



APRIL & MAY 2016

FIRST TEAM NEWS

Our first teamers started their campaign with an early exit from the Bowls England 2X4s. Both our A and B entries lost on the same evening (20/05/16) to Chichester. The 'As' recovered well winning on all 4 rinks and taking a 10-point haul away from the first league game away at Crablands (21/05/16). In our first home match of the league season, we stuck to our guns and came up 7-3 winners against Southbourne. Winning skips in this match were Gary Wyatt and Matt Smith

'A' TEAM PLAYING RECORD P 4 W 2 D 0 L 2

SECOND TEAM NEWS

The 'B's' had an excellent start with an 8-2 win away against Storrington (06/05/16). Our 3 winning rinks were skipped by Ted Hood, John Hobbs and David Fairs. A trip to Pavilion (21/05/16) is always welcomed with the chance to play on their excellent green. The result was not so good – just one winning rink gave Priory B an 8-2 defeat. In the first of a series of 4 home games, Arundel rained on our parade and won on all rinks to win 10-0

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

FRIENDLY TEAM NEWS

Newly appointed manager Joe Peters will make the selections for Friendly matches in 2016. April is our quietest month for competitive matches. We have a few warm up roll-ups between ourselves to walk and bowl the green into a playable area. The League teams have had a couple of get-togethers to re-join the team spirit that did us so well last season. The only competitive fixture in April was played at Marine Gardens and we suffered a loss. Our one winning rink on that occasion was skipped by Matt Smith.

May started with a visit to East Preston (11/05) we generally struggled and our only winning rink was led by Matt Smith. Against Chichester we fared better with an overall win and 3 winning rinks (A Clarke, E DiPietro and John Hobbs). We achieved another good result at Petworth; winning by a substantial 85-50 shots. We had 3 more winning rinks in this match (skips were J Fairs, J Schools and E Hood). Our first casualty to the weather was the match with Lindfield which was rained off. At Maltravers (24/05/16), good performances on 3 rinks were not quite offset by the one losing rink and we lost the match by 3 shots. Our winning skips were John Hobbs, Wally Burrows and Captain Joe Peters. Our friends from Cawston, Norfolk played their annual tour match with us (27/05/16) and won by one shot: Our only winning rink romped home by 29-10 but their contribution was not quite enough. Priory played their second touring team from Norfolk over the bank Holiday weekend and finished the month with a win. Just 2 points the difference this time. Winning rinks for John Fairs, Colin Kent and top Rink for Alan Messer.

FRIENDLY TEAM PLAYING RECORD P 7 W 3 D 0 L 4

ALL TEAMS APRIL/MAY P 14 W 6 D 0 L 8



COMPETITIONS

All competition draws were published to the agreed schedule. The Aggregate league started on the early Spring Bank Holiday Monday with 10 members braving the rainy evening. Since then we have had 38 players in the first 3 sessions. John Hobbs is the leader at the end of the month. Spoons started a week late on the 6th May, due to a fixture rearrangement with Marine Gardens. Tony Broad and Geoff Sheldon will be running the sessions in 2016. At the end of May, Roy Bland has established an early season lead.

The SCB Preliminary rounds for Triples and Singles were played and Jon Clear and Matt Smith's sides were successful in the Triples: Nick Eager, John Fairs, John Schools, Stuart Shwartz and Matt Smith join Alan Messer and Derek Meechan in Round 1 of the singles. In the over 55s Nationals: John Schools and Matt Smith are through to Round 2 of the Singles. Matt Smith and John Fairs will play each in Round 1 of the Pairs after success in the Prelim Round. Stuart Shwartz faces Chris Salt (Worthing) in Round 1 of the National Champion of Champions.

Alan Messer

Match and Competition Secretary