



Shirley Park Bowling Club

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Managing the estate

Some significant costs have been incurred in managing the estate recently which have significantly depleted the club's funds. Installation of the new pumps to water the green and the reinstatement of the concrete plinths dug out to do so (£5,600). The leak on the water tank which holds water to water the green has been repaired, water loss cost £1,400. Roof repairs (£3,650). A total of £10,650 for these exceptional items. The estate team has worked extremely hard this season maintaining our club. A big thank you for all your hard work.



Finally, we plan to have a hedge cutting drive towards the end of September where we would ask as many volunteers as possible to help with cutting and removing the hedge trimmings when the

maintenance team cut the 800 metres of hedges that form part of the estate. A date will be advised in due course. Please help if you can.

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Ladies captain update

As we approach the end of the outdoor bowling season the crescendo of finals will soon be upon us.

We had 4 ladies in the TLC finals. Anne and Jean (Aussie pairs) and after a very thrilling game emerged as Champions. Jackie and Chris Phillips (Pairs). A very exciting game unfortunately they were pipped at the post. Well done to you all. We bask in your reflected glory.

Good luck to all of you that are still in competitions, win or lose. Enjoy the games.

In August, both CDLL and ESLL games were played.

1/8 CDLL game versus CMO's, SP took 4 points and CMO's 2. SP won on one rink and lost on the other. Overall game was won by SP.

22/8 CDLL game versus Carshalton. Carshalton won and took all the points.

9/8 ESLL game versus Sutton. Sutton won on both rinks and took all the points.

12/8 ESLL game versus Horley. Horley won on both rinks and took all the points.

Although game results have not been brilliant for us, the games have been enjoyed by both home and away teams who have enjoyed our hospitality.

Unfortunately the game against Bethlem was cancelled as Bethlem couldn't field a team.

It has been difficult to recruit lady bowlers for games, especially the away games. We often only have just about enough bowlers to play but I am grateful that no games have had to be cancelled or penalty points awarded against us. Please consider playing for the club, we still have a few league matches left to play and need more names to select teams. If you don't want a begging email from me to put your name down, beat me to it.

Finishing on a high note, Ladies Captains Day was a beautiful day and a

great success, a day that was enjoyed by all who participated. My grateful thanks to all those that helped to achieve a day that was enjoyed by all that attended. For me it is a very beautiful memory. Thank you.

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Social activities past and upcoming

The quiz night on 2nd August was a great success, a big thank you to Elsie for compiling and asking all the questions.

The hamper draws raised enough money for to buy 2 parasols for the new picnic tables. Mike Foster won the hamper and was very pleased with the contents.

There will be a Bingo night on 15th September. More details on Social board.

Barbara Drew

Captain's update

East Surrey League. We finished July with a 0-10 loss against CMO's. During August we had a 10-0 win against Croydon, 8-2 win against Redhill and in our final game a 10-0 win against Caterham. My sincere thanks to all of those who played and supported the main league. Once again this season we finished third in the league for the third year running. In the ESL triples results were a 6-4 loss against Purley Bowling Club losing on two rinks but winning the overall and losses to Chipstead, Purley Bury and Epsom where all the results were 2-8.

Once again the Australian Pairs on the 3rd and Mixed Drive on 5th were cancelled due to lack of support.

This season Shirley Park has had amazing success in the BCBA competitions. Shirley Park members will be playing in 6 out of the 9 competitions on 2nd September. I was delighted to see that we have three new bowlers representing Shirley Park in the finals. Tom Ward and Witek are in the unbadged pairs and Phil Brimacombe is in the unbadged singles. I wish them the very best of luck as I do to all those in the Shirley Park competitions.

Finally I would like to congratulate Jean Dignam and Anne Ward for their win in the Ladies of Croydon (TLC) Australian Pairs final.

We still have a couple of mixed friendly games to play, Warlingham Park and Bethlem Royal Hospital and we still need two more names for the Bethlem game, which is 6 triples.

Well done to both Ladies and Men this season and enjoy the remainder of the season.

Richard



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Upcoming fixtures for September and out of season

SEPTEMBER						
SAT 2		BCBA Finals Day	H	6	W	10.00
TUE 5		Caterham C&DLL	A	2	W	2.00
WED 6		Warlingham Park Friendly	A	3T	G	2.00
THR 7		Purley BC C&DLL	A	2	W	2.00
SAT 9		SPBC Finals Day	H	6	W	TBC
TUE 12		Bethlem Royal Hosp Friendly	A	6T	W	2.00
SAT 16		Mixed Drive	H	6	G	1.00
SAT 23		Mixed Drive	H	6	G	1.00
TUE 26		Wallington Friendly	A	3	G	2.00
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				

Ladies fixtures
 Men fixtures
 Mixed fixtures
 Loan of green
 # pre ordered meal

Gardening update

The gardening team have completed the weeding and bark covering at the car park end of the green. A big well

done and thank you to all involved in helping with this and all the gardening work that has been done this year.



Contributions to the newsletter

Octobers's newsletter submissions are required by close of play 20th September to the editor: Tony Donnelly spbc.editor.newsletter@gmail.com

Jokes



- Last night I dreamed that I was swimming in an ocean of orange soda...
But it was just a Fanta sea...
- I went to court to sue the airline for losing my luggage...
I lost my case.

That's all for now folks.

Croydon Changes

Description of Croydon in 1818 (from Garrow D.W, History of Croydon)

"Croydon is pleasantly situated in the county of Surrey, about ten miles south of the metropolis; it is large and handsome, upon the great Turnpike Road leading from London to Brighton. There are also roads eastward into Kent.

The town consists chiefly of one well-built street, nearly a mile in length, called the High Street, which was formerly nothing more than a bridleway over the fields; but leading over higher ground, and in a more direct course than through old Town, by usage it became the principal road, and was at length built upon. Here are situated the Courthouse and two Markets, with excellent shops and inns, the shops are plentifully supplied with the various articles necessary in the different types of trade and administer materially to the convenience and comfort of the numerous families in the town and vicinity. At the principal Inns, travellers experience the most assiduous attention and best accommodation both during times of their stay, and on their further progress along the road."

From Garrow's description, it certainly sounds idyllic, the population in 1821 was 12,239 as compared to 390,800 in 2021. If Garrow thought it was large and handsome then, I wonder what his thoughts would be today.

Tony Skrzypczyk