



## *Leatherhead Bowling Club*

### *Newsletter Issue 31*

Sadly, in April we received news of the passing of Maisie Miller and Val Dodds – both will be missed in view of their long-standing involvement with and contribution to the club.

The season is in full swing as we enter May with competitive matches starting with the men playing in the Top Club competition in steady rain, but the result was a loss by four games to one against Cheam (we lost both singles, the pairs and the triples but triumphed in the fours)

It's been a memorable winter bowling season with a large number of members either playing at Mole Valley (Congratulations to Mick Edger and Clive Kendall for their indoor wins) or, at our club, with Short Mat. Not only did we enjoy the bowls but the social evenings too, with grateful thanks for Sue Lokkerbol in organising us all and for Sue's family plus Desta, Lin and their team for providing the food. There are too many members who have helped to thank here but a special thanks to Rob for cooking for us on the Friday Sizzle evenings either for Short Mat or the 100 Up plus all his other work on our communications.

Wi-Fi – talking of communications – thanks to Dave Telfer we now have Wi-Fi at the club and the passcode is 17764957 but it is also on the equipment by the telephone.

Online System – there have been teething troubles with this but are largely being resolved by Terry and Desta along with County Bowls – please read on:

### **IMPORTANT**

Whilst you might not wish to use the online system as yet and prefer the match sheets at the club, it is **essential** that you at least Logon to the system so a record is created for you enabling the captains to deal with team selection etc. (for example, you will receive an email confirming selection and full details of a match). Eventually it will be the only system we use. To help, and now that we have Wi-Fi, we can provide a guidance workshop at the club on a date to be arranged so you can bring along your device and we can help you with the intricacies etc.

However, please attempt to Logon using a password with a minimum of eight characters with at least one upper case and one number. Attached is the guidance already provided. Look out for the guidance workshop date.

### **CLUB HOUSE AND GROUNDS**

Work continues with the base already laid by Mark Hopkins for the new shed which will be erected at the end of May by club members. This will enable us to store most of our equipment and the green one will be removed. In its place, it is intended to have a patio

area. The current wooden shed will have its floor strengthened and all the short mat equipment will be stored there.

Thanks to Ray Dawson's entrepreneurial efforts we have successfully sold two of our old metal benches plus the old Spiker raising £1,050 for club funds.



2022/23 saw our first full and uninterrupted season thus far, with roll ups well attended and matches against Ashted and Cobham proving enjoyable with no small amount of success. Our internal competitions had a finals day on April 8<sup>th</sup> and the winners were Clinton Curate (Sets), Chris Loxton (Beginners and Championship), Ken Leese/Steve Little (Pairs).

We entered the Merrow Tuesday League and in a dramatic conclusion won the title on the very last evening. Seven members represented the club in a team of four during our ten matches – Jill Hopkins 9, Chris Little 9, Sue Lokkerbol 8, Steve Little 8, Rob Corlett 4, Sarah Campbell 1 and Margaret McGuigan 1

We also played in the Wey Valley Thursday Charity League where there were 20 matches again in a team of four. We extended the number of members playing to provide competitive experience. Although we finished 10<sup>th</sup> out of 11 teams the experience was beneficial – those who played were Jill Hopkins 8, Sue Lokkerbol 6, Chris Little 5, Sarah Campbell 5, Jo Hunnisett 5, Rachel Leese 4, Teresa Penegar 4, Pat Shopland 3, Steve Little 3, Clinton Curate 2, Rob Corlett 2, Chris Loxton 1, Helen Loxton 1, Ken Leese 1 Margaret McGuigan 1, Jill Halpin 1

## **OUTDOOR MATCHES TO DATE**

**MEN** – Four rinks friendly against Bookham – WON 69-53

C Woolford, B Williams, R Dawson, D Telfer – lost 13-16: D Loxton, J McCabe, P Lawson, D Webb – won 26-7: M Edger, T Malyon, N Bartlett, C Kendal – lost 17-18: V Hemmett, A Ramsay, M Hopkins, D Snow – won 13-12

**LADIES** – Two triples friendly against Hook and Southborough – DREW 31-31

L Dawson, D Dickenson, S Bridger – lost 13-18: A Kendall, C Telfer, C Little – won 18-13

**MIXED** – Three triples friendly against Cobham - WON 57-47

D Bartlett, N Bartlett, J Kelland – won 18-15; C Woolford, M Andrews, M Hopkins – lost 18-19; D Loxton, N Kelland, P Lawson – WON 21-13

## **OTHER NEWS**

Congratulations to Angie and Clive for winning their first round National Pairs match.

Sue Lokkerbol has completed the draws for the various competitions, and these are available on our website or on sheets at the club.