

# STAINES BOWLING CLUB.

## A HISTORY

1919 – 1978 By Bob Howell (A Life Member died 2018)

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**EXTRACTED FROM 'MIDDLESEX CHRONICLE' DATED 13<sup>th</sup> MAY, 1911**

The season of the newly-formed Bowling Club which has Headquarters at the Angel Hotel, in the grounds of which a handsome green has been laid down, was formerly inaugurated on Saturday when Mrs. Gilson and Mr. Grimes J.P. played the first game. In the course of proceedings, Mr G. Grimes on behalf of bowlers present thanked Mrs. Gilson for her enterprise in providing such an admirable Headquarters for the Club and wished the organisation every success.

**EXTRACTED FROM 'MIDDLESEX CHRONICLE' OF 20TH MAY, 1911**

The newly-formed Staines Bowling Club is progressing satisfactorily. Already there are over 20 members and some enjoyable games have been played on the club green at the Angel Hotel. The Hon. Secretary, Mr. W.B. Gilson will be glad to hear from gentlemen desirous of becoming members.

An advert in the same paper

**STAINES BOWLING CLUB**

Finest Green in Middlesex

May to October £1.1s.

Vacancies for New Members

Hon. Sec. Mr W. Gilson  
Angel Hotel

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### **SOME INTERESTING FACTS CONCERNING THE HISTORY OF THE CLUB EXTRACTED FROM THE MINUTE BOOKS.**

<b><u>Date of Minute</u></b>	<b><u>Actual Wording of Minute</u></b>
24th Dec.1919	Meeting in Pack Horse Hotel. Proposal to form a Bowling Club was agreed, and that it be called 'Staines Bowling Club'.
N.B.	There is no indication in the Minutes of how the Club obtained the use of the Thames Street site.
16th Jan.1920	1. First General Meeting 2. First set of rules agreed 3. Agreement to affiliate with the E.B.A. 4. Brewery Challenge Cup presented to the Club by the President. Winner will also be presented with a Gold Medal by the President.
17th March,1920	1. First fixture list agreed. 2. Club Championship to be played with Two Woods only.
6th Oct.1920	Agreed to have an Annual Dinner with a Proposal that Ladies be invited. An amendment ' That for the 1st year, only members and male friends be invited' was carried. Price to be 7/6d per head.
26th March,1921	1. Rent for Green to be £25.00 per year. 2. Agreed names of six members to be Skips. 3. Bridge House Garage was paid 30/- for conveying members to and from Chertsey Club.
19th July,1921	There is a necessity to provide chairs for members and visitors.
19th August,1921	Ashby's Staines Brewery prepared to authorise £50.00 towards cost of re-turfing the green. Members would be asked to contribute the rest of the cost.
19 Nov.1921	Meeting held with Directors of Ashby's Staines Brewery asking for financial assistance in meeting the lowest tender price of £680.00 for re-turfing with Cumberland Turf. The Directors agreed to advance the money as well as an additional amount for the fence,subject to certain conditions, one of which is the rent to be £35.00 per annum.
30th Jan.1922	1. Agreement was given for a hut 22' x 15' to be purchased and erected on the Club ground as a Pavilion. 2. No play to take place until 1st June.

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3. Mr. Gardam offered to supply 12 deck chairs.
- 5th March, 1922
1. Mr Gardam to be informed collapsible wooden seats would be more serviceable.
  2. The design of the Club Badge agreed.
- 17th May, 1922
- H.M. Prince Ranji to be invited to the Opening Ceremony on 8th June.  
It was decided a Club Flag should be purchased.
- 9th June, 1922
- Town Band would be at the opening.
- 22nd Sept. 1922
- The question of Ladies becoming members was referred to the General Meeting.
- 10th Nov. 1922
- Proposed and seconded that Ladies be accepted as Members provided 8 join.
- 29th May, 1923
- A recommendation that an alteration to the rules regarding the admission of Ladies to membership was carried.
- 8th June, 1923
- Resolution was passed at this third A.G.M. regarding ladies was carried. Subscription to be 21/- per annum.
- 27th March, 1924
- A proposal was carried that 'the Club shall conduct its own catering in teas and that Ladies interested in the Club shall be invited to meet and assist the Club in this respect'.
- 2nd Jan. 1925
- The Committee agreed that those clubs whose Greens were grass be accepted for Thursday games leaving Saturdays for playing those Clubs who possessed Cumberland Turf Greens.
- 20th Jan. 1926
- It was reported the Ladies had formed a Sub-Committee.
- 9th April, 1926
- It was decided that the Opening of the Green for the new season should include such events as 'Blindfold - left v. right, and other interesting competitions.
- 12th March, 1930
- It was decided to take no action at present to try to obtain the Lease of the Green.
- 26th Sept. 1930
- It was decided to organise Whist Drives in the Pavilion during the Winter.
- 4th Nov. 1930  
A.G.M.
- A change of Rule to include 2 Ladies on the Committee was approved.
- 28th Nov. 1931
- Ladies were given approval to affiliate to newly formed M.W.B.A. and E.W.B.A.

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- 24th April, 1934 A design for a Club Badge & Brooch was approved. An order to purchase at 9d each was submitted.
- 25th Sept. 1934 Because of difficult financial position, Brewery to be paid half of rent due, the other half to be paid next May. The Brewery to be advised of our position.
- 5th Sept. 1935 Brewery to be requested to allow permission to have a Bar in the Pavilion.
- 26th Sept. 1935 Reply received from the Brewery. ( The Minute does not indicate the terms of the reply)
- 3rd Dec. 1935 Inconvenience was put forward over the need to obtain Water for the kitchen from an outside tap. Cost of providing an inside tap to be sought.
- 25th Feb. 1936 Discussion on the estimated cost of £5.00 to extend the Water Supply was deferred until next Autumn.
- 7th April, 1936 It was reported that over 40 applications had been received for the position of Groundsman.
- 22nd Nov. 1939 The Landlords, H. & G. Simonds Brewery , undertook to reduce the Annual Rent to £20.00, provided all arrears were paid without delay.  
The Club's Bankers to be requested to allow an overdraft in order all outstanding accounts can be settled immediately.
- 16th Dec. 1939 Mrs. Owen was elected Captain at the Ladies A.G.M.
- 17th May, 1940 A reply was awaited from the Local Food Committee regarding provisions.
- 24th Dec. 1940 'Middlesex Chronicle' newspaper complained they had not been invited to the A.G.M.
- 16th April, 1941 Ladies regretted their inability, in existing circumstances, to provide refreshments. Alternative arrangements would be sought.
- 3rd June, 1941 Dolwyn Cafe to be asked if they can provide 24 teas on match days, for 8 persons at a time.
- 3rd April, 1943 Members of Whitehead Torpedo Sports Club were accepted as members on the same terms as 1942 season.

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- 11th Dec. 1943 Landlords, H. & G. Simonds, state the rent to be £35.00 per annum from 1st January, 1944.
- 22nd April, 1944 Dolwyn Cafe will endeavour to provide teas at one sitting but may require the loan of Club crockery.
- 17th Mat, 1947 Committee confirmed the decision of the Emergency Committee to allow 2 Sunday games in June & July/ These matches not to be classified as official Club functions.
- 10th Dec. 1947 A new flag to be purchased for £3.9.3. Mrs. Coates agreed to donate the cost.  
A notice requesting mebers to conceal braces when on the Green to be exhibited.
- 28th Feb. 1949 A notice is to be displayed stating the Committee is not bound to select teams from the first names on the match list.
- 31st Jan. 1950 Annual Dinner has been abandoned because 100 tickets have not been sold.
- 14th Feb. 1951 Agreed that details of Sunday matches will not be included in Fixture Cards.
- 20th April, 1953 A charge of 1/- to be made to each member travelling in other members cars. this to be offered to car drivers or, if declined, paid into Club funds.
- 10th Dec. 1953 A profit of approx. £25.00 was achieved at the Jumble Sale.
- 13th May, 1956 Traders vouchers to be presented as prizes instead of Savings Stamps.
- 20th May, 1957 New design for Club Badge approved. Permission obtained from Staines Urban District Council to incorporate the Staines Coat-of-Arms in the design. Mrs Irons was thanked for making the design.
- 5th April, 1959 A member offered to supply Tomato plants if the Club would grow Potatoes.
- 26th Nov. 1964  
A.G.M. Cups have been given by Ben Phillips for an Annual Competition between Staines B.C. and Stanwell B.C. and by Mr. Cattley for an Annual Competition between Staines B.C and Sunningdale B.C.
- 10th Aug. 1965 Two members of Metropolitan Police (T Divn.) Club, who are based at Staines, were admitted as members.

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- 17th June, 1966 Mr E. Goldhawk elected as a member.
- 30th May, 1969 A suggestion that distinguishing badges be supplied to Officials of the Club was approved.
- 26th Sept. 1969 Proposal to change the Club name to 'Staines Bowls Club' was rejected.
- 23rd Feb. 1970 An Ashford B.C. proposal for a Competition between the 3 local Clubs i.e. Staines-Ashford-Stanwell was agreed.