



The Thames Valley League finals were held at Staines on Sunday 9th Sept on a beautiful day, not hot not cold. All spectators were treated to a show of excellent bowling, and it was good to see so many Staines members supporting. Not for the first time or will it be the last but special thanks to Cynthia Hay who catered for everyone throughout the day, not forgetting John at the bar plus all the helpers throughout the day.

It was another successful Sunday at Staines when we hosted the second league finals, this time the South Middlesex League finals. On another beautiful day if started with a superb match with Dave Perry playing Dave (the machine) Pitt. With Dave Perry leading all the way Dave Pitt won by one shot on the final 26th end. Unfortunately we lost the John Gardner trophy to Isleworth, John Smith also fell to Mr D. Pitt. We had success in the Ladies singles as Dot Stanners became the lady Champion.

Thanks again must go to Cynthia Hay who organised food for all the day, but also to all the helpers (too many to mention) and to all our supporters who came down to watch.

We hope you all enjoyed watching this quality bowling.



We had a very good fixture of 5-triples against **Windleham** on the Wednesday at home, and although it was a win for Windlesham 73-81 it was a very pleasant afternoon. Our top rink was Gill Brazier, Rita Moore and Dave Perry.

On the evening of Friday 16th Staines Bowls club hosted a meeting organised by the **Save the Park** group and our MP Mr. Kwasi Kwarteng. Approximately 100 people turned out for the meeting that went on for one and a half hours. The local residents were asking for his reassurance that the council will withdraw their threat to build a new leisure centre on the park. Mr Kwarteng advised he is not in a position to vote on the council but would make his views and the views of the residents clear to the council. Everyone has to wait until the council announce their decision.

It was the perfect afternoon for bowling and **Wraysbury** came to Staines to play in a reduced 3-triple match. With an excess of Staines bowlers we also put out an extra 2 sets of triples. The main match was a close win to Staines 49-40 with top rink going to Nick Kirby, Dot Stanners and Derek Keogh.

For information:- Dave Pitt played 62 ends of bowls during the day winning every match he played in. Why then am I often asked "do we have to play two trial ends in a rink match as it's too much"?



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The afternoon turned out to be the best part of the day, as did the result for Staines in our friendly against **Ashford**, the result of 80-48 did not show the best of a very good afternoon from both sides. Top-rink went to Margaret George, Mike Davies and Roger Lintott. It was another afternoon when Staines could have fielded a total of 7 triples which unfortunately meant several members had to be let of the selection.

For information:-We try to achieve a minimum selection % of 60% throughout the season, but this can only be achieved if members make themselves available for selection as often as possible.

With Bishop Duppas being announced as the winners of the new South Middlesex League, we went to **Stanwell** to try and secure second position. With a slightly different team comprising of several first year players we came away with an 8-2 point's victory. Final score 74-55 and top rink to Brian Heather, Wendy Ridley and Derek Keogh. Our final SML is against Fordbridge Park.

They say one of the pleasures of outdoor bowls is the challenge of new greens, so it was at **Oatlands Park**. With three new members bowling (Jane and Arthur Billins, and David Atkinson) it was a very narrow win for Staines 75-73. Top rink honours went to David Woodruff, Alan Little and Graeme Hinton.

Unfortunately due to a death in their club it meant that the annual fixture against N.P.L. had to be cancelled by N.P.L.

The championship finals ran over into Bank Holiday Monday, but this did not affect the running of the Bank Holiday Drive, with 20 members turning out for the event it started with the usual Spider. This gave £20 to the Presidents charity and the spider was won with infinite skill by Ivor Meyrick. 20 members then went on to play Australian pairs with tea at half time, thanks go to Gill Brazier for her contribution of homemade cakes.

The overall winners of the event were Jill Walker and Robert Eckford.

Again thanks must go to a very busy Graeme Hinton who has had a successful weekend, as ever we must thank our volunteers who we always need in order to run these events.

The final round of the South Middlesex League was against **Fordbridge Park** at Staines, however it appears the Championships have taken its toll as Staines went down 33-92, giving an 8-2 point's victory to Fordbridge. This means we drop down from second in the league to third.

It's now the 4th September and the nights are starting to draw in, but it was a pleasant afternoon for Staines ladies to entertain Hampton ladies, in a 3-triples fixture that we tried to increase to 4 so as not to leave members out. Staines won a comfortable 63-24 with top rink going to Shirley Palmer, Moira Matthews and Rita Moore.

Dave Perry was good enough to take the role of Captain of the Day for the fixture at **Iver Heath**, and on this form he has the job again. A win on all 4-triples and a score of 84-55, he was however just nudged out of top rink by one shot, by Stan Stanners, Mike Davies and Wendy Ridley.

It was a slightly different result for the friendly match away against **Fordbridge Park** with Staines winning 84-72. It was a very close match with Staines winning 3-rinks to 2, with our top rink going to Moira Matthews, Alan Little and Derek Keogh.



The **2018 Championships** started on Saturday morning with the Finals of the **Masie Hale**, the **Connell Cup** and the **Men's Pairs**.

Masie Hale was between Margaret George and Gill Brazier and the experience of Margret saw her through to win 22-12.

On the other rink Mike Davies played against Brian Heather and again experience saw Mike through to win 21-15.

The final match of the morning saw John Smith and David Woodruff overcome Clive Stevens and Roy Holdaway 22-15.

After lunch it was the blue ribbon events of the **Ladies and Men's Championships**. In a very close game Rita Moore came out the winner against Wendy Ridley 21-19 to win her first ladies championship, while Dave Perry became Men's champion winning 21-15 against Derek Keogh.

The final session of the day comprised of the **Men's Triples** and **Mixed Pairs**. All the excitement happened in the mixed pairs as Jeanette and Richard Cosstick held on to their handicap advantage wining 18-16 against the pairing of Wendy Ridley and Gary Taylor.

On the other rink Roy Holdaway, Michael Jones and Robert Eckford beat Roger Lintott, Nick Kirby and Bob Blackett 18-11.

The weather finally broke on Sunday allowing only the **Ladies Handicap** and **Men's Triples** to be played. Wendy Ridley beat Dot Stanners to win the Ladies handicap 21-12 while Dave Perry, Lesley Toccock and Clive Stevens overcame – Roy Holdaway Jeanette Cosstick and Graeme Hinton to win the mixed pairs 18-15. As all players came off the green very wet the rest of the programme was held over to the Bank holiday Monday.

A pleasant Monday morning arrived allowing the **Men's Handicap** between Derek Keogh and Derek Clark to get under way along with the **75 Points**. Derek Keogh won 25-15 and Gary Taylor beat John Hay 78-72 in a very close 75 points.

The final three match's saw Dave Perry win the **Men's 2-Woods** against Roy Holdaway 17-8, Wendy Ridley and Angels Heather just beat Lesley Toccock and Jeanette Cosstick 21-19 on the last end in the **Ladies Pairs**, as did Dot Stanners win over Rita Moore 21-19 again on the last end to win the **Ladies 2-woods**.

So, finals over for another year, new names on the board - always a welcome sight, thanks to Graeme Hinton, plus all our volunteers and supporters who came over the weekend. We must not forget Shirley Palmer who ran her Tombola over the week end raising £80.00 towards club costs.

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After considerable pressure from local residents, and Staines Bowling Club the council have issued a statement (copies up in club house) stating they will reinvestigate all other potential sites for the proposed new Leisure Centre. Unfortunately the council have a reputation that know-body trusts what they say, or do not say.

They have not said that Staines Park will be spared, they have not advised the bowls club they will rescind their potential notice to the club. With local election coming up next year everyone needs to ensure their local councillors will vote not to build on the park. Otherwise once they are back in power for another 4-years they will force through the build back on our green. Be POSITIVE, don't go round saying well if the council want it we don't stand a chance, we have won this round, but still have another to go.

The next round of the SML triples was less successful as we went down 58-64 to Bishop Duppas losing 2-8 on points.

On a weekend where we had a 4-rink match followed by a 6-rink match we thought we would struggle to get players. But no, we had sufficient players for both fixtures, only for Walton to cancel through lack of players. So a thanks to all that wanted to play but in the end could not.

The next day 6-rink was away at the Royal Household, in the grounds of Windsor Castle, a first time venue for most Staines men. It was another very hot afternoon on another unpredictable green, to quote the words of their captain "even those with a good sat-nav would not have found the way". At half way we were all tied at 48 points each, but we then seemed to stick as Staines lost 82-130, our top rink was Brian Heather, Eileen Windmill, Rita Moore and Roger Lintott.

Fixtures are now slowing down, this week we have only one ladies and one men's TVL. The ladies match was a 3-triple on a Muggy day at home against Bishop Duppas, in a close match where two rinks were won on the last end, Staines beat several County players 44-34. Top rink went to Margaret Keen, Gwen Whelan and Rita Moore.

It was a quick return for Chertsey ladies when they played on Tuesday 14th, Joyce Marshall was a quick stand in skip and although it was a close match Chertsey came away the winners 46-52. Top rink went to Jane Billins (in her very first match) Joyce Woodward and skip Rita Moore

The rain held off and six invited bowls clubs came to Staines for our Presidents Day. (Chertsey, Ashford, Bishop Duppas, Egham, Stanwell, and Nick Masters team). The keenest of Staines bowlers stepped out and in an enjoyable afternoon the visitors won the day 101-160. It was not about the score (I'm glad to say) but enjoyable bowls and it was a welcome sight to see our ex Men's Captain Nick Masters and his son David out on the green. Although thanked on the day they deserve another mention as without them the day would not have been a success, so thanks to Cynthia Hay, assisted by Jean Lintott and Shirley Palmer, and for handling the pressure of the bar Mr John Geisha.

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The annual fixture against **Rosedale** was this year held at Staines, another club with good players but with reducing members. The fixture was reduced by them to three triples from four, but it was a win to Rosedale 44-52.

Our next fixture followed quickly against **Cambridge Park** away, and after many years of ducking and diving Mr John Geisha took the plunge and was captain of the day, thanks John. Unfortunately another loss for Staines 47-55.

A great afternoon, 5-rinks (reduced by Staines from 6R) a blustery afternoon, many familiar faces and a score that resulted in a draw in 3 of the 5 rinks. Fortunately our top rink of Brian Heather, Mike Jones, Lesley Toccock and Wendy Ridley outscored the remaining **Chertsey** rink to give an overall win to Staines 90-80.

It was one of those games where the score belie the result. It shows an easy win to Staines of 72-59 giving a 10-0 points win over **Hounslow Cons**, but the fact was overall it was a very close match with some rinks just winning on the last end. However it was a win on a very pleasant evening. Thanks must go to Derek Clark who stepped in literally at the last minute due to "a clerical error".

Our next fixture was a league match against **Woodlands** away, and although another narrow loss of 62-64 it was on a green of unpredictable bowling lines. We had a top rink of Stan Stanners, Rita Woods and John Smith.

The hot weather came to an end in a very wet way, after weeks of planning the **Spelthorne Trophy** was cancelled. It was being held at **Stanwell** and the decision was made on safety, the green was very slippery, it already had several mud areas, and the forecast was for more heavy rain. A date was discussed for it to be rearranged but of course getting three clubs with a spare date with all their players being available was impossible. Unfortunately this meant Stanwell had a lot of food left over and a financial loss.

We received a phone call asking if we could help out **Ashford** in their centenary match against the **Friends of Bowls England**. They were two rinks short so they asked both Staines and Egham if they could send a team the next day. So, after a quick call round Eric More, Clive Lintott, Roger Lintott and Wendy Ridley went to support. After playing 18 ends they ended up as top rink of the day, although Ashford lost overall.

At the start of the season we advise members if they cannot play in final stages of competitions then please do not enter, the reason being obvious, however even after Graeme had sent emails out to all competitors, still a member failed to turn up. This meant that 5-members had their competition ruined, three who are now through to the finals without bowling a bowl and the others lost without bowling a bowl. Unfortunately this is the same person who was selected to play in a league match and again failed to turn up resulting in Staines losing the match.

This is not the type of selfish sportsmanship we expect from Staines members.

We repeat, if you have put your name down for fixtures or competitions it is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to comply.

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<p>It was a tough day at Bishop Duppas on Wednesday 4th July, no celebrations for us as Duppas won 42-75 giving them a 10-0 points victory. Never mind always tomorrow.</p>	<p>Another ladies match cancelled this time by Sunbury Sports.</p>	<p>Another scorching day and Staines went to Ottershaw a man down, so we played a pair against a triple. This rink proved to be our top rink with David Hunton and Rita Moore receiving top rink. Although it was 2-rinks all Ottershaw won 71-53.</p>
<p>Sunningdale ladies came to Staines and played a their triple fixture. It was a close win for the Staines ladies 43-39.</p>	<p>Is it really worth the effort?</p> <p>When the news was first given that the council wanted SBC to move from the bowls green all members were 100% in support of the club continuing. However when it comes to actually setting foot on to the green they are all missing.</p> <p>For the first time we have had to cancel a long standing social event Ladies v Men through total lack of support, which begs the question is all the effort members of the committee are putting into getting the club relocated really worth it when nobody wants to bowl?</p> <p>The answer is in your hands.</p> <p>Apologies to all our regular bowlers.</p>	<p>It proved a better day for Staines in the South Middlesex League against Isleworth at Isleworth. Staines won on a very dry green 76-71 taking an 8-2 points win. Top rink went to David Hunton, John Geisha and Gary Taylor who played against an all men's team.</p>
<p>We had a return of the ladies and they went to Chertsey. After an enjoyable afternoon they came away with a win 56-39 and top rink went to Jeanette Cosstick, Gwen Whelan and Rita Moore.</p>		<p>We put it down to a possible football match that could be on at the same time, but another fixture is cancelled, this time Byfleet. We needed 20 players but had 6 names. Let's hope it will now improve for the rest of the season.</p>
<p>In another enjoyable evening at Windsor Great Park it turned out to be a very close win to WGP by 8-shots, 94-102. Although some rinks appeared to play with peculiar lines other rinks played well and top rink went to Clive Stevens, Mike Davies and Derek Keogh. A special thanks goes to David Atkinson who played very well in his first fixture for Staines.</p>		<p>HOT SHOT TEAM</p> <p>Although it was a loss against Mid Surrey in the TVL on the 17th July one of our away team managed a Hot Shot score of 9 on the last end. Overall score was xx-xx to Mid Surrey but congratulations to John Geisha, Roy Holdaway and John Smith who will now get a Hot Shot Badge and their names in the magazine.</p>
<p>It was picnic in the park day (a protest to the council re building on the park) and we had a full house against Egham. We had 5-triples against Egham and 1-triple with Staines v Staines. There were many spectators both club members, family and park visitors. After a very close match Egham scraped home with a score of 71-73. Thanks go to the Staines 1 and 2 teams for their support. Top ring went to Lesley Tocock, Roy Holdaway and Derek Keogh.</p>	<p>We sent a team to Chertsey ladies invitation day and Jeanette Cosstick, Joyce Woodward, Rita Moore and Wendy Ridley did exceptionally well to finish third out of eight teams</p>	

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It was a disappointing day at **Sunningdale** for the second leg of the Simes Cup. Staines men went with a 23 point lead but unfortunately on rinks with some ambiguities Staines lost. Final score 68 -80. Our ladies retained the Cattle cup as Sunningdale ladies failed to show up for their match.

Yet another disappointing day as the 5 triples due to be played against **Richings Park** was cancelled by them as they could not put a team together. We think a certain England World Cup football match might be involved in this.

Although the green is now getting water, the hot dry weather is causing some unusual lines on the green. This resulted in a close match against **Isleworth** in the SML, Staines won 73-69 giving a 6-4 points win, but it all hinged on the results of several rinks final bowls. So well done everyone.

Another hot day 28°C (that's 80°F to you) and a fixture that had been changed from Away to Home brought **Sunbury Sport** to Staines in another SML fixture. Another win for Staines 71-53 giving an 8-2 points win. The league table has been slow in coming this year so a request has been submitted for an update.

There still appears to be a lady shortage in Staines as Staines ladies went to **Hampton**. However a team was scraped together and the ladies won on all three rinks with a score 58-39. Top rink going to Rita Woods, Lesley Toccock and Dot Stanners.

A rare weekend without any fixtures was saved by the **Tom McCarthy** trophy, one of our social drive afternoons. An afternoon when dress code goes out the window and the heat wave continued. 16 keen bowlers played a total of 16 ends with Derek Clark proving to be the eventual winner by one point from Mike Davies.

Friday and Saturday saw Spelthorne Council have they public consultation on the proposed new **Leisure Centre**, I know many of our members went to "discuss" this with them and we can only hope this helps with our ongoing discussions with them. But, again misinformation was given out as they have redrawn the boundary of Staines Park, we don't know when or by whom but apparently Staines bowling club is not located in Staines Park although our lease say it is.

A special thanks goes to Dave Perry and his wife who very kindly donated the afternoon cake and refreshments.

The Staines ladies reappeared for the fixture against **Sunningdale** on Tuesday 3rd July on another hot day. In a close and friendly match time was called after 14 ends as many started to wilt in the heat, his gave a win to Staines 43-39 with two of our three rinks tying with a 4-shot lead for top rink.

For those who have Facebook see **Save Commercial Road Park**, for information on the Picnic on 22nd July. Please ALL support it if you can.

THIS IS FOR MEMBERS WHO DO NOT READ ANY NOTICES OR NEWS LETTERS. IF YOU WIN A COMPETITION YOU MUST OFFER TO BUY BOTH THE LOSER AND THE MARKER A DRINK. BE IT A CUP OF TEA OR A DOUBLE BRANDY. PLEASE TELL THEM.