

# CBC News

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## **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Dear all, it was a great pleasure to see so many of you beavering away and making our visitors so welcome. It is always gratifying to see Members taking such interest in their club and it is appreciated immensely by the Management. I shall be continuing my report after seeing how all our efforts into Open Day has been received by the public, after all it has been a mammoth task to get all stages into gear, being led by Alan Hart and ably assisted by Yvonne. All helpers involved - THANK YOU ☺. We had great response in the morning 35 the first 2 Gents were really taken with our Club and facilities and signed up. They came to feel the water and inferred there were more friends of theirs interested, yes please. There were also 2 youngsters who were coached by Rick Long who was very impressed them and they were very anxious to join us, and their Mothers, Avery good start. It continued to be very positive and I look forward to seeing the outcome over the next few weeks when they have had their free two months. They will all be registered as members but invoiced after the 2 month period expires. I am sure we will get members but how many we will see. The exercise and input was great and the outcome will, I'm sure, be a success. Onward and upward is our aim and if we get 2 or more members from this Open Day it was a success and can be an annual event. Timing will have to be scrutinised and a tweaking here and there will help the event in the future. There is work going on outside on the path and roof so please be aware of this and keep your eyes peeled for your own safety.

Rick has now fitted some new light fittings in the bar and now awaiting the last few. Thank you Rick a great job. The downside is I didn't know I had that many wrinkles!!!

The weather is being very kind to us at the moment and I would remind all the Outdoor Bowlers to remember their Sun Cream and Water, and plenty of it.

Happy bowling everybody.

*Daphne*

## **Ladies Indoor Leagues**

As many of you know the ladies Friday Bird Triples League teams are re-drawn each year and it is the only ladies league to mix up the teams in this way. Last year we had 5 teams playing but so far this year we can just about make 4.

Realistically it isn't viable to play a league with just 4 teams. There are some ladies who can only play on a Friday and not running this league would certainly be a shame for them, but also a disappointment for the ladies who have already signed up.

So would you like to play at 10am on Friday mornings in the winter indoor season? It is an excellent starting place for new and intermediate bowlers and is an enjoyable morning for all levels. I really do not want to cancel this league altogether. There is a list on the wall in the indoor pavilion so if you haven't already done so please put your name down, and thank you for supporting the Ladies Indoor Leagues.

*Tina Welsh*

League Secretary

## **Ladies Top Club**

We recently played Sutton in the Top Club. Unfortunately we lost, but we had our best result for a few years by losing only 3 games and winning 1. Well done ladies hopefully we will do better next year. Well done again and thank you all.

*Gill. L*

## **Tony Allcock**

This double mixed rink we played a couple of weeks ago at Cheam Fields. Unfortunately we lost on both rinks, but it was a hard fought game with the result changing almost every end until the final 2 ends when nothing went our way. So well done to everyone who played and thank you.

*Gill. L*

## **Surrey Ladies 2 Woods Day**

I would like to start by thanking Jean Capell for umpiring, yet again, then everyone who helped with the marking, we did have a full compliment of 12 markers until one of our ladies thought the only way out of marking was to break her foot, some people will do anything. We all wish Jane a quick and speedy recovery. The Surrey Executives were extremely pleased with all our help on the day by providing so many markers.

Thank you all once again.

*Gill. L*

## Why do we join Croydon Bowling Club? Well, we want to learn to bowl and - to bowl!

As time goes by, we realize that the Club needs members to work for the Club to keep it running and those members form a management committee with various responsibilities, but **they** are still bowlers. We can't **all** be on the management committee, but we can always offer our services and support. The bowls sections have their own committees to run the actual bowling. There is a social section which all members automatically belong to. The Social and Fund Raising committee organizes events for all members to enjoy and support. There are, of course, social members who don't bowl but who support the Club whilst enjoying the amenities available.

**Support** the matches, support the competitions, support the competitors in **their** competitions, especially the Club's national competitions. If you are a newish bowler, this can be quite exciting and gives **you** something to aim for!

**Because** of the size of the Club, it makes sense to have Club Rules (or a Code of Conduct) so that we all know where we stand. A dress code of some sort **is** needed for the benefit of the Club, although this is a lot more lenient than, shall we say, last century! And, of course, there is a code of behaviour which doesn't need amplifying here.

**So**, enjoy your bowling, support your Club and support your fellow members in whatever they do.

Any complaints, go to your committees – don't whinge amongst yourselves – get it sorted!

### The Bowlers Prayer

Bowling's my pleasure, I'll not want.  
It takes me down, to play.  
The bowling greens, it leadeth me  
That first, week-end in May.

My soul it dost restore again  
And me to skip doth make.  
Within the path of Willie Wood  
Even For my rinks own sake.

Yea, though I bowl in wind and rain,  
Yet will I feel no chill,  
For my skins are with me and  
My chalk, and strings me comfort still.

A rink though hast prepared for me  
Where grass doth evenly grow.  
My bowls I dost with grippo anoint  
So that they will smoothly go.

Good luck and rubs then all my life,  
Shall surely come to me,  
And on that green for ever more  
My dwelling place shall be

### 200 Club monthly draw

#### JUNE WINNERS

£100	No 16205	Jean Capell
£ 70	No 16493	Paul Lean
£ 30	No 16579	Will Johns

INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF WINNING WITH  
MULTIPLE CERTIFICATES, THERE IS NO LIMIT  
APPLICATION FORMS ARE IN THE FOYER  
*Tina Welsh* – Draw Manager

### Ladies Indoor Section

Joy Adamson has been doing the indoor football for us for some time now but feels she can no longer do this. She is very happy to explain how it works to anyone who would like to take over. If you would be happy to take this on, please contact me or a member of the Ladies Indoor Committee.  
If no-one comes forward we will not be able to run the football next season.

*Chris*

The first three matches of the Borough season went well and were enjoyed by all. The Patrons day match at the CMO's was very successful and well supported – the weather being very kind to us. Competitions are going well and the 2 wood day on the 24<sup>th</sup> July has 52 entries – unfortunately none from Croydon!

The Presidents day on July 10<sup>th</sup> is being well supported but unfortunately I will be away on holiday in Florida (yes I did get some insurance) so will not be there in person but wish Jean and all the girls a great day and fine weather. Names for Purley are up and awaiting confirmation on the teams for Herne Bay. Unfortunately, I have to tell you that the Borough will be no more after this year as we cannot find anybody to take up the committee positions for Match Secretary and Treasurer as well as Secretary. If the position changes I will let you know but it does not look likely. It is very sad as we have all enjoyed our time with the Borough. All the Pennant games have been cancelled due to lack of support as from now,

We did think of joining with the mens section but, I believe, this is not agreed. Anyway, we still have several months to go so let us enjoy what is left of the season. Hoping to see you all on the green.

Sadly

*Maggie* ( Borough Delegate)

## Social Club News

*Details of all planned events are now available on the club's internet. In addition they are on display in the menu holders and in leaflets in the club foyer.*

**We have now booked events up until April next year, please get the dates in your diary,**

### **Past Events**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May - Bar Quiz** –Another brilliant evening hosted by Maggie, 53 people played, just under £200 raised for the club.

### **Forthcoming events 2018 Diary**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June – Race Night** – Jockey for your places early at 7.00pm, all horses and races have been sponsored, you can still buy tickets for entry for the evening £5 members £8 non-members, so get your silks on, saddle up, and get ready to race.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July - Matinee and meal “Dream Girls”** at the Savoy, with a two course carvery to follow at the Strand Palace Hotel. One ticket left, Contact Tina Welsh.

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July, riverboat trip - £40/£45 per member - SOLD OUT** – waiting list? – see Alan Hart

**13<sup>th</sup> August – “The King and I”** Tickets all now sold. Contact John Hilton to be put on the waiting list

**5<sup>th</sup> October** – Outdoor Competition Presentation – watch for more details.

**17<sup>th</sup> October “Tina Turner”**. Tickets all sold. Contact John Hilton to be put on the waiting list

**2<sup>nd</sup> November – “The Mersey Legends”** come to Croydon for your entertainment

**24<sup>th</sup> November** – Christmas Bazaar – 11 am – 5pm

**28<sup>th</sup> November – “Strictly Ballroom – the Musical”** – contact John Hilton

**30<sup>th</sup> November** Christmas Quiz

**December 7<sup>th</sup>** Carol Concert

**December 14<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Draw followed by “**Face the Music**” – Christmas Party

**31<sup>st</sup> December - New Year’s Eve party**, with Richard Linton

**8<sup>th</sup> February – Frank ‘n’ Stein** – return with a different act!!!

**12<sup>th</sup> April** – Ian Gallagher and **Cabaret Night** – **always a hit**

**Don’t forget Bridge club – every Wednesday at 2.00 pm**

**Many thanks to those who donate raffle prizes – they are very much appreciated**

*Tickets for most events are available from behind the bar, (speak to Norman or Richard), Maggie Bennett; Alan Hart, Jane Williams; Yvonne Russell; Mandy Reeves; David Swift; John Hilton; Tony Boyer. If you are buying tickets for 6 or more people and want us to reserve a table for you please tell the ticket seller. We do please ask that one of the members attending gets there early to claim your table – reservations cannot be guaranteed.*

**All profits made at these events go directly to the Club**

## Open Day

### **WHAT A FANTASTIC DAY**

I think we can safely say that our Open Day on 24<sup>th</sup> June was a rip roaring success. We had 44 people either make enquiries or come along to enjoy our facilities and we all enjoyed every minute. We are hopeful that we get at least 4 new members and we are promised a few more!!!

If you see a new face in the club please make them welcome.

There are quite a few members who gave the whole day to the Open Day – you know who you are and our thanks go to you for your tireless efforts on the day and before!!!! We also had a lot of members who supported us by just turning up – everyone was impressed by the helpful and cheerful way they were welcomed and encouraged. Thank you to everyone for your support.

Also thanks to those of you who bought the “youngsters” along – boy did they have a good time!!!! “Ones’ for the future” – who said that – someone famous!!!!

Let’s hope our membership increases – we intend to keep the momentum going so please watch this space....and keep friends and family involved in our club.

We would like some members to come forward to act as Mentors to our new bowlers, just someone they can contact to find out more about the club, items like when are there organised roll ups, where do you put your name down for matches, dress code etc. Please pass your name to Alan if you are happy to be one.

Regards to all .....

*Alan & Yvonne*