



Leatherhead Bowling Club

Newsletter Issue 22

NEWS

Since the last newsletter was issued at the end of October the Club has been through a most traumatic time with the sudden death of David Lokkerbol. David, club captain of course, had done so much for the Club, not just on the bowls green but in being one of those involved in initiating the building project for our magnificent clubhouse. That will be a fine legacy as will his roles as a coach, County marker's course instructor, club groundling as well as being a very fine player himself. Of course, he had extensive outside interests many of which he enjoyed with his family. For Sue and her family it has been a devastating time but we have joined in rallying round to help where we can and it has been great to see her at most of our short mat sessions.

A subdued Presentation Evening went ahead in November with just a meal and distribution of the prizes. Most who attended felt it was a cathartic evening for us all when we could collectively mourn David's passing only days before.

John Kelland has kindly agreed to take over the Club Captain role but will be helped in running the various men's and mixed teams by Ray Dawson, Steve Little, Chris Little and Desta. Steve has also agreed to take over the Membership Secretary role.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Due to Covid concerns ruining Christmas the Quiz evening in December was cancelled although the quiz itself was issued to members – also the answers. A big thank you to Chris Little for putting this together. There will be a January event and details are as follows:

Come and join us for

A PUB EVENING AND BURNS NIGHT SUPPER

ON SATURDAY JANUARY 22ND AT 6PM IN THE CLUBHOUSE
PUB GAMES
2 COURSE BURNS NIGHT MEAL
PRIZES
FUN

COST: £10 per person. Interested? Names to Sue Lokkerbol by Saturday 15th please
Tel: 01372 375756 Mob: 07799 187789
Email: sue.lokkerbol24@gmail.com

SHORT MAT

AN ACTUAL WIN AT LAST IN THE WEY VALLEY LEAGUE!

Although we had two wins and a draw in the Thursday afternoon league matches these have been through default/walkovers BUT last Thursday saw us triumph 19-13 over Blackheath to maintain our mid-table position. We have had a few close matches where we have lost but have given a good account of ourselves and other teams have complimented us on our play given this is our first full season.

We have also entered a Tuesday afternoon/evening league and play our first match in the week commencing 10th January.

Approximately 24 members in total have been attending our various roll up sessions which are bringing much needed funds into the club. Anyone interested in joining us please note the sessions are as follows:

Monday 2.30 start; Wednesday 2.30 start, Friday 6.30 start (with Rob's sizzlers and the bar open); Saturday 10 start

Internal competitions: the various draws have been made by Sue L and these have been communicated separately and are also on the competition notice board with first round matches to mostly be played by early February

Coaching – David was our qualified coach and a few sought his help, especially those new to short mat. Although I am not qualified as such, I can at least provide some fundamental advice to help those finding any problems. If you need help contact me (Steve Little) on 07762 226124 or stevelittlecity@gmail.com and we can meet on Tuesday or Thursday mornings at 10.30.

THE CLUB AND GROUND

Greenkeeper Jamie attended on Wednesday last to spray the green with moss killer. He is pleased with how the ends have recovered and that the Dollar Spot has died away.

There has been some damage to one area of the green near the steps and it looks like Mrs Fox has returned and trying to dig to Oz – proven anti-fox ammonia cartons will be deployed if she returns!

Ray Dawson will be advising of work to be carried out over the winter for any members interested in helping after an appropriate review of our health and safety procedures.

Best wishes for the New Year - Steve