



Purley Bowls Club

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Captains' Joint Report - October 2020

Dear Members,

As you all know the 2020 season started rather late due to the Covid-19 virus. However, we were fortunate enough to start playing bowls towards the end of May, when the Government relaxed some of the restrictions on outdoor sports.

The Bowls Committee spent many hours on Zoom meetings, discussing how best to enable members to play, whilst adhering to all the Government guidelines. This was very much a team effort to get the Green open and for that we both would very much like to thank the Committee for all their hard work.

We would also like to thank all the members who came along and supported the club during these challenging times and putting up and adhering to all the restrictions.

We were fortunate that the Purley Sports Club Board were supporting of our plans and for this we thank them.

With everything we put in place, we were able to open several weeks ahead of other local clubs and the fact that we were blessed with glorious weather made a huge difference to everyone.

In August Richard and Elaine organised two sessions for Woodcote Probus members and their partners to have a trial at playing bowls. Approximately 20 guests attended two sessions, with 10 signing up to our coaching scheme. Due to tighter Covid-19 restrictions, these sessions will now re-commence next year. Many thanks to both for organising this.

Although there were not any external competitions, we managed to have two friendly men's Triples home matches against Old Coulsdon and Sussex Bowls, both of which delighted to say we won! The Sussex team thoroughly enjoyed visiting our club and have suggested a reciprocal match in Sussex, sometime next year.

During the course of the season we ran a number of internal competitions, with the Finals being held on Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th September. The weather was perfect, and the spectators were able to enjoy some very exciting matches. Well done to all those who took part – the winners and the runners -up!

The ladies also ran a Roll-Up Triples on Monday afternoons, which again proved to be very successful. Our thanks to Jane, Ursula, and Pam for organising these.



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In view of no external matches or ballots taking place this year, it was agreed that we should run a Triples League and this decision turned out to be very popular, with 64 members taking part. The final of this was held on Friday 9th October, and congratulations to the winners and runners up. We would like to thank Derek for all the time and effort he put into this, to make it so successful.

During the course of the season, despite Covid-19, we had several new members joining the Bowls Club, and we wish them many years of enjoyment playing bowls and having the opportunity to get to know more members.

Finally, we would like to thank everyone for all their support during this rather challenging year and wish the new Captains and their Committee a very successful 2021.

Alan & Linda