



Shirley Park Bowling Club

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Mens captain update from Richard

Since my last update we have played 4 ESL and 3 ESL triples matches. In the ESL we played Caterham away 8-2, Epsom home 10-0, Ashstead away 0-10, and Cheam Fields away 1-9, making a total of 28 points for and 23 points against. After beating Epsom 10-0 we were top of the league but after losing to Ashstead 0-10 and Cheam Fields 1-9 we dropped to 4th position. At Bletchingley on 22nd we won 8-2 and moved up to 2nd position just 6 points behind Ashstead, so all to play for in the remaining matches as Cheam Fields are seven points behind with 2 games in hand.

In the ESL Triples league we won 6-4 against Cheam Fields at home and 6-4 against Old Coulsdon at home. We lost 0-10 to CMO's in dreadful conditions. We gave up after the minimum 12 ends. Total points accumulated in the ESL triples to date 12 points for and 18 points against.

We've been struggling for names in the ESL matches, which we believe is due to members playing their internal competitions, which seem to be taking precedence over the ESL matches. Please ensure that club matches take priority over personal internal competitions. *So please check the fixture book before arranging club competitions.*

The Australian pairs on 29th June and 19th July were both cancelled due to lack of numbers and the Ladies county two wood day on 2nd July was successful.

We hosted our annual fixture London Parks v Surrey County on 6th July and the Combined Areas v Surrey County on 11th July which also coincided with the

SCBA Triples ¼ final in the evening. Our own Surrey triple, Matt, Wayne and Norman unfortunately lost but did extremely well in the competition. So well done to them. We also had our annual match with the Surrey Masonic Bowling Association on 13th July and the BCBA Centenary Triples that same evening.

On Sunday 23rd July we had a friendly match against the BCBA and once again struggled to field six mixed

rinks, so we played 4 triples and the BCBA lent us a triple to make 5 triples in all. We had a win with John Wake's triple so well done to John and his team.

The Australian Pairs on the 3rd August has now been replaced with a mixed triples tournament.

Enjoy your bowling, and please be sure to check your fixture book and the club diary before you arrange your internal competitions.

Ladies captain update from Wisia

Thank you for putting your names down for matches to play for SPBC. Please, please keep doing so.

Ladies Captain's Day is on 6th August, it will be great to see you all then. This is not on the booking system so you will need to tick your name or call me so that you can be included. If you don't want to play but just dine, that's fine, just let us know.

As you know we are now using the online booking system and like many of you are nervous of it, but are giving it a go. Tony has requested that you no longer tick the sheets unless you are not signed up for the system, also please don't forget to confirm if you have been selected. Good Luck with it. Help is always available if needed from Tony.

In July we played both CDLL matches and ESLL matches and are faring better in the ESLL League than the CDLL. CDLL match against Croydon, Croydon beat us by 6 shots. ESLL matches were against Purley Bury who had a huge victory beating us by 25 shots and Old Coulsdon where we won by 9 shots.

A friendly against Coney Hall was cancelled as there was insufficient interest from SP Ladies.

A friendly was played against Bletchingley. This became a triple rather than a rink as Bletchingley only had 3 ladies. Due to the terrible weather, the Ladies played 10 ends. SPBC won this by 11 shots. Despite the weather which was appalling the Ladies who played enjoyed the game but enjoyed the after game refreshments and chatting more.

The friendly against BCBA was enjoyed by those who played. For this game rinks were scaled down to triples as there were not enough SP players putting their names down.

The ESLL game against Godstone was cancelled and is being rescheduled as Godstone had a Covid case while they were on tour last week.

Continued good luck to our ladies that are still in external competitions. We all look forward to basking in reflected glory for SPBC.

The estate

- 1 The green watering system is now fully repaired and we are able to water the green fully.
- 2 The ramp to the pavilion is being upgraded and repairs to footpaths to minimise trip points is ongoing.
- 3 Tree felling and hedge trimming during August is planned.

Well done the estate team.
Del Ballard

The Rules of Possession

After you have delivered a bowl, you have two choices. If you desire to track your bowl, you must be at the head when it stops. If you choose to stay at the mat, you must be there when the bowl stops. By observing this rule, you ensure that the next player gets to play immediately when your turn is over. Avoid frustrating other players by following the rules. The rules also state that the rink shall belong to the team whose bowl is being played. While playing, players in possession of the rink shall not be disturbed or interfered with.

Match selection System Update

The test run during June and July was very successful with 90% of members registered applying for the test match. The system is now being used for all matches from 1st August until the end of the season and all matches for August are now available to apply for. For this to be a success please check your emails and apply for/confirm matches when asked to do so. Please apply for matches online and if you need assistance please contact Tony Donnelly on 07885 790951.



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Upcoming fixtures for August and September

| 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 |
| SEPTEMBER | | | | | | |
| SAT 2 | | BCBA Finals Day | H | 6 | W | 10.00 |
| TUE 5 | | Caterham C&DLL | A | 2 | W | 2.00 |
| WED 6 | | Warringham 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 |

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

Jokes

1. Archaeologists in Egypt have discovered a new Mummified body covered in 'Chocolate and Nuts'...
They've named it Pharaoh Rocha.
 2. Did you hear about the claustrophobic astronaut?...
He just needed a bit of space.
 3. Where are average things made...
At the satis-factory.
 4. There are three types of people in the world...
Those who can count and those who can't.
 5. I sold my vacuum cleaner the other day...
All it was doing was collecting dust.
 6. Did you hear about the guy who invented the knock-knock joke?...
He won the 'No-bell' prize.
- That's all for now folks.



Contributions to the newsletter

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

Social activities Shirley windmill

Another visit will be arranged shortly to the Shirley windmill for those unable to make the previous visit.

Barbara Drew

Croydon Changes

Most people would say that the 1960's were the most damaging period for the buildings of Croydon. I would say that the Victorians started it when Military at Addiscombe was closed in 1862, the Mansion House was demolished (dating from 1703) and Canning, Clyde, Elgin, Havelock and Outram Road were built. The college gymnasium is now Havelock Hall, a block of flats.

In 1896 the High Street in Croydon was widened from 23 feet to 50 feet. This meant the destruction of several small streets between the High Street and Surrey Street "the Middle RowSlum Area". However, looking at the photos, in "Relics of Old Croydon" by John Pelton it shows buildings' that were dilapidated and possibly even medieval. Two 17 century houses in Bell Hill are listed.

Also, in 1896 Croydon's third Town Hall was built on the site of the short-lived Central Croydon railway station a short spur from East Croydon Station

Many Victorian buildings were also demolished in the 1960's especially the Whitgift Middle School in North End site of the present Whitgift Centre, the Victorian villas in the Park Hill Area where the Wates Park Hill Estate was built on the expiry of the 99 year leases on houses built on land owned by the Church Commissioners.

Tony Skrzypczyk