

STAINES BOWLING CLUB



The annual friendly against **Rosedale** was a nice day, and took place on Tuesday 26th and was a close win to Staines 69-64 thanks to top rink Joyce Woodward, Rita Moore and skip Roger Lintott.

Appreciation from the club to members who help remove the old **ditch liners** a thanks go to John Smith, Derek Clark, Alan Little and anyone else who took some.

Our trip to **Woodlands** proved fruitful as they were unable to field a full team for the Fordbridge match, and with Staines winning on two of the remaining three rinks the final score was 49-46 to Staines and we get 8-2 points. Top rink was the scratch pairs of Diana Brackenridge and Clive Lintott, winning 35-11.

What a week! We don't want many more like this one: Our six rink match at home against **Chertsey** was reduced by Chertsey to a three rink triple - Away. Next the annual **Triangular Tournament** between Staines, Stanwell and Ashford was planned for Sunday 31st then with a few days to go **Ashford** advise us they will not attend. This meant a lot of phone calls, reorganising and late team changes. Apologies to any who were due to play but did not, we tried to fit everyone in. The results were as follows --- Chertsey played Walton and Staines, 3 rinks each; Walton beat Chertsey, Chertsey beat Staines 37-63, and Chertsey won overall 104-103. Staines had a winning ring 20-13 of Jill Walker, Ivor Meyrick and Eric Moore. The friendly against **Stanwell** proved a successful day for Staines with a win of 99-64. We had 3-top rinks of plus 14 and two tying on the number of ends won. These were Wendy Ridley, Stan Stanners and John Hay. The other rink was Joyce Marshal, Clive Lintott and Roger Lintott. A very friendly and successful day.

Unfortunately another club who is struggling for members is **Hounslow Cons** who should have put up 4 triples in the Fordbridge competition, but due to a lack of ladies could only put out two. This gave Staines a 44-23 and 10-0 points win. The two friendly's resulted in a 35-35 draw.

Cambridge Park ladies reduced the fixture from 3 triples to 2, but still had to field one man in the team. The score was 28-39 to Cambridge Park.

It was an important Fordbridge league fixture on Thursday against **Bishop Duppas** which Staines won 73-53 this gave us a 7-3 point's win. This should move us to the top of the league, we await the results sheet. However, Duppas was another club who had to reduce two friendlies down to one rink.

It was a good day of bowls against **Walton** on Saturday 6th, a sunny afternoon, a very fast green, close games of 22-18, 22-15, 21 15 to Staines who won 3 rinks to 1, but Walton won overall 75-84.

We had our annual visit to **Concorde**, always a noisy venue and difficult green. The match was reduced from 4-rinks to 3 by Concorde and only one rink won and that was Shirley Palmer, Wendy Ridley, John Geisha and skip Derek Keogh, 19-18 on the last bowl. Concorde won overall 55-79 but they are going through difficult times and may not survive another year. We hope this is not the case as it will be yet another venue we lose.

PLEASE SUPPORT FINALS WEEKEND, even if you are not playing your support is still welcomed. There will be food available; Tombola, a table top sale and who knows even sunshine, an hour or two of your support would be appreciated by all.

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<p>It doesn't happen very often but Ottershaw asked if we could increase from 4 to 5 Triples, as we could have done 6 triples we accepted. It was a game of two half's, those loosing at half time came through to win, and some who were leading dropped back to loose. Final score was 73-79 with our top rink going to Eileen Windmill, Richard Cosstick and Mike Davies.</p>	
<p>Isleworth had revenge at home in the Fordbridge league with a 46- 76 win giving them an 2-8 win on points.</p>	<p>It was a fantastic turn out for Presidents day only one person short of 5-rinks; we had men's v ladies again. Last year the men won by 1 shot, however on a rare warm day the men won this year 131 to 70. Nick and Emma Masters made a welcome return to Staines as guests and we hope they had an enjoyable day; we thank them both for taking the time to see us. Come again any time. We must thank Cynthia Hay for preparing the after match meal for so many people, and thank our president for the day.</p>
<p>Rain fell on the ladies when they went to Chertsey, so it was time for tea and the match abandoned.</p>	
<p>We were back to winning ways in the Fordbridge League against Gunnersbury Park on Wed the 13th. Staines won 79 to 61, another 8-2 win with top rink going to Cynthia Hay, Roy Holdaway and John Hay.</p>	<p>The ladies County match between Middlesex and Surrey took place on Friday 22nd, and with a full 6-rink match it was Surrey who came out on top 129 to 66. Thanks to those who came to watch, but a special thanks to our volunteers who helped with the equipment, food and drink, car park, washing-up etc, etc. And a very special thanks to our brand new members Moria Matthews and John Flegg who came down to help.</p>
<p>The wins kept coming against new strong opponents Masonians in the men's TVL. Staines won 2-home and 1-away to win 75 to 56.</p>	
<p>It's always a good match against Windsor Great Park and the game on Wednesday the 20th was no exception. Six men's triples (they did field one lady and they used our Mike Jones) but on a very nice evening Staines won 123 - 85. Top rink was <i>closely</i> won by Ken Windmill and the "Lintott boys" 36-7.</p>	<p>Unfortunately we had more sad news with John Everett passing away on Saturday 23rd. John, a long term member of Staines and Egham, was a strong member of our club winning many of our competitions, he will be sadly missed. We send Sheila and her family our best wishes for the days ahead.</p>
<p>It was a tough TVL against Bishop Duppas that ended 71-73 to Duppas. Staines won two rinks at home, but lost two rinks away. This gave Duppas a 5-6 points win.</p>	
<p>It was a Fordbridge League match against Sunbury Sports on Sat 23rd. Another Staines win 72-62 giving an 8-2 points win. Top rink went to a hard fought Diana Brackenridge, Roy Holdaway and Albert Allies.</p>	<p>The match against Egham went ahead with a win to Egham 82-98. Although not top rink, it was a great fight back by Jo Russell, Jeanette Cosstick, Ken Windmill and Derek Keogh who were 0-10 after 5 ends, came back to finish 19-20.</p>
<p>On the night of Friday 22nd there was a fire in Staines Park that burnt down several high hedges and started to singe the leaves of the large trees. It wasn't until the morning of Sunday 23rd that we discovered ash had been deposited all over our green and grounds. After several phone calls we had a team out to clean up before the afternoons match against Egham. So thanks to all especially Richard Cosstick who gave up his Sunday morning to help in his normal hard working way.</p>	