



Leatherhead Bowling Club

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NEWS

The new season is now in full swing following the opening day on April 23rd since followed by the friendly matches, the 100 Up, the Wednesday Prize Drive, the start of the county and our own club knockout tournaments plus from Saturday last the league matches.

Some of our members have been busy attending Coaching and Marker courses run on Saturday and Sundays at Donyngs, Redhill. Well done to Rob Corlett and Sue Lokkerbol for obtaining their County coaching badges and to Chris Little, Sarah Campbell, Carole Telfer, Clive Kendall and Rob Corlett have all successfully completed the markers' course to County or Club level. Well done to them all for their commitment to help add yet more professionalism to our club.

Following the Open weekend inviting possible new members it appears we will have 4 or 5 joining bringing our membership numbers nearer to 100.

The friendly matches have seen mixed results but have been well supported and proved enjoyable in getting us back into outdoor bowls – likewise the 100 Up, organised by Chris Little, has been well supported too with 27 attendees last Friday to also enjoy Rob Corlett's excellent burgers, hot dogs or toasties washed down with a drink. Social members would be very welcome to join us too with matches (note) now starting at 5.30 and finishing just after 7. Wednesday's Prize Drives, organised by Don Matthews, have also seen an excellent attendance.

Newer members are encouraged to put their names down to play in the friendly matches so as to enjoy the match experience – details on the club noticeboards

To help with fund-raising we have a bonus lottery ball competition where you pay £1 with the chance of winning £30 (Well done to Margaret McGuigan for taking the initial prize) – full details are shown at the bar where Clive has the entry sheet. You choose a number and once full the sheet is full the next Saturday bonus lottery ball drawn becomes the winner

Along with County we are joining in with an initiative via local schools to provide fun bowls. This is being driven by Sarah C and we are likely to offer day camps during the summer holidays – further details to follow

LEAGUE AND COUNTY/NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

We played our first West Surrey League game on Saturday 14th with the men off to a winning start away at Woking Park by 3-2 but the Ladies in their Sapphire Triples League lost 3-0, although they lost very narrowly in two of the three matches.

Friday 20th sees the start of the West Surrey Friday league which is just the one rink for men. Here a squad has been selected to play the six league matches and those not selected for that will help form teams for the Chrystie League and the squad being run by Clive in a new competition for us, the Area 3 Top 4 Knock Out – date for the first match to be agreed. Plus, on Sunday 22nd we play our first match in the Surrey-wide Top Club competition away at Sutton – this is multi game format of singles, pairs etc. – this, again, is using a squad principle to select the players.

We have entered a good number of County knockouts for singles, pairs triples etc. with our Senior Fours beating Horley in the first round – our team Terry Dickenson, Ray Dawson, Dennis Snow and Derek Webb – they now play another Horley team on Thursday 19th (6pm)

Congratulations to Anne Collett who, with her partner Chris Jones from Epsom Park, have won through the first round of both their Surrey and National Pairs.

INTERNAL KNOCK OUT COMPETIONS

Sue Lokkerbol has completed all the draws for our internal competitions, and these are available to view on the dedicated noticeboard in the clubhouse - please note the various deadlines. Please ensure you leave your result cards in the boxes close to the rear clubhouse door. As Rob C is unable to play due to his arm injury, he has offered his services as a marker for any of the singles matches

THE CLUBHOUSE, THE GREEN AND SURROUNDS

The clubhouse walls have had a fresh coating of paint essentially in our club colours. Our thanks to Ray for carrying this out and to Rob for his myriad of pictures, records etc. on the walls.

Groundsman Jamie reports all is well with the surface especially now we have been able to iron the green as the machine has been serviced. The surrounds have been diligently worked on and look pristine being well-maintained by the groundlings with the summer flowers about to be placed in the pots now the chance of frost is receding. The beech hedge is now fully green and the whole area looks superb.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday May 17th – 100 Up 5.30 start

Wednesday May 18th – Prize Drive 2.30 start

Wednesday – Mixed away at Reigate Priory triples -Whites – 2.30

Thursday May 19th – Ladies away at Ewell Village triples – Whites - 2.30

Friday May 20th – 100 Up – 5.30

Friday – West Surrey League Men one rink – Greys - 6.15

Saturday May 21st – WSBL Men v Windlesham 3 rinks – Sapphire Ladies 3 triples–
2.30

Sunday May 22nd – Multi format Top Club – Sutton – 10am

Monday May 23rd – 100 Up - 5.30

Tuesday May 24th hosting – Surrey v Kent

MEMBER NEWS

We have been delighted to see Sylvia Snow at the club after her recent hospitalisation as indeed to see Joan and Mick Mackie on Wednesdays with Mick helping to restore the benches