

# STAINES BOWLING CLUB



We had two SML fixtures in one weekend, the first at home against Stanwell was a win to them 62-72 giving then a 4-6 point's win. Our top rink was Derek Clark, Wendy Ridley and Roger Lintott, The second match was away against **Fordbridge Park**. This proved a little more successful with an 8-2 points win to Staines. Final score was 72-66 and top rink went to Jeanette Cosstick, Ivor Meyrick and Eric Moore.

Our annual friendly against **London Civil Service** was a win to them 50-76. Mike Jones stood in as Captain of the day and was on our top rink with Delphine Palmowski, Terry Smith and Wendy Ridley.

It was a sad day for **Staines ladies**, or should we say lack of them. The fixture against Windsor and Eton was cancelled due to lack of ladies. Windsor and Eton said to was not worth setting up for just 2-triples. Come on ladies the club need support.

We need to show gratitude to our partners **Notcutts** who have kindly donated five new benches to replace some of our older seats. Also, a note of thanks to members who came to remove the old and fit the new, quite a task.

A second weekend with two SML fixtures, the first on Saturday against **Osterley** away, on a better than usual green it was a convincing win for Staines 104-46 giving a 10-0 point's win. Top rink of the today was Joyce Marshall, Roy Holdaway and Dave Perry. The following day was a visit to **Hounslow Cons** who had to put out one rink of all men. However our mixed team came through and Staines won a close match 68-66. Another points win this time 7-3. Top rink going to Margaret George, Mike Jones, and Gary Taylor.

It turned out to be a rather hectic evening, but the troupe of **7<sup>th</sup> Ashford Guides** arrived on Monday evening along with their helpers and some parents. They all had a go at bowling with varinging degrees of success. Again we must thank all the club members who went out of their way to help on the evening, and where would we be without Cynthia and her burgers?

Although Staines Bowling club is doing well in its membership recruitment, unfortunately other clubs are not, many do not even try, hence **Cambridge Park** have now withdrawn from the Thames Valley League (TVL). This, of course means less fixtures for other clubs.

At the time of writing we still have a problem with our watering system for the green. We know it is an electrical problem and so far we have had two electricians come to look at it, but without success. Mike Jones has spent many hours phoning different companies to see if they will come and look at it, but none seem prepared to come. We now have a third electrician coming, but in the mean time we still need to hand water the green. So thanks to the usual suspects who have volunteered to help and we hope it is only for a short time. **Finally repaired, we have water.**

It was a return to **Horsell** where we always receive a very warm welcome. After a cloudy start the sun shone and Staines took a win 80-72. There were several close rinks but our top rink went to Wendy Ridley and her two men David Hunton and Bob Blackett.

We had a very successful men's County fixture of **Middlesex v Sussex** resulting in a 7 shot win to Middlesex. Top rink was skipped by our very own Mr John Hay. We have to thank Cynthia Hay ably assisted by Rita Moore who catered for the 50+ guests, and also to our members who came down to assist both in the morning and the evening. It always seems to be the same faces!

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It was our second SML fixture, this time against **Woodlands** at home, it was a tight match with the final score at 65-65. However Woodlands won on 2-rinks, Staines on 1, with one rink a tie. This gave a points score of 4-6 to Woodlands.

Our ladies had a pleasant afternoon against the **Royal Household** on a warm and humid afternoon. After a close match with two wins and a draw, it was a win for Staines 52-43 and top rink went to Jeanette Cosstick, Joyce Marshall and Dot Stanners.

A great day for Staines in the **Sunningdale cup**, for the first time in many years we won both the ladies and men's cups. The ladies go into the second round 14 shots up and the men start with a 13 shot advantage. Final scores were Ladies 48-34 and the men's 97-74. Top rink ladies go's to Jeanette Cosstick, Val Edwards, Rita Moore and Wendy Ridley, whilst the men's go to Ivor Meyrick, Graeme Hinton, Roger Lintott and Dave Perry. Sunningdale have warned us to beware on the second leg return on their green.

Another hot day against **Horsell** in a game reduced from 5-rinks down to 5-triples. Both teams having problems obtaining players, however it was a win for Staines 79-69. Top rink went to Margret George, Richard Cosstick and Eric Moore.

Summer has finally arrived and is seen by the sudden lack of lady players. They had a quick return against **Sunningdale ladies** in a reduced fixture of 2 triples. On a rather disappointing green (if any) it was a win to Sunningdale 17-38.

It was a friendly against **Ashford** in their centenary year and we had a friendly 2-rink all result, however one Ashford rink obtained a very unfriendly score giving them a 57-82 win. Our top rink was Richard Cosstick, Graeme Hinton and skip Joyce Marshall.

Just when we thought summer was bad for Staines **Cambridge Park** phoned to say they could only get three ladies so they cancelled the match for the 7<sup>th</sup> June.

## CLUB UPDATE

We had a second meeting with **Spelthorne Council** on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June and it was far more productive than the original. The council came with a positive attitude and had a couple of suggestions to help SBC move forward, these will be investigated as to their viability. Still a way to go before we can give any definite information.

It was a very successful **U3A evening** organised by Mike Jones and Roger Lintott. We had 18 people come down to try out bowls and all enjoyed the evening. We hope to see many of them again, thanks also go to all members who went out of their way to help and especially to Cynthia Hay who tempted everyone with her Hot Dogs and Bacon rolls.

We welcome more new member to Staines Bowling Club, Miss Margaret Keene. Mrs Christine Wooster, Mr James Horne,

When Mike Jones initially suggested it we all thought "yes" no chance, but give it a try. Some sniggered, some smiled some said dream on. But 100 by 100 has been achieved with 1-year to go, so it has to be congratulations to Mike for achieving this milestone. This means we have several new members, so we ask all existing members to be patient and help them whenever they can, remember your first sessions. And some members now get reduced membership next year.



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The first men's fixture got under way on yet another cold May evening against **Windsor Great Park**, always a good fixture with 6-triples in full flow. It was a win for Staines winning 122-78. We look forward to a return leg in July.

A message from our Competitions Secretary. A reminder that in club competitions, club etiquette requires the **WINNER** to offer a drink (tea, coffee or alcoholic) to the opponent and more importantly the **marker**.

The weather turned again into a nice warm afternoon and in a very pleasant match against **Iver Heath** saw a narrow win to them 60-69. Our top rink went to Val Edwards, Derek Clark and skip Joyce Marshall.

Our **Monday night league** started on the 21<sup>st</sup> May with four teams playing and one team practicing. We also had several of our new members learning the art, plus a few others rolling-up. Cynthia was on hand selling her very welcome burgers and hot dogs, washed down with a drink from the bar. A very good **club evening**, let's have many more.

The sun was not only shining for the Royal couple it also shone for Staines at **Walton**. With a win of 92-49 it was a very good afternoon all round, although Walton had to play one rink one man down. Top rink went to Bob Blackett, John Geisha, Wendy Ridley and Derek Keogh, 33-11 in a very competitive match.

It was the first fixture of the newly formed **South Middlesex League** for Staines against **Osterley**. Although it was a 10-0 points win and a score of 93 -58 the match was a lot closer than the score shows with it all square at half way. Our top rink of Jill Walker, Mike Davies and John Smith won 31-14.

Two thank you's are required, first to Lesley Toccock who took over as ladies captain for the fixture against **Bishop Duppas ladies**. A very successful day it was with a win to Staines 50-36, top rink going to Eileen Windmill, Jill Walker and Lesley Toccock. The second thanks go to Mike Jones who took a reduced match against **Byfleet**. It was a win for Byfleet 53-97 with the Staines top rink going to Gill Brazier, Brian Heather, Lesley Toccock and skip for the first time Derek Clark.

It was the second round of the **Spelthorne Shield** against **Bishop Duppas** on a hot humid day at Duppas, Staines started with an 18 shot deficit. The good news was, on the day it was a win for Staines 111-106, however it was an overall win to Duppas by 13 shots who retain the shield.

The **Denman 2-wood triples** held on a hot Bank holiday Monday was well organised by Graeme Hinton. Everyone had a good day, win or lose. Thanks go to the sixteen club members who turned out to support the event with the eventual winners being Margret George, Robert Eckford and Derek (the wick king) Keogh.

And finally for this issue a thanks to all who assisted in our two open day sessions. Despite our looming problems with the council we still had a successful couple of days, several people came down just to try the game and enjoyed it, but unfortunately work and family commitments prevented them from joining. So all please welcome our new members: Mr. Andy Fifield, Mrs Vanessa Fifield (social), Mrs Louise Wooster, Mr Colin Wooster, Mrs Pam Horne, Mr David Atkinson, Mrs Jane Billins, Mr Arthur Billins. Mr Eammon Guy. We hope you all enjoy your new club and we all look forward to seeing you all playing in the near future.