



Leatherhead Bowling Club

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NEWS

Despite this being the off season for bowling on grass there is much activity indoors with Short Mat very well supported and many Leatherhead members enjoying their indoor season at Mole Valley. They recently put together an indoor Leatherhead mixed team to play Mole Valley and a very close match ended in a one point loss decided by the very last bowl.

A very successful Burns Night with Pub games organised by Sue Lokkebol took place on January 22nd and raised £395 for club funds plus the profit through bar sales. Desta and Chris Little provided thought provoking quizzes. Our thanks to all, especially Sue and daughter Liz, her husband Vic and son Henry for the delicious food.

Membership forms for 2022 will be issued shortly and you are encouraged to complete and return these to Steve Little once received.

There are plans to offer our club facility to youngsters in the form of fun bowls during school holidays in an initiative being guided by Sarah Campbell. We are also considering a form of green bowls where the edge rinks are used for those not wishing to play full length bowls but a shortened version. More details to follow.

SOCIAL EVENTS

There will be a February event and details are as follows:

Come and join us for
A SHUFFLEBOARD EVENING

ON SATURDAY FEBRUARY 12th AT 6PM IN THE CLUBHOUSE
2 COURSE MEAL
PRIZES
FUN

COST: £10 per person. If you would like to come along please let Sue Lokkerbol know
Tel: 01372 375756 Mob: 07799 187789
Email: sue.lokkerbol24@gmail.com

SHORT MAT

WINNING RUN IN THE WEY VALLEY LEAGUE CONTINUES!

Coming to terms with the vagaries of short mat we are now seeing much improvement in our squad's abilities with a team of Jill Hopkins, Rob Corlett, Sarah Campbell and Pat Shopland beating a Cobham team by 16 to 15 in our latest match in the Wey League.

In the Surrey, Hampshire and Berkshire (SHAB) league we have been less successful with two recent losses where we have been outplayed in the first nine ends but despite holding our own in the second nine have fallen to heavy defeats. Our most recent match at Chobham also saw a loss – we are learning all the time but these experienced teams are just too good for us.

Support for roll ups on Monday and Wednesday afternoons plus Saturday mornings has been high with less for the Friday night 'Sizzle' session – even if you are not a short mat enthusiast why not join us for a drink and chat?

We enjoyed a super afternoon with Ashtead at the club on a recent Sunday where, with two rinks, we drew one and won the other for any overall victory. Many laughs, banter and some competition plus more bar revenue ensured an enjoyable afternoon.

Steve L is offering some basic guidance on the game on Tuesday or Thursday mornings from 10am but you need to book with him on stevelittlecity@gmail.com of 01372 375574

Internal competitions: these are in full swing with deadlines approaching so please arrange your matches if not done so already

THE CLUB AND GROUND

More work has been carried out by Greenkeeper Jamie. Other work around the green is being held back awaiting a health and safety review but Ray Dawson will be coordinating work which will include volunteers to paint the inside clubhouse walls and surrounds probably in early April. Servicing of the mower and iron are shortly to be carried out.

We are also progressing a possible grant for solar panels to help with our heating bills which, as for everyone, are likely to increase sharply.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Official opening of the green – Saturday April 23rd (but green available for use from beginning of April)

From early May – 100 Up organised by Chris

Recruitment weekend – May 6th to 8th

From end of July – Barham Triples organised by Steve

Club AGM – October 15th

Presentation evening at Tyrrells Wood – Saturday November 26th

Full details of the season's programme will follow soon.