

STAINES BOWLING CLUB



As we come to the end of a very eventful year we now know that the Council have stated they will no longer be looking to build their new leisure centre on **Staines Park**, and they will not be changing any of the terms in our lease. This means we can now look forward to the future without having to continually look over our shoulder, as we move into our centenary year.

Our indoor and social season has now begun with **Short mat** on Monday evenings , and Friday afternoons, the new for this year **Games afternoon** on Tuesdays and the social events that started with the Skittles evening. Please support.

We attended our first indoor bowls fixture on Sunday 28th October at **Wey Valley**. The good news was we scored more shots that we did in 2017, but the bad news is we lost overall by an extra 7 shots. Still always next year.

An enormous thanks to all that played as we put out a full 6-rink squad, a special thanks to Jane Billings who stepped in at the last minute, and Angela Heather, both new to indoor bowling, well done to both. It won't be so intimidating next time!

Our second indoor fixture was at **Hounslow** on their 4-rinks where we are always made very welcome. Although only 9 shots down at half time it did pull away from us in the second half. Final score 56-111 with our top rink going to Derek Clark, Lesley Toccock, Sheila Everett and Eric Moore.

We look forward to returning their again in March next year.

We had our initial **social evening** and a great success it was, Trevor brought down the Skittles alley and with 47 members rearing to go we had a record number of teams.

A most enjoyable evening with top team going to Alan Little, Tony Read, Rita Moore and Eric Moore. But - top bowler in the knockout skittle competition was **Val Edwards** who knocked out all-comers.

Our ladies played in a ladies invitation at **Egham** and won their rink in a very exciting match by one shot.

Congratulations go to Moira Matthews, Gwen Whelan, Sheila Everett, and Wendy Ridley. It is always unfortunate when experienced players spoil the occasion by deliberately ignoring the accepted protocol and etiquette. Just bad losers and it continues to give Egham a bad name.

Our third indoor encounter was at **Cambridge Park** with Roger Lintott as Captain of the day, and a good day it was. With a final score of 77-84 it was one of our closest indoor fixtures.

We also had a winning rink with Jeanette Cosstick, Alan Little, Derek Keogh and Wendy Ridley. Well done to all.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR MEMBERS and lets have a good **NEW YEAR**.