

LADY CAPTAIN'S AGM REPORT 2022

Thank you Tony and congratulations from all the Ladies on the Men's success in the ESL.

Good evening, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Following the 2 Covid years we were able to commence our 2022 season on time and offer a full programme of matches. The Ladies adapted to our new bowlr booking system.

An increased number of Ladies entered the internal competitions. In our external competitions we have overall bettered our results to those of last season. We reached the semi-finals of the Past Times competition, the 3rd round of Top Club. In only our second year of the Cristal league, we were placed 4th and, in fact, only 4 points separated the top 4 clubs.

For the 1st time in 5 years, we triumphed in the Croydon & District League; a very close finish - we won by only one point. A Purley team of Jane Seymour, Pam & Ursula won the Triples competition; and Jane Seymour beat Gill Long to win the Carol Ware Singles Competition.

We were triumphant too in the Ladies of Croydon competition: Ursula won the Badged Singles; Linda G and Jane Gibbs won the Australian Pairs.

In the Smith's Trophy 2-Wood Triples League we were less successful.

More than a dozen Purley Ladies entered various Surrey Competitions - a number of them reached the last 16 and a few the Quarterfinals. Janet, Linda Ball and Miki successfully reached the semi-finals of the Benevolent Triples.

In July, I received an urgent request for the use of our Green for the Surrey Triples Quarterfinals. Many thanks to those of you who helped at short notice.

In August, finally after an absence of 4 years, we were able to hold our Ladies Invitation Day. Twenty Lady visitors, alongside

their Purley hosts participated in a selection of fun Bowls games on the Green. Glorious sunshine and Commonwealth flags adorned the outdoor space, and the geraniums were in full bloom. A summery meal was followed by a bumper raffle. Ursula had, once again, done wonders in the hall, as she has for all our functions throughout the year.

I would like to mention here that this would be the last time we would see our former member, Pat Teasdale. She had so enjoyed the day and I know that many of you were delighted to have spoken with her. Pat had held most offices within the Club and for this she had received the Surrey Loyal service Award. Many Purley Ladies dressed in their pink fleeces made a splash of colour in the church a few weeks later. The funeral service was officiated by our own bowling member, the Reverend Fiona.

My thanks to you all for your continued support in entering your names for matches be it friendly or league and to those of you who have so willingly helped with refreshments and other duties when required.

Finally, my thanks to the lady committee members for their invaluable assistance throughout the year. May we have continued success next year.

Sue Souppouris

Ladies' Captain

26th October 2022