



Leatherhead Bowling Club

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Sadly, we have recently lost a long standing and very popular member in Bob Wawman. For many years a stalwart of our teams and a man with a great, dry sense of humour. On Club tours he always organised an evening outing to a seaside show for us all to enjoy and was no mean bowler. His funeral is on the 12th of September. Rob has circulated to all members a form for us to gather numbers for Bob's wake. Please make sure you have made a return by Friday 26th August if you are going to attend.

There has been plenty happening at the Club and beyond as we enter the final lap of the season.

- Area competitions have mainly come to an end with, yet again, winning success in the Chrystie League where our two rink teams managed by Ray Dawson take top spot. Our West Surrey Friday League squad of seven finished second in their zonal league and entered the play offs where we won both last sixteen and quarter final matches only to narrowly lose in the semi-final. Our ladies once again reached the play off finals in the Surrey Advertiser league eventually finishing in fourth place.
- There has been less success in the Saturday West Surrey (Men) and Sapphire Leagues (Ladies) where, with one match to play, we are mid-table at best, but we have been competitive throughout as with the Ladies' Monday night West Surrey League of two triples.
- We have hosted a raft of County quarter and semi final matches, County matches and other events bringing welcome income to the Club. Our catering team led by Desta have been complimented on the excellent food as well as the Club being praised for our facilities, the warmth of the welcome given to our visitors and the quality of the green – in what has been a difficult, dry summer.
- One great success this year has been the recruitment of 18 new members giving us 107 in all. Many of the new recruits are showing considerable promise and some have already played in club matches. The Beginners competition saw 16 competitors last weekend, which is a good sign, with Paul Westwood and Chris Loxton qualifying for the final.
- The Barham Triples are in full swing with half the matches now played. These have been competitive fun backed up by Rob's excellent post-match fare proving very popular, especially when washed down with a pleasant drink!
- The Bank Holiday weekend sees our Club Finals where there are a large number of matches being played so, even if not playing, **do come along and watch and support the competitors.**
- There remains a raft of friendly matches to play so please put your name down on the sheets in the clubhouse – new members especially, to give yourself some experience of the team game
- The Club Tour to Bournemouth from September 16th to 21st is eagerly anticipated and shortly after that our Short Mat season (with our brand-new mats) will commence. Apart from roll ups we have entered TWO leagues – the Wey Valley Thursday afternoon league – with the team run by Jill Hopkins and Sue Lokkerbol – and a Tuesday evening league at Mellow – the team run by Steve and Chris Little

Enjoy what's left of the outdoor season!

Steve