



Leatherhead Bowling Club

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NEWS

SATURDAY MEN TAKE THIRD PLACE

Congratulations to the Men's West Surrey Saturday League squad who hammered second placed Cranleigh in their final match to rise two places up the league and finish a very creditable third – our highest placed position in recent times. The final table is:

		Matches				Rinks						
	Played	W	D	L	W	D	L	PTS Won	PTS Lost	TOTAL Pts		
CAMBERLEY A	7	7	0	0	19	1	1	509	306	33.5	1	
CRANLEIGH	7	4	0	3	14	2	5	396	314	23	2	
LEATHERHEAD	7	4	0	3	10	3	8	398	379	19.5	3	
HOOK & S'BORO	7	4	0	3	10	2	9	414	380	19	4	
MYTCHETT	7	3	0	4	10	0	11	394	368	16	5	
WOKING PARK	6	3	0	3	5	2	11	290	356	12	6	
KNAPHILL B	6	2	0	4	6	0	12	322	391	10	7	
WINDLESHAM	7	0	0	7	2	0	19	244	473	2	8	

Well done to all those who played during the season and to Captain David whose decision to maintain fixed teams of four, as much as possible, was fully vindicated.

THE BOURNEMOUTH TOUR

29 members and friends enjoyed four fantastic days in Bournemouth last week based at the Elstead hotel which proved a great choice with good accommodation and

excellent food with very friendly staff led by the irrepressible Annabel who not only was superb at hosting us for meals and drinks but provided us with many laughs and for some (well... John Kelland for one) a red-faced moment or two!.

Our numbers included Bob Wawman and Wendy Swan, although non-playing, provided valuable green side support along with Shirley Hemmett and Lin Dawson. Guests Roger and Val Dodds and Barbara Smith added to our playing numbers.

We won two and lost two of the four matches (it should be noted the wins coming under our lady captains for the day, Chris and Sue L).

Our first match on Wednesday was close to the hotel when we went down to a 116-76 defeat against Knyveton Gardens which clearly indicated we were suffering from coach-lag. We were more successful, however, in the raffle after enjoying an afternoon's bowls in warm weather.



Day two was spent at Brockenhurst bowls club with a morning visit to Lymington. A rather drizzly start to the match was partly marred by the fact that they thought we were to play six triples yet we were geared up for six rinks which meant six players had to drop out of the match to play a triples against each other. However, as it was a damp day, four of those were happy to sit and watch whilst the other two were able to play as substitutes in the main match which we won by 106-92.

On Friday we were at Boscombe Cliff's club who boasted a raft of county players plus a Middleton Cup player and selector and we were trounced 123-84 with only one rink having any success with a drawn match. (This club had an open day this season and attracted 102 potential new members!!).

Saturday saw us back to form as Sue inspired her troops to a 117-95 win against a strong Southbourne club who we found to be extremely friendly hosts and allowed us to sign off with much bonhomie and laughs with them. The evening saw us cram the bar to watch the tennis and enjoy Emma's great victory.

As we returned home on the Sunday morning, we all felt what great fun and laughs we had enjoyed thanks to the enormous debt we owe to Jo Hunnisett for her hard work - not only this year but last when this tour was postponed - to ensure we had such a lovely time. Well done Jo and thanks very much.

PRESIDENT'S DAY

As most know Brenda has decided to step down as President after so many years. This Saturday will see her final President's Day so please come along to support even if you are not playing – Meet 1pm for 1.30pm start and it is WHITES

FORTHCOMING MATCHES

- Monday September 13th – Barham Triples – 5.30 start
- Tuesday September 14th – Mixed Triples match away to Ashtead – 2.30 start
- Wednesday September 15th – Prize Drive
- Friday September 17th – Barham Triples final round of matches with presentation of trophy – 5.30 start
- Saturday September 18th – President's Day – 1 for 1.30 start
- Sunday September 19th – Club Variety Bowls afternoon from 2pm

SECRETARY'S NEWS

On Sunday we hosted a county's competition between Surrey and Kent.

This was very exciting and noisy, but the standard of bowling was extremely high and lovely to watch. Both clubs praised Leatherhead for a wonderful green and clubhouse and thanked us for accommodating them.

These functions can be quite taxing, and thanks goes to Anne and Pete Collett for helping out - especially when competitors and visitors started arriving at 8.45am. Such days give the club badly needed income, and I am hopeful that next year we will host more Surrey and County games – Terry.

Happy reading and please continue to enjoy your bowls! Steve