

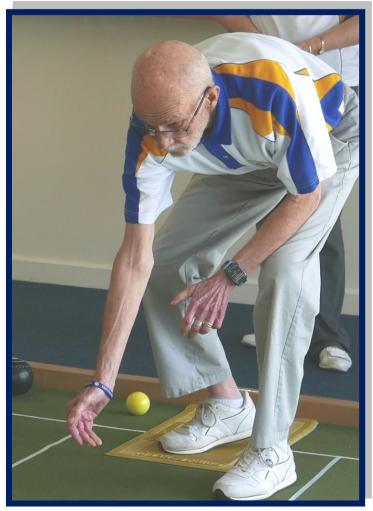




Leatherhead Bowling Club Newsletter Issue 25

NEWS

The Indoor Short Mat season came to an end on Saturday with the finals day where Rob Corlett excelled with victories in both the Novices and Club Championship competitions. There could be no more popular winner than Rob who has acted as our Match Secretary during the season and kept us well fed with hot dogs, burgers and toasties at the highly successful 'sizzle' evenings on a Friday. He also overcame the bowls equivalent of the golfing yips earlier this year to take his titles.



The full results are as follows:

Novices - Rob beat Jill Hopkins

Two sets - Steve Little beat Carole Telfer

Pairs - Pat Shopland/Jill Hopkins beat Margaret McGuigan/Sue Lokkerbol

Our grateful thanks are due to Sue who organised the matches and trophies and to all who took part.

As far as League games are concerned, we finished mid-table in the Wey Valley Thursday League but struggled in the highly competitive SHAB league. Next season we will again compete in the Wey Valley Thursday League but switch the Tuesday matches to the Merrow based league where all matches are played at their club meaning less travel.

We will hopefully have new mats for the season commencing in September.

Congratulations to Sue Lokkerbol and Rob Corlett on obtaining their Level 1 Coaching Badges and they will both be available to members for any help required this season. Also, well done Clive Kendall who has triumphed along with his teammates in the indoor Surreys representing Mole Valley, for whom many of our members participate.

The Club has bought a new BBQ and this will be put to good use during the season

A complete, updated list of contact numbers will be issued shortly

NEW SEASON

The green is almost ready for use from Wednesday afternoon on April 13th with the Club opening day set for Saturday 23rd from 12.30pm

We currently have 92 members of which 28 are Lady playing members and 36 Men players, which is very healthy – especially in the Ladies section with many other clubs struggling for numbers.

Thank you for all those who have volunteered to help with groundlings on Wednesday mornings from 9.30 and anyone else who wishes to lend a hand would be most welcome. The clubhouse will have a new coat of paint indoors before the 23rd.

EARLY SEASON MATCHES

Thank you to all who indicated their availability on their membership forms for the following matches. The teams will be selected this week and details published. The matches are:

Thursday 28th April - Ladies v Cheam - Home - 4 triples commencing 2.30 Saturday 30th April - Men v Bookham - Away - 4 rinks - commencing 2.30 Sunday 1st May - Mixed v Supreme - Away - 6 triples - commencing 2.30 Tuesday 3rd May - Ladies v Hook & Southboro' - Home - 2 triples - commencing 2.30 Sunday 8th May - Mixed v Cobham - Away - 3 triples - commencing 2.30

Also – The 'Hundred Up' starts on Monday 25th and will be on every Monday and Friday up to and including Friday May 27th. NOTE there is no need to book in ahead for this but you must be at the club by 6 to register with Chris Little for a 6.15 start wearing greys (the programme shows a 6.30 start for some dates but it will be 6.15 for all). For those who do not know the format ... you will be drawn into a team to play another and with the five bowls nearest the jack counting 5,4,3,2,1 – each score added to the team score with the first to 100 determining the winner. It is a great fun way of starting off the season – hot dogs etc. will be available after the game with the bar open.

The first 'Prize Drive' will be organised by Don Matthews commencing on Wednesday April 27th with a 2.30 start but please register before 2.15 if you wish to play

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Official opening of the green – Saturday April 23^{rd} (but green available for use from Wednesday April 13th) From April 29th – 100 Up organised by Chris L Recruitment weekend – May 6^{th} to 8^{th} From July 19^{th} – Barham Triples organised by Steve L Club AGM – October 15^{th} Presentation evening at Tyrrells Wood – Saturday November 26^{th}

Full details of the season's programme have been circulated but are also available on our website and in the clubhouse. Booklets are also being issued by Steve L when you attend the club.