

TARRING PRIORY BOWLS CLUB

AUGUST 2015 PLAYING SEASON NEWS



FIRST TEAM NEWS

August started well with an 8-2 win at Pavilion A on a lightning fast green. Top rink went to Gary Wyatt. Our other winning rinks were skipped by Jon Clear and Richard Dray. Thanks are due to Ray Roberts who came in as a very late replacement. Priory A at this stage of the season lead 2nd place Chichester by 21 points. After 2 wins by Chichester in a week the points gap had narrowed to just 3 points before our visit to East Preston A. A nervous game with rink wins for Andy Clarke and Matthew Smith. Remarkably this was yet another match won by one shot to finished 6-4 in Priory's favour. The A's achieved their season's goal by winning the match against Chichester A (15/08). Jon Clear and Gary Wyatt both skipped their rinks to victory and we also took the overall score to gain a 6-4 point victory. Our final match at home against Norfolk was a celebratory affair – win, lose or draw! The final score was 6 points to Norfolk and only 4 to Priory. Winning skips to finish the campaign were Jon Clear and Alan Messer. This was Alan's first go at the sharp end he normally plays his matches at the front end. Captain Clarke also used the opportunity to give some of our younger players a taste of First team action. The A team season came to a close with the semi -final against Chichester. Wins on two rinks by skips Peter Tandy and Gary Wyatt were not enough to see us through and the match was lost by a 23 shot difference. Nonetheless it has been a fantastic year for the A squad.

AUGUST 'A' TEAM PLAYING RECORD P 5 W 3 D 0 L 2

SECOND TEAM NEWS

Promotion rivals Pulborough gave Priory B a lesson in how to play their green. They took 9 points, our only point came from a drawn rink skipped by Ray Lister. East Preston B still need all the points they can get at this stage of the season, as they seek to avoid the dreaded 'bottom end' trophy. Unfortunately they secured 7 points against our B team (15/08). Our winning skip was David Fairs and John Hobbs gained another point from a drawn rink. Normal service was resumed with a 6-4 point victory away to Bognor B (18/08). Wins on rinks led by Stuart Logan and by Ray Lister plus an overall shots win put the B's back on track. Tantalisingly close to achieving 8 points at home to Maltravers (29/08), but a 7-3 win keeps us on course to achieving Runner Up in Div 3. Winning Skips were Wally Burrows (top rink) and John Hobbs. David Fairs rink drew 19-19.

AUGUST B TEAM PLAYING RECORD P 4 W 2 D 0 L 2

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FRIENDLY TEAM NEWS

Our first August friendly was a Saturday afternoon fixture, yet we had to reduce the fixture from 4 rinks to 4 triples because of lack of players. We also lost the match to Storrington and our only successful rink was skipped by John Hobbs. Rottingdean visited Priory (06/08), and they completed a double over us, winning 68-77. Our successful rinks were skipped by Ray Elliott and Geoff Sheldon. Rain prevented play and our match with Henfield (20/08) was reduced to sharing a cup of tea. A similar fate befell the home match with Petworth (23/08). The weather forecast was poor and rather than cause unnecessary travel for the Petworth players an early decision was made to cancel the match. Rain became a feature of the August weather and our scheduled game against West Tarring (25/08) was cancelled due to the threat of torrential rain. A rainbow heralded the start of the game against Grasshoppers. It led us not to a pot of gold, but to a good victory on 3 from 5 rinks. Winning skips were John Fairs (top rink) David Fairs and John Hobbs. A fine meal of chicken and chips followed much to the appreciation of both teams.

AUGUST 'FRIENDLY' TEAM PLAYING RECORD P 3 W 1 D 0 L 2

ALL TEAMS AUGUST P 12 W 6 D 0 L 6

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS

Stuart Shwartz played 2 HCL matches for SCB

John Fairs (5), Alan Messer (5) and John Hobbs (4) all played Billingham League games for the Div 4 Championship winning SCB Div 4 side. All 3 selected for Pullen Cup Semi Final

Club Comps are fast reaching their conclusions. KO Fours was successfully staged over two week day evenings. Winners Dave Levey, Stuart Logan, Gus Roberts and Mike Meadows. KO Triples is at the semi-final stage. Triples League winners already established as Alan Messer, Richard Pethick, Roy Bland, Butch Shakespeare and Stan Birch. Spoons winners is Tony Simmonds, the Runners up is between Les Ives and Dave Kennard. Tony is 2 games clear with 1 to play.

Alan Messer
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