



# Shirley Park Bowling Club

Newsletter 4, July 2023

## Mens captain update

As at 3/7 we've played 4 further ESL fixtures (points in brackets). SP(8) v Croydon(2), Redhill (2) v SP(8), Caterham(2) v SP(8) and SP(10) v Epsom(0) gaining 34 points for Shirley Park which put us in 1st place in the ESL 2nd Division League 5 points above Epsom and 11 points above Ashstead. The ESL squad have played excellently to achieve those results.

Thank you to everyone for producing some really good bowling, and I hope that we can keep it going. We unfortunately lost the Top 11 to Old Coulsdon, but that didn't come as a complete surprise as we were a man down and had to concede the 4-wood singles. We had a Friendly fixture against Spring Park winning on 2 rinks and losing on 2 rinks.

The Australian Pairs tournament wasn't very well supported so I made it a mixed game to increase the numbers. We had our first ESL Triples League game on 5th July, we lost on 2 rinks but won the overall by 1 shot, the score being 49 Shirley Park - 48 Cheam Fields, again thank you to the players for keeping the scores close on the losing rinks to gain a 6 - 4 points win.

## Club news

The winners of the Leon Rose competition held on 11th June were Marc, Steve and Elaine. Congratulations to you all.



## Ladies captain update

Results for June games

ESLL League (shots in brackets)

SPBC (43) v Wallington (39) Away. SPBC 3 points

SPBC (47) v Caterham Home (22) SPBC 4 points

SPBC (33) v Chipstead (25) Away SPBC 4 points

My grateful thanks to all the Ladies who put their names down to play.

ESLL had an Anniversary event on 25.06.23 at Old Coulsdon. SPBC were represented by a team of 4 ladies.

Three friendly games were cancelled, Bowlers v Golfers, Ashburton and Banks.

The first two due to lack of numbers and the Banks game as this coincided with the funeral of a much loved

member, Ann White.

Ann's funeral was a beautiful celebration of her life and was attended by many Shirley Park members.

RIP Ann, you will be in our hearts and memories forever.

Mixed friendly against Spring Park, SPBC 19, Spring Park 18. Although I was not at this game, the result speaks for itself that this was an exciting evenly matched game.

On 8th June SPBC hosted a game against BCBA in the Presidents cup. BCBA won overall. The game was greatly enjoyed by all participants as was the supper afterwards.

Once again, thank you Ladies for putting your names down for club matches and please continue doing so.

Good luck to all you ladies who are still in external competitions.

## Word Search

Can you find the words?

BACKHAND  
BIAS  
CHALK  
DITCH  
FOREHAND  
LEAD  
MEASURE  
RINK  
SCORECARD  
SHOT  
SKIP  
TOUCHER  
WICK

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## Match selection System Update

Approximately 80% of bowlers have registered for the system with Bowls Surrey. A test was run during June for those registered bowlers to apply for a test match. Although the test was initiated over 2 weeks ago 20% have yet to apply for

the test game. Therefore the system will not go live until late July/August as we need to be sure everyone can login and apply. If you need assistance please contact Tony Donnelly on 07885 790951.

## Managing the estate

1. Tree felling of a 30 feet tall dead sycamore tree to the rear of green is planned for safety reasons.
2. The estate team voluntarily undertake many activities across the estate. Just one of these was the excavation outside the water pump-house to locate the leak in the green watering system. Repair is planned for 11th July.



3. The estate team is also nearing completion of repairs to the brickwork on the ramp leading to the cabin. Well done all.



## Contributions to the August newsletter

August's newsletter submissions are required by close of play 23rd July to the editor: Tony Donnelly spbc. editor.newsletter@gmail.com



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## Upcoming fixtures for July and August

JULY						
SAT 1		Epsom ESL	H	3	W	2.00
SUN 2		SCBA Area 1 women 2 wood	H	6	W	10.00
WED 5		Cheam Fields ESL Triples	H	3T	G	2.00
WED 5		Croydon C&DLL	A	2	W	2.00
THR 6		London Parks v SCBA	H	6	W	2.00
SAT 8		Purley Bury ESLL	H	2	W	2.00
SUN 9		Ashtead ESL	A	3	W	2.00
TUE 11		Old Coulsdon ESL Triples	H	3T	G	2.00
TUE 11		SCBA Triples Qtr final	H	6	W	6.00
THR 13		Surrey Masonic Friendly	H	4	G	2.00
SAT 15		Cheam Fields ESL	A	3	W	2.30
SAT 15		Old Coulsdon ESLL	A	2	W	2.00
SUN 16		Presidents Day	H	6	W	10.00
TUE 18		SCBA v Comb Areas	H	6	W	2.00
TUE 18		SCBA Triples Semi final	H	6	W	6.00
TUE 18		Coney Hall Friendly	A	3T	G	2.00
WED 19		Australian pairs	H	6	G	2.00
THR 20		BCBA Centenary Triples Final	H	2T	W	5.30
SAT 22		Bletchingley ESL	H	3	W	2.00
SAT 22		Bletchingley Friendly	H	1	W	2.00
SUN 23		BCBA Friendly	H	6	W	2.00
WED 26		CMO ESL Triples	A	3T	G	6.00
SAT 29		CMO ESL	A	3	W	2.00
SUN 30		Godstone ESLL	A	2	W	2.00
AUGUST						
TUE 1		Purley BC ESL Triples	H	3T	G	2.00
TUE 1		CMO C&DLL	H	2	W	2.00
THR 3		Australian pairs	H	6	G	2.00
SAT 5		Mixed Drive	H	6	G	2.00
SUN 6	#	Ladies Captains Day	H	6	W	1.00
TUE 8		Bethlem Royal Hosp Friendly	H	3T	W	2.00
WED 9		Chipstead ESL Triples	A	3T	G	6.00
WED 9		Sutton ESLL	H	2	W	2.00
SAT 12		Horley ESLL	H	2	W	2.00
SAT 12		Croydon ESL	A	3	W	2.00
SUN 13		Two Wood Club Tournament	H	6	G	TBC
MON 14		London Parks v Southampton District	H	6	W	2.00
WED 16		Purley Bury ESL Triples	A	3T	G	2.00
SAT 19		Redhill ESL	H	3	W	2.00
SUN 20		Epsom ESLL	A	2	W	2.00
TUE 22		Carshalton C&DLL	H	2	W	2.00
TUE 22		Epsom BC ESL triples	H	3T	G	2.00
SAT 26		Cheam Fields ESLL	H	2	W	2.00
SAT 26		Caterham ESL	H	3	W	2.00
SUN 27	#	Mens Captains Day	H	6	TBC	10.00
TUE 29		Old Coulsdon C&DLL	A	2	W	2.00
THR 31		Spring Park Shirley BC Friendly	A	3T	W	2.00
THR 31		Banks v Banks Presidents	H	6	G	2.00

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

## A short history

Thank you to those who visited Shirley Windmill early June, both for their interest and donations. A further visit will be arranged. Other buildings that members may be interested in are:-

Old Palace School was the summer residence of the Archbishop of Canterbury for over 500 years. The Friends of Old Palace run tours. See [www.friendsofoldpalace.org](http://www.friendsofoldpalace.org)

Hospital of the Holy Trinity known as Whitgift's Hospital (Almshouse) built by Archbishop John Whitgift in 1596-9. It was for the use and benefit of the poor of Croydon. See [www.open-city.org.uk](http://www.open-city.org.uk)

London Croydon Airport was Britain's first major international airport playing a major role in the development of global air travel after World War One. Open 1st Sunday of the month booking required. See [www.historiccroydonairport.org.uk](http://www.historiccroydonairport.org.uk)

## Social activities June and July

The month started well with a visit to Shirley Windmill followed by a cream tea at the club. Big thanks to Tony Skrzypczyk for conducting the tour of the windmill, everyone enjoyed it. We are now fundraising for the purchase of two picnic tables and ask for your support at these and following events:  
 Cream Tea 10th of July.  
 Quiz night 2nd of August.  
 We will also be having a draw for a "posh" hamper very soon.

Hope to see lots of you enjoying a cream tea and taxing your brains at the quiz.

Barbara Drew