



STAINES BOWLING CLUB



The season has finished and it is time for our annual meal and presentation evening, and with the change of caterers from our usual it looked like the event was not going to happen. Then our social committee had conversations with Cynthia Hay, a new menu and price was agreed and the evening went ahead as planned. The feedback seems to be that it was a success and we made a £10 profit that was donated to charity. Unfortunately seven members were unable to attend to collect their trophy's, but still a very successful evening.

With our new members willing to try indoor bowls Clive Lintott has arranged several indoor fixtures for us, and the first was against Wey Valley. Wey Valley are a very large and successful club and although we tried we unfortunately lost with a score of 69-181.

This year's social events started well with the ever popular Skittles evening. We had a good number of members and visitors who all took part. The evenings champion was Alan Little, who also carried his team of Pauline Chadwick, Anne Stanton, and Joyce Woodward to the overall team victory. John Smith won the cash against Gill Brazier for the single skittle shot-out.

It was the annual Egham ladies invitation match in November and Staines put forward their team of volunteers. The match comprises of Egham ladies playing against six other local teams and this year proved a success for Staines. Egham ladies won overall, but the top team from all the other six was Staines, so congratulations to Shirley Palmer, Joyce Woodward, Rita Moore and Wendy Ridley.

Following this year's AGM we have a few changes to the club, after serving her three years as club president Shirley Palmer hands over to our new president John Hay and Dot Stanners takes up the role of deputy president. After 17 years as club secretary Shirley Palmer hands over to Mike Jones who now takes on this task. Also a welcome to Cynthia Hay who is now catering manager. However, Shirley has not given up completely as she has now joined the social committee. Good luck to all.

Our second indoor fixture was at Cambridge Park on their slightly short 4-rink venue. As normal it was a very good afternoon with the final score 59-83, a good result for us. We had a top rink of Joyce Marshall, Delphine Palmowski, Eric Moore and John Hay. Although Staines gave their pens over to the opposition it seems they are another club that does not carry out this tradition.

More names please for our Indoor fixture against Egham on 11th February. If you cannot get down the club, phone Eric.

Our Christmas Party was very successful, we had a full house and all appeared to have a good time, we had new and old members all taking part. Again congratulation to our social committee for all the organisation and decorations, Cynthia Hay (hope you are feeling better) for the food and of course the "surprise" visit of Father Christmas. The dancing went on till late thanks to Terry Smith and his one man band.

Winter well and we look forward to seeing you all again in 2018.

Happy New Year