



Shirley Park Bowling Club

Newsletter 3, June 2023

Mens captain update

Further to my update in the May Newsletter, we won the first round of the Tony Allock over 60's mixed double rink against Purley Bury. A great result. Both rinks had a good win. We unfortunately lost to Cheam on their green in the following round.

We are holding our own in the East Surrey League, and are in 3rd place behind Epsom and Ashstead, both of whom have played 6 games versus our 5. We had an 8-2 win against Cheam Fields, a 2-8 loss against Bletchingley, and a 10-0 win against CMO's. We also played CMO's in the ESL Top 11, winning three disciplines and drawing 1, it was a close run match with an overall score of 91 SPBC – 89 CMO's.

We played the Bowls England Top Club at Wallington on Friday 26th May, Once again a nail biting finish with an extra end being played in the fours to decide the overall winners, sadly we lost the extra end and that discipline and the overall despite the scores being even at 84-84

On 17th May I handed over our green to the BCBA v BB&DBA. Following the match Pauline and Sharon produced a meal for the players and officers of both associations. It was a real pleasure to see so many people sitting down to a meal after a six rink match, which hasn't happened since before the Pandemic. The Borough of Croydon President Anne Wellington presented the new

Borough Badge Qualifiers with their Borough Badges. I would like to congratulate our own qualifying members, Sandra Whitwell, Tony Donnelly and Matt Lodge on receiving their Borough Badges.

The battle of the sexes (formerly The Presidents Cup - Men v Ladies) sadly not that well supported we had 2 rinks and a 4 against a 3. The Men won on 2 rinks and drew on 1 rink. Well done to the Ladies rink that drew.

Please remember to tick your name on the match application sheets.

Richard

Bowling laws of the game... did you know...

What happens if I play out of turn?

1. The opposing skip can stop the bowl and return it to be played in the proper order.
2. If the bowl has come to rest and not disturbed the head the opposing skip must either
 - 2.1 Leave the head as is and have their team bowl two bowls one after another to return to the correct order of play or
 - 2.2 Return the bowl and get back to the proper order of play
3. If the bowl has come to rest and disturbed the head the opposing skip must either
 - 3.1 Leave the head as is and have their team bowl two bowls one after another to return to the correct order of play or
 - 3.2 Replace the head in its former position and return the bowl and get back to the proper order of play or
 - 3.3 Declare the end dead
4. In singles if a bowl has been bowled by both players before they discover that one has bowled out of turn, play in that end must continue in that order.

Club news update

1. Repairs to the tarmac are ongoing to reduce the risk of trips and falls and minimise weed growth.
2. A fire assembly point has been established by the disabled parking area
3. Tree felling of a 30 feet tall dead sycamore tree to the rear of green is planned for safety reasons.
4. Servicing of all mowers has now been completed.
5. Excavation of the water pump-house floor to identify the leak in the green watering system is now planned for out of season.

Ladies captain update

Firstly I would like to thank you all for signing up for matches. So far there has always been enough ladies for each match. Thank you and please keep it up. Also a huge thank you to those of you who so willingly give others lifts. Without your kindness SPBC would not be able to take part in various leagues. Thank you.

On 14th May, eleven ladies went to Cheam Fields to play in the first round of Top Ten. Match points were shared so it went to shots to get the winner. We lost by 4 points 58

to 62. Thank you all for playing and putting up a great fight.

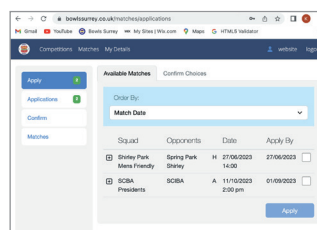
Unfortunately the friendly games against Ashburton and Bletchingley were cancelled by them as they could not get teams together. Sorry to all those due to play.

Many of you have entered outside competitions, I wish you all the luck in the world. Fingers crossed you do well and SPBC can bask in reflected glory.

Thank you, *Wisla*.

Match selection System Update

A demonstration of the system took place on Friday 10th April. Approximately 80% of our bowlers have registered for the system with Bowls Surrey. If you need assistance please contact Tony Donnelly on 07885 790951.



Help needed

Unfortunately no one has come forward and volunteered to coordinate the newsletter. There's still time if you want to volunteer. Just contact Tony at spbc.editor.newsletter@gmail.com



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Upcoming fixtures for June and July

JUNE						
SAT 3		Wallington ESLL	A	2	W	2.30
SUN 4		SCBA Area 1 mens 2 wood	H	6	W	9.00
TUE 6		Mixed Drive	H	6	G	2.00
THR 8		BCBA Presidents Bowl	H	3T	G	6.00
SAT 10		Croydon ESL	H	3	W	2.00
SUN 11	#	Leon Rose Mixed Triples	H	6	G	2.00
TUE 13		Spring Park Shirley BC Friendly	H	3T	W	2.00
THR 15		Bowlers v Golfers Friendly	H	4T	G	2.00
SAT 17		Caterham ESLL	H	2	W	2.00
SAT 17		Redhill ESL	A	3	W	2.00
TUE 20		Ashburton Park Friendly	H	2T	W	2.00
THR 22		Banks BA Friendly	H	6	G	2.00
SAT 24		Caterham ESL	A	3	W	2.30
SAT 24		Chipstead ESLL	A	2	W	2.30
TUE 27		Spring Park Shirley BC Friendly	H	4T	G	2.00
THR 29		Australian Pairs Tournament	H	6	G	2.00
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

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

Newsletter contributions

July's newsletter submissions are required by close of play 22nd June to the editor: Tony Donnelly at spbc.editor.newsletter@gmail.com

Social activities June and July

The Coronation Tea Party was a great success. It was lovely to see so many youngsters enjoying themselves on the green, who knows, maybe some potential new bowlers in the future.

If you have any ideas for future events, don't be shy, speak to Barbara, Janet or Pat.

Barbara Drew

A short history

I would like to introduce you to a local heritage site, (now behind MHA Hall Grange care home in Shirley Church Road), which was first discovered over 100 years ago. The reclaimed wilderness offers access to a hidden heritage garden in South London with an accessible, engaging and nature conservation programme of activities.

The Wilderness Garden was first created by Rev William Wilks, Vicar of Shirley and former secretary of the Royal Horticulture Society, between 1904 and 1923: a wild garden that lived up to the house's name. In 1913, The Gardener's Chronicle described Wilks' innovative approach to horticulture, explaining that he neither improved nor dug the ground, simply planting where he felt a plant would thrive in. It is a seven-acre site, and has been restored by MHA to its former glory and both its residents and visitors can enjoy the beautiful garden. Rev Wilks first propagated the Shirley Poppy, which appears on our club badge. He is buried in the churchyard of St John's Church Shirley.

Tony Skrzypczyk

Have you heard?

- Why do we tell actors to "break a leg"? Because every play has a cast.
- What do maths teachers grow in their gardens? Square roots.
- Why do you wear a coat to take out the rubbish? Its because its my waste coat.
- A man tells his doctor... "Doc, help me. I'm addicted to Twitter!"... The doc replies... "Sorry, I don't follow you ..."