



Shirley Park Bowling Club

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Managing the estate

Perimeter Hedgerow:

Once the bowls season is completed it's planned to trim all the hedges. A separate programme will be rolled out to ensure we have enough volunteer members to help.

Meter Cupboard:

The meter cupboard by the main entrance is to receive a facelift with the door being refurbished and roof felt replaced as its badly in need of repair.

The Meadow:

Further clearance of the undergrowth is in hand to restore the meadow to its former glory (original size) and

to make it easier to maintain. Tony D and Witek have acquired four outside tables that were being thrown out by Coombe Lodge. In addition Sharon and Tony S have donated 6 chairs to be used with the tables. Tony D has also sourced three umbrellas from Guinness and our main beer supplier Molson Coors.

Main Entrance:

The entrance to the SPBC site is to be improved by filling in the hole on the left by the entrance, levelling the area and placing a yellow bollard on the corner.

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Nominations for officers of the club

There are some posts, that as yet, don't have a nominated person at the time of this newsletter being distributed. Please do ask someone to nominate you if you would like to fill one of these posts. The club needs all of these positions to be filled in order for the club to function.

The posts are:

Treasurer, Social Committee Chairman, Catering Manager, Men's Vice Captain, Ladies Competition Secretary, Ladies Playing Member and Safeguarding Officer. Thank you in advance for those of who comes forward.

Captain's update

26 August we played our final ESL game of the season against Caterham at home winning 10-0.

The final games of the ESL league were played over the weekend of 16th/17th September with Cheam Fields playing Caterham and Epsom playing Bletchingley. The Caterham game didn't affect our position in the table, however the Epsom game did with Epsom winning 9-1. This meant we finished fourth in the table with 101 points, one point below Epsom. The full table results can be seen here.

www.eastsurreybowls.co.uk/pages/page_36680/Div-2-2021-table.aspx

6 September the friendly with Warlingham was cancelled as they couldn't get a team out.

12 September we played Bethlem Royal Hospital (6 triples). We won two and drew one triple, however, we won the overall 107 to 85 shots.

26 September we played a mixed friendly against Wallington winning on one rink and coming second on the other two.

I'd like to thank all the members who have bowled for and supported Shirley Park over the season and wish you well for next season and all competitions you enter.

Richard

Captain's shield

Thank you for all of those who played and especially to those of you who contributed to the organisation of the day. Well done to Richard for being the overall winner. Commiserations to Elaine who also won all her matches on the day but came second on overall points.

Crib restart date

Crib will recommence on Monday 9 October at 7.00pm. All members are welcome. Don't worry if you have never played crib before, or are a novice, we'll be happy to teach you. If you have any queries please call Alan Blyghton on 07831 556399.

Alan

Upcoming Social events

Beetle drives will be restarting in October. A bingo night is to be arranged in October. November will see a different form of quiz as we will be arranging a pop quiz.

Dates for all the above will be circulated once confirmed. Finally there will be Sunday bar openings from 12:00 to 15:00 on the third Sunday of each month with the exception of October when it will be 22nd October. So make a date and we'll see you then.

Barbara Drew

Ladies captain update

Sadly the outdoor season has finished for 2023. It has been a season of many ups and downs and that is just the weather.

Congratulations to all you Ladies that have won Club Trophies and commiserations to all those who just missed out. I've really enjoyed watching all the battles and hats off to all of you.

Christine Phillips for Ladies Championship and 2 woods. Sue Lodge for 100 up, Janet Tonks for Poppies, Cindy Blute for Ladies Veterans, Jackie Dance and Christine Phillips for Ladies Drawn Pairs and in the Mixed Drawn Pairs, Jackie Dance and Wayne Kavanagh.

We also had Finalists in the TLC competitions, Jackie Dance and Christine Phillips were runners up in the pairs, while Jean Dignam and Anne Ward became Australian Pairs champions. Both games were very exciting and extremely close. Anne Ward was also a finalist in the Carol Ware singles and was just pipped

at the post. Well done to you all. Shirley Park can now bask in your reflected glory.

The final few league games were played this month in both the CDLL and ESLL Leagues. We seem to win one rink and lose the other and have finished in the middle part of the tables. Thank you to all the Ladies that have bowled for us this season and please continue to be active participants next season.

As usual there are some indoor friendly fixtures for Shirley Park over the winter. Please support SPBC in these six games. If you do not use the computer system please contact Jackie or myself by phone so we can put your name down for these games.

All that is left for me to say is thank you for supporting your club this season and hope to see you for our various winter activities, if not at the Christmas Reunion.

Thanks for the support.

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Fixtures October to March 2024

Ladies fixtures Mixed fixtures

OCTOBER						
SUN 1	#	Captains Shield Tournament	H	6	G	2.00
SUN 1		End Of Season				
SAT 28		Lewisham & CP IBC Friendly	A	5	W	2.00
NOVEMBER						
WED 8		Croydon IBC Friendly	A	5	W	2.00
DECEMBER						
FRI 1		Annual General Meeting	H	N/A	N/A	19.30
SUN 10		Annual Presentations Day	H			TBC
JANUARY 2024						
SAT 27		Sutton IBC	A	5	W	2.00
FEBRUARY 2024						
TUE 6		Croydon IBC Friendly	A	3T	G	2.00
THR 29		Bromley IBC Friendly	A	5	W	2.30
MARCH 2024						
SAT 16		Lewisham IBC	A	5	W	2.00
		IBC represents Indoor Bowling				

Shirley Park 2023 Finals Day Results (9 September)

LADIES

Championship Singles

Winner: Christine Phillips
Runner up: Jean Dignam

Poppies Handicap Singles

Winner: Janet Tonks
Runner up: Sue Rudduck

Two Wood Singles

Winner: Christine Phillips
Runner up: Sue Lodge

100-Up Singles

Winner: Sue Lodge
Runner up: Christine Phillips

Veterans' Singles

Winner: Cindy Blute
Runner up: Jean Dignam

Ladies Handicap Drawn Pairs

Winners: Chris Davis and Jackie Dance
Runners up: Janet Tonks and Christine Phillips

MIXED

Top 40

Winner: John Tonks
Runner up: Mike Foster

Mixed Handicap Drawn Pairs

Winners: Wayne Kavanagh and Jackie Dance
Runners up: Witek Szpunar and Barbara Drew

MENS

Championship Singles

Winner: Norman Ross
Runner up: Peter Phillips

Handicap Singles

Winner: Norman Ross
Runner up: Matt Lodge

Veterans' Singles

Winner: Ken Farrington
Runner up: Tony Donnelly

Two Wood Singles

Winner: Norman Ross
Runner up: Kevin Rudduck

West Wickham & Hayes

Winner: Tom Ward
Runner up: Paul Harris

100-Up Singles

Winner: Norman Ross
Runner up: Tony Donnelly

Mens Handicap Drawn Pairs

Winners: Peter Williams and Richard Turner
Runners up: Kevin Rudduck and Kiff Paddon

Well done to the winners and commiserations to runners up.

Borough competition success (2/9)

Congratulations go to Kevin Rudduck who won the Jubilee Singles.

Matt Lodge, John Kennedy, Wayne Kavannagh and Norman Ross were also successful by winning the Scratchley Rink.

Well done to the other finalists who were runners up. Kevin Rudduck, Tony Donnelly and Richard Turner in the Triples.

Richard Turner in the Champion of Champions.

Tom Ward and Witek Szpunar in the Unbadged Pairs.

Phil Brimacombe in the Unbadged Singles.

Congratulations also go to Tom Ward, Derek Ballard, John Tonks, Phil Brimacombe and Witek Szpunar for qualifying for their Borough badge.

Well done to everyone who entered the Borough competitions and once again an excellent show and result for Shirley Park.

Croydon (1882)

Description of Croydon in 1882 (From J. Corbet Anderson A Short Chronicle of Croydon).

Croydon is situated in the Eastern Division of the county of Surrey. Croydon is an assize town, sharing with Guildford the honour of alternately having the assizes for the County of Surrey held in it. Petty Sessions are held every Saturday. It has both a cattle and corn market. The County Court of Surrey, for the Croydon District, is also held in the Town Hall twice a month. The population in 1783 was estimated at 4000, in 1841 it was 16712 and by 1881 it was 78947. This rapid and continuously extraordinary increase in the population was due to its geographical position, constant supply of water and good drainage but chiefly because of its proximity to the metropolis (London), ready access to every part of which from Croydon in all directions, by means of train. In 1882 there were eleven railway stations within the parish.

Croydon set up its Board of Health in 1849 one of the first to do so. It set up its Board Schools in 1873.

This is only a flavour of what Corbet Anderson describes as Modern Development, he like Garrow ends his books with a very fetching view of Croydon which is far too long to quote here but his last words were "Continued prosperity to the good old town and trade of Croydon" What would he think of the fate of Croydon now?

If you're interested in finding out more about the history of Croydon there are a number of books available online. Please contact me and I'll provide further detail.

Tony Skrzypczyk