



Leatherhead Bowling Club

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NEWS

MEN'S CHRYSTIE LEAGUE TEAM WIN LEAGUE AND RETAIN TROPHY*

- An overall win on Monday in the Chrystie League against Pippbrook, with one rink won and the other lost, meant the Club won by the smallest of margins. Here is the final table provided by team boss, Ray Dawson:

TEAM	POINTS
1 LEATHERHEAD	24
2 PIPPBROOK	23.5
3 BOOKHAM	20.5
4 EPSOM	20
5 BROCKHAM	17
6 ESHER	15

Well done to all who played

*With us holding the trophy presented two years ago, panic set in as Boss Ray and others searched the bar, kitchen, changing rooms, office, homes etc. but no trace could be found of this illustrious trophy. An all points alert was about to be issued by Rob when said Boss found the item on the top of the wardrobe in his bedroom. We've all heard of sleeping with the trophy but!

- Our interest in the Surreys came to an end when our mixed pairs of David, Sue, Clive and Angie lost on Friday to a team from Redhill
- The Surrey Advertiser Finals Day will be held on Saturday 21st August at Woking Park where our team of Anne Collett, Desta Dickenson, Chris Little and Sue Lokkerbol will represent the Club with Carole Telfer as a Reserve
- The Saturday League matches were washed out with the Men's match against Cranleigh at home rearranged for Sunday September 5th
- Our continued success in the Mixed Friendly matches continues with a thumping win over Ember by 97-62 with three rinks won and one lost and an equally impressive win over Horsley on Tuesday – see below
- On Sunday Clive and Angie plus Don and Brenda Matthews won their respective sections in the Two Wood Pairs and will compete for the trophy on Finals Weekend – thanks to Sue for organising the day

FORTHCOMING MATCHES

- Saturday August 14th – the Men play Mytchett away in the West Surrey – 2.30pm with the Ladies playing Mytchett in the Sapphire League
- Monday August 16th – Barham Triples - 5.30pm
- Tuesday August 17th – Mixed match home to Horsham – 4 Rinks – 2.00pm
- Thursday August 19th – Mixed against Pippbrook away – 4 triples – 2.30pm

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

David – Congratulations to all the players who contributed to Leatherhead's second successive win of the Chrystie Competition. In particular, well done to Ray Dawson who organised and encouraged the teams so very well.

Our match against East Horsley, in very friendly circumstances, resulted in a win 47 shots to 18. So far, the Men have won 65% of their matches and the mixed teams have won 77%. Fantastic performances, well done all. It would be great to see some of our newer players putting their names down for the remaining matches of the season, the experience is so useful in one's bowling career. My thanks to Desta for captaining the Ember game

On Coaching, Terry and I are attending a training session on Sunday for coaching Short Mat bowls. Hopefully this will lead to some successes in this game too!

Desta – thanks to all our lady players who helped in supporting me in the Surrey Ads and the Monday night WSL matches sometimes played in atrocious weather. There's a ladies Leatherhead shopping bag hanging up on the back wall for a few weeks. It contains some clothing and a lunchbox so who's missing this folding bag? Time to reclaim it!

BARHAM TRIPLES

As we approach the halfway point of the competition the Foxes (Barbara Vaudry, Mike Edger, Robin Sewell, Jack Solomon – a substitute for the injured Terry Moody – and Chris Little) lead on points difference from the Lions.

Apart from the August Bank Holiday we now switch to a Monday/Friday format and back to 5.30 starts

INTERNAL COMPETITIONS

With the Finals weekend on 28th and 29th August fast approaching, the competition is reaching an exciting climax with some closely fought semi-finals. The clash of the two Davids, Lokkerbol and Telfer, saw a titanic struggle over 33 ends before DT prevailed. Your correspondent also lost two semi-finals with a one-point difference over 22 ends in the two woods and 21 in the singles but succeeded in the pairs by a one-point advantage! There were other great matches too.

Happy reading and please continue to enjoy your bowls! Steve