00
SAT 13	Cheam Fields ESL	H	3	W	2.00
SAT 13	Ashburton Park Friendly	A	2T	W	2.00
TUE 16	Ashburton Park Friendly	H	3T	G	2.00
WED 17	BCBA V BB&DBA	H	6	G	2.00
SAT 20	Bletchingley ESL	A	3	W	2.00
SAT 20	Bletchingley Friendly	A	1	W	2.00
TUE 23	Gonville Friendly	A	3T	G	2.00
TUE 23	Bowlsweat Direct Visit	H	N/A	N/A	9.30
THR 25	Spring Park Friendly (Aus Prs)	H	6	G	2.00
SAT 27	Croydon MO ESL	H	3	W	2.00
SUN 28	Battle of the Sexes Comp	H	6T	W	2.00
MON 29	BBQ & Bowls Bank Holiday	H	6	TBC	2.00
TUE 30	Purley Bury C&DLL	H	2	W	2.00

Ladies fixtures
 Men fixtures
 Mixed fixtures
 Loan of green

Contributions to the newsletter

May's newsletter submissions are required by close of play 21st April to The editor: Tony Donnelly spbc.editor.newsletter@gmail.com

New scoreboards have now arrived

Tony D and Kevin have investigated getting new scoreboards for Shirley Park. We are now happy to say that we have six new rink scoreboards, obtained free of charge, which have been sponsored by Rowlands.



Ladies captain update

Ladies, it was lovely to see you at our pre-season meeting all revved up and raring to go. Over the weekend of 22 April there are club games so you can warm up in readiness for the friendly and league games that start early May. Please put your names down for matches so I don't have to badger you too much. As well as our CDLL and ESLL games we sometimes get invitations from other clubs for various competitions. There is one from Bethlem Royal Hospital Bowls Club, a triples competition, take a look, it may interest you. The ladies that attended last year really enjoyed it.

Good luck in all the individual competitions you are entering, see you on the green on Saturday 22nd.

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Mens captain update

Hi everyone, we've been preparing for the start of the new season which is now just a few weeks away. As part of that preparation the club has entered the following competitions:

Borough: Hewitts Double Rink and Scratchley Fours (3 teams)

Bowls England: Tony Allcock Trophy (Over 60' Mixed Two Fours), Men's Club Two Fours, Men's Top Club, Mens Top Four and Ladies Top Club.

I hope you are looking forward to the start of the new season and look forward to seeing you in the matches and on the green soon. Don't forget to look at the notice boards for upcoming matches and team selections.

Richard