



# 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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*

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It was good to be able to put out 5 triples this late in the season without having to persuade people they wanted to play, and a good afternoon it was. Despite the early rain break where we had an early cup of tea, Staines went on to win 88-61 at **Windlesham**. Winning on three rinks our top rink was Sheila Tinham, Richard Cosstick and John Smith.

After completing several laps around the streets of **Teddington** we all finally found a parking space, but then lost out to Teddington 58-77. A struggling club with only three ladies, but hopefully we shall see them return to Staines next season.

It was the first visit of **Wraysbury** to Staines to play in a friendly, we played 4 triples and thanks to Alan Little and Pat Spearman who both played for Wraysbury. Wraysbury normally play at home on an artificial rink, even so was a convincing win for Staines of 106-42.

On a far sadder note we are told of the death of Ken Windmill who passed away whilst on his cruise in the Med. Ken was an ardent supporter of Staines Bowling Club and would play whenever he had the opportunity. We all send Eileen and her family our condolences and Ken will be sadly missed by all at the club.

What looks like being the last ever **Fordbridge League** season (watch for further news) perhaps it is fitting that it was won by Fordbridge Park. Staines came a creditable second beating Bishop Duppas who were third.

The rearranged ladies fixture against **Bishop Duppas** was a 5 shot win to Duppas 54 – 59. Staines top rink going to Sheila Tinham, Joyce Woodward and Wendy Ridley a comfortable 27-11.

With the aid of Jill Walker (again) **Heathervale** managed to play three triples, difficult for a club with only three lady players. Rain stopped play after 9-ends with Staines holding a narrow lead of 28-22.

A game of two halves, all going well 52 – 35 up until we stop for tea, then we lose 85 -90 at the end. That was the story of a very nice afternoon at **Chertsey**. Not apportioning blame, but it did not help the Captain going 4 down on the last end.

The rearranged 2<sup>nd</sup> leg of the Shield match against **Bishop Duppas** finally took place on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> with a full six rinks, an unusual sight this late in the year. Staines started 18 shots down due to losing the first leg but after a strong showing up to half time Duppas finally ran out the winners. Final score on the day was 114 – 125, our top rink going to Mike Jones, Clive Stevens, Wendy Ridley and Derek Keogh.

The final fixture for our ladies was away at **Windsor Great Park** on a nice sunny day. Unfortunately their green was not up to scratch as they had to use mats in the sun. The win went to WGP 39-59, but they did have to use two men in their line-up. A pleasant afternoon to finish their season.

It came to the final match of the season and as usual it was against **Cippenham**, at home. We played on our green that had not been cut for 5 days and was more of a problem to Staines who lost 65-85. However Cippenham had to call in players from other clubs so they could put out the 5-triples. Top rink went to Chris Best, Joyce Marshall and Clive Lintott.

See you all next season, and don't forget to support the internal fixtures and all the social occasions.