

STAINES BOWLING CLUB



Our first fixture after the finals was a Fordbridge triples against **Meadhurst**, and although Staines were one player short due to last minute illness we still won 62-41 giving a 6-4 points win.

Having won this year's Fordbridge League, **Fordbridge Park** came to Staines expecting an easy win, however they had a surprise when Staines won 74-66 giving a 7-3 point's win. This should secure second position for Staines in the league with only one match remaining against Gunnersbury Park.

Our ladies played **Hampton** ladies on Tuesday the 5th and although it was stopped short because of rain it was a good win for our ladies 48-31. Top ring went to Gill Brazier (congratulations on your first match), Jeanette Cosstick and Rita Moore.

Our final Fordbridge fixture was against **Gunnersbury Park**, but they were unable to put out a full team so Staines automatically win the match and therefore secure second spot in the league. The match was played with three triples, plus the use of Clive Stevens in a remaining triple. Final score was 44-45 to Gunnersbury, but because of their lack of players it gave Staines an 8-2 points win.

There is now no excuse for anyone not finding **Staines Bowls Club** as we now have three road signs showing the way, two at Burges Way and one in the car park. Thanks must go to Mike Jones who managed to find a way through the council and get some action.



Our friendly at **Iver Heath** was a win for Iver Heath 49-69, but although the green looked perfect, the grass seem to lack any roots and mats were needed on several of the rinks as the turf kept lifting.

Sometimes the best laid plans go awry, and so it was between Staines and **Fordbridge Park**, both teams had the fixture as an away, so each team went to the others venue. However, all finally arrived at Staines and in a slightly rain affected match Staines ran out healthy winners 62-39. Our top rink being Dave woodruff, Rita Woods and Wendy Ridley. We must give thanks to Derek Clark who was on hand to knock-up tea and biscuits for after the match. It was later confirmed it should have been played at Fordbridge Park.

We took a bit of a bashing against **Horsell** at home on Sunday 10th as we lost 58-80, however it is always a friendly, friendly against Horsell.

It was a better result against NPL as we took a 52-40 win. The fixture was reduced from 4-triples to 3 and we had to give them Jill Walker to make up the numbers. Top rink going to Pat Spearman, Joyce Woodward and Eric Moore.

Staines Win again, for the second year running Staines won the Thames Valley Double Fours. Well done to all who took part throughout all the rounds. It was a difficult green at Richings Park, but our team made the better of it and beat Iver Heath to the trophy.

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It was a delayed second leg of the **Sunningdale Cup** due to the Sunningdale ladies being unavailable, so the second leg was played on 19th August. However, Sunningdale could still only supply one rink of ladies instead of two, which means that Staines ladies retain ownership of the Simes Cup.

Our men playing for the Cattley cup had a 37 point deficit to make up, so even with an 87-76 win it was insufficient to regain the trophy. It was a rain free day with Staines winning three of the four rinks. Top ring going to Roy Holdaway, Brian Heather, Eric Moore and Clive Lintott. It was a welcome to Brian and Angela Heather who played their first match for Staines.

It was a friendly against **Ashford** and was a very pleasant afternoon, with a very close score, but it went to Ashford by 2-shots. Final score 70-72 with our top rink going to Jeanette Cosstick, Joyce Marshall and Alan

Just what we needed at the start of Finals weekend, a **Fox** digging holes in our green. So unfortunately we may have a few "patches" to avoid. However the "Team" have been and undertaken the repairs and hopefully, yes.. wait for it,..... out foxed him.

A reminder, if any member has a DIY requirement then we have an account at Jewsons. Nick Masters was kind enough to set this up for us when he was a member and apparently it has not been used enough and is in danger of being closed. Not sure of the exact discount but can be in the region of 20%. Just say when paying Staines Bowling Club.

The same **plea goes out every year**, the season has not finished just because we have had our finals. We still have fixtures to complete, so please support the club by at least playing in a couple of friendlies before the end of the season.

We are nearing the end of the Fordbridge league fixtures and Staines are third at present with a mathematical chance of winning, but that is in the hands of other teams. A win always helps so a 79-58 win over **Stanwell** gave us a 7-3 points win to help. Top rink going to Joyce Woodward, Mike Davies and Derek Keogh.

It was the return to **Oatlands Park** on 28th August in a four triple fixture and although Staines won on three rinks it was a win to Oatlands Park 63-71. Our top rink was Chris Best, Rita Woods and skip Rita Moore who made a great recovery after being 3-11 down at half time to win 18-15.

Sometimes it is not to be, as Dot Stanners, Anne Stanton and Wendy Ridley all came to grief in the **Middlesex Semi-finals**. A very good result in getting as far as they did but we know they all wanted the win.

After the excitement of our finals weekend and very hot weather it was time for the **Monday Bank holiday Drive** open to everyone. We had 18 members attend, so for the first time we played Australian/Hong Kong pairs over 12 ends (yes, two members do not play).

In the hot afternoon we stopped after 6 ends for tea and Bread Pudding, the format appeared to be successful, even with some very new players.

The team with the highest score of 2-21 **was Richard Cosstick and Rita Woods**, who according to Alan Little "played out of their skins".

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Hounslow Cons came to Staines on a high after beating Bishop Duppas, however they took a bit of a bash at Staines as we won 84 – 41 taking a 10-0 points win in the league. Although they played a full men's rink as they only have four ladies in the club, we still came out on top. Our top rink went to Nick Kirby, Rita Moore and Gary Taylor who won 32-7.

It was another important day for Staines Bowling Club as we hosted the annual **County match of Middlesex v Somerset**. It is events like this that helps to balance out our books, so we must give thanks again to all members who put themselves out to come down to help. Major thanks to Cynthia Hay and Rita Moore who feed the 53 people all day and John Smith who manned the bar. Thanks also to all others who came to help set-up and wash-up. It was another very wet day, but this did not deter the gentlemen bowlers who managed 18 ends before rain won the day. It was a win to Middlesex, so worth getting soaked for.

We are now into August, not long to go and another return of **Bishop Duppas** to Staines. Always a welcome site to see all six rinks in use, we have four for the Fordbridge league and the extra two triple friendly's went to two rinks. Thanks go to Jeanette and Richard Cosstick who agreed to play for Duppas. The day was a win for Staines in the league of 76 – 60 giving an 8-2 points score. Our top rink being Joyce Marshall, Roy Holdaway and John Smith.

It was the return of **Walton** to Staines in a friendly match on a sunny day, with a sharp shower and with a couple of close rinks Staines won 79-63 thanks to top rink of Sheila Tinham, Derek Goodway, Rita Moore and Derek Keogh.

A week of few ups and downs, the men had to give up the TVL against **Ashford** due to a Staines non-show, the following day, Wednesday the TVL against **Hounslow Cons** was cancelled due to rain. The Ladies friendly against **Bishop Duppas** on the 10th August was cancelled as Duppas got the date wrong, the next match against the **Royal Household** was cancelled by them, apparently the Queen had work for them. Finally under way again the ladies played **Chertsey** at home on a fine sunny day, with a win to Chertsey 37-46.

Meanwhile the internal competitions and the Monday night league are in full swing. We also have players in the H&D Monday night league the Fordbridge competitions and Thames Valley. We also have ladies in the Middlesex County competitions. A lot of bowls is being played.

It was the fourth win this year against **Sunbury Sports**, this week with a 78-64 win. Top rink went to Jeanette Cosstick, Derek Clark and Derek Keogh. Again, for some it proved a challenging green.

**PLEASE GIVE YOUR
SUPPORT TO THE FINALS .**

Another year nearly over and our competition finals arrive over the Bank Holiday weekend. Because of the clash with other competition finals ours will be spread over four days. Even if you are not in any final, please come down at some time over the weekend to show support, maybe even cheer on players.

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Yet another Fordbridge fixture in the wet, this time against **Sunbury Sports**. We waited until the rain eased and started with the intention of playing the minimum of 11 ends, however the rain almost stopped so we continued to play through to the full 18 ends. This was a very good result for Staines winning 78-41 giving a full 10 points. Top rink going to Joyce Marshall, Eric Moore and Julian Bird with 28-5.

Wendy Ridley and Anne Stanton played their **Middlesex ladies, 2-wood, pairs** on Sunday 23rd July and came out winners. They are now through to the quarter finals that will be played on 26th August at Holtwhites, near Enfield. Well done ladies.

It was a busy day for Wendy as she then travelled across to Egham to stand in for a sick player. She was also our top rink with Terry Smith and Rita Woods. **Egham** won the fixture 78-70 with several rinks decided on the last end.

It was a busy Sunday, as we also had four of our ladies, Margaret George, Jill Walker, Jeanette Cosstick and Rita Moore who went to the **Ladies Invitation at Chertsey**. This was an all ladies event against 10 teams and although our ladies won 3 and drew 2, they just missed out on playing in the final, won by Chertsey. A good day all round.

It was the bi-annual visit to **Rosedale** in deepest Hayes on Tuesday 25th July. Thanks this time must go to Derek Clark who stepped in as a replacement at 12:05 for the 2:00pm match. A win for Rosedale 57-76, but our top rink was Chris Best, Jill Walker and Eric Moore.

It was a good day out for Staines at **Woodlands** as we won 90-40 giving a 10-0 points score in the Fordbridge League. Top rink going to Richard Cosstick, Joyce Marshall and Derek Keogh.

The weather played its part again in the friendly against **Chertsey** at home, the rain can down so the match was abandoned after 10 ends. Chertsey had established a lead of 32-42, but we did have a top rink of Margaret George, Nick Kirby, Ivor Meyrick and skip John Geisha. We must also welcome Delphine who played in her first fixture for Staines.

A very good day all round for the inaugural **Spelthorne Trophy** between Staines, Stanwell and Bishop Duppas, thanks have to go to so many members. From those who arrived at 08:30 to set up - through to those still there at 20:45 still clearing up, all those who came to help, prepare the food, serve in the bar, bring down cakes, wash-up and even watch the bowling. Not forgetting all the bowlers from all clubs and of course the organisers, it went off without (nearly) a hitch. It was a very successful day played in a good atmosphere, the eventual winners were **STANWELL** with Staines as runners up, but with several games being decided on the final end by the direction the bowl fell, it could have easily have gone Staines way. We estimate that we had at least 46 members and non-members attend during the day, far more than we ever expected. Next year the event goes to Stanwell with Staines hosting again in our Centenary year 2019.

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The heatwave continued and it was an away fixture against **Isleworth** in the Fordbridge League, Isleworth had a victory over Staines of 4-6 in June, this time it was a Staines victory 6-4 with a point's score of 87-63. Top rink going to Joyce Woodward, Eric Moore and Derek Keogh of 36-7.

A change of weather for the ladies playing at **Chertsey**, playing 3-ends in the rain they had a good win 52-40 thanks to top rink of Jeanette Cosstick, Margaret George and Joyce Marshall with a win of 23-5.

We would appreciate all the assistance we can get on July 30th when we host the inaugural **Spelthorne Trophy** competition. Although this is an invitation to play we will be providing all the refreshments as we host Stanwell and Bishop Duppas to Staines. **ALL** support and assistance is needed and to provide a good atmosphere for the event.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

A few fixtures have changed since the printing of the fixture books, so please make note of the following;

Sunday 6 th August	Concorde	Cancelled
Thursday 10 th August	Bishop Duppas Ladies	Cancelled by them
Saturday 19 th August	Sunningdale Cup 2 nd Leg	H-W-4RM-2RL-2:30
Saturday 16 th September	Wraysbury	H-GREYS -4T-Mx-2:30
Tuesday 19 th September	Bishop Duppas Ladies	H-G-3T-L-2:30
Sunday 24 th September	Bishop Duppas Shield 2 nd Leg.	H-W-6R-Mx-2:30

The annual **Presidents** day came round and a total of 28 members came to support Shirley who is in her last year as President and of Club Secretary. Shirley has been Secretary for the last 17 years and I am sure we would not have a club if not for her efforts.

We had two new members playing in their first match Lynda Buck and Bob Blackett, but we also had some elder members Dorothy Moore, Gordon Simpson and Betty Hughes down to show support. Thanks must go to Cynthia Hay for her professional service in catering for the food.

At two rinks each the final score was 65-ladies to 72-men. Top rink for the ladies was Joyce Woodward, Jeanette Cosstick and Sheila Everett. Top rink for men Bob Blackett, Alan Little and Eric Moore/Derek Clark (changed at half time).

Our friendly fixture against **Byfleet** once again proved difficult for both teams and was reduced from 5-rinks down to 3-rinks. However a match was played with a result of 68-52 to Staines. It was a very nice afternoon with good humour on all rinks, top rink was Margaret George, Derek Clark, John Geisha and Derek Keogh. A special thanks to Sharon Meyrick who stepped in to help with the food.

John Smith and Derek Keogh had a good run in the **Middlesex County Men's Pairs**, but unfortunately lost in the semi-final playing against the current holders. An excellent achievement, the farthest any member has reached

It was an unfortunate evening against **Mid Surrey** in the men's TVL as Staines lost both Home and Away, thus giving away all 13 points.

It's always a good evening playing against **Windsor Great Park**, even better when we win. Our men won 97-80 with another special thanks, this time to Lynne Jones who came to help out with the food.

It was a quick return to the Men's TVL, this time against **Bishop Duppas**. With two losses, one draw and one win we lost 8.5 point to 4.5.