

Men's Captain Report

Dear Members,

The 2021 season started slowly due to the Covid-19 virus curtailing our events mainly the social events, the Gents Pie and Pint Night, the Quiz Night and then 60; s / Swing Night were all cancelled. Committee Meetings were by zoom for early part of the season. Linda Gallagher continued taking rink bookings by telephone, thanks you Linda without this we would not be able to bowl. Well done Demettios for putting gather the rules to enable us to play under the Covis restrictions. Thank everyone for participating for during this time.

We started to get back to normal in late spring and were able to open the changing rooms in time for the internal competition to start. a full programme took place, and ballots commenced.

Thank you, Howard and ballot, organisers, for your hard work during the year.

Elaine Applebee ran extensive coaching sessions for new bowlers, some 30 plus participants resulted in the Club gaining 23 new members. I am pleased to say that all the new bowlers have been actively taking part in the Ballots and friendly matches. Many thanks to Elaine for her efforts.

Once the Covid -19 restrictions were eased, the club was able to organise social events and the BBQ happened with 118 attendees, giant raffle was organised by Janet White, the whole evening was a huge success, thank you Sue and Tony for organizing.

During the season we hosted the county match between Surrey and Essex. Thanks to the helpers involved and to June Marshall and her bread pudding which was delicious.

The return fixture against Sussex took place at Popes Mead, match was 6 rinks and unfortunately, we lost but it a very good day out.

The ESL league was limited 3 rinks this year due to Covid. Results were varied, we had some good days and some not so good days. Our final position being 4th. In Division 2

We participated in the Tons and Vilamoura Leagues this year but we performed poorly in both.

Finals Days took place 4/5 September, an excellent day for one and all, some new faces and some old faces, We had winter weather on the Saturday and summer on the Sunday. Jane Seymour was the star completing in 5 finals of which she won 4.

Matches were exciting and well worth watching.

The Surreys were delayed this due the Covid -19 and put a lot of pressure on the calendar to play matches on time. many of the men could not play friendlies due Surrey commitments' Success was limited with the men, but Congratulations to the Ladies for their successful achievements which I am sure Sue cover in her report.

In the men's Sean Gallagher reached semi of the Paston Cup,

Tony Andrews reached the 6th round of the unbadged, missing out by one round on his badge

Les Ballard made it to 5th round of the unbadged

Steve Parnham reached 5th round open singles

Sean, Conrad de Sousa and Steve were selected for the Ares 1 and played in Walter Cross Area Championships.

Scott Ballard played for Surreys under 25 team.

In July /August Richard Carr ran a successful triples league, thank you Richard

In mid September the Presentation Evening took place with some 86 attendees, 2 course meal was served with wine.

Thanks to Miki for all the hard work on the organising the night and being master of ceremonies. The evening was a great success.

Finally I would like to thank you for the support given to me during challenging, but enjoyable year.

Good luck to the new captain, have a successful 2022.

Derek Jameson