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WEEK 24th April - 2nd May

Following their successful Opening Day Club event, Goring Manor started their very full season of matches against other clubs. The first match was a trip to Portslade to play on their new all-weather green. These greens can be very tricky affairs, playing much faster than grass. However, Portslade green played heavier than expected. Four triples were played and each team won on 2 rinks. However, the overall shot count was 63 to 58 to Goring Manor. Top rink went to Pam Edwards, Alan Turley (2 players who moved to GM from the now defunct Homefield Park) and skip Dave Crockett. Skip Basil Taylor also recorded a win.

On Wednesday, Goring hosted a match against Marine Gardens in which they were again successful, winning 2 rinks out of 3, with an overall shot score of 50 points to 39. Top rink went to Jimmy Wan, Derek King and skip Tommy Tsoi. Francis Fahey was the other winning skip.

On Friday, there were a further 2 matches at home to Marine Gardens. One in the morning and another in the afternoon. In the morning match, Goring Manor won on all three rinks with an overall score of 63 points to 35. Top rink went to Rod Smith, Doug Hunt and skip Kevin Pearce. The other winning skips were Dave Crockett and Derek King. In the afternoon, Goring Manor won on 2 of the 3 rinks and posted an overall score of 55 points to 48. Top rink went to Stuart Andrews, Jim Edwards and skip Tommy Tsoi. Reg Gore was the other winning skip.

Thus, Goring Manor made a perfect start to their season, winning 4 matches out of 4.

On Saturday there was another morning and afternoon event when a Club Chairman's team played a Club Captain team. The Chairman's team won by a narrow margin.

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WEEK 3rd - 9th May

On the playing front, not the most auspicious week for Goring Manor Bowls Club. The week started at home with a 3 rink friendly match against Southwater. All were good games but Goring managed only a draw on the rink of Graham Ray, Ann McGarry, Doug Hunt and skip Peter Treagust. Consequently the match was lost 50 shots to 61.

A second visit to Portslade followed on Tuesday. This time, only one of the 4 triples played was won (by Jimmy Wan, Rosemary Suter and skip Harvey McGarry) resulting in defeat by 39 shots to 79.

Goring Spitfires then had a Brodie Shield match away to Pavilion B. Level on shots on 2 rinks, ahead on a 3rd and only 2 shots behind on the 4th, with only one end to go, the match could have gone either way. But then Goring imploded. Dropping shots on all 4 rinks saw Goring go down by 64 shots to 70 and lose the match 10 points to nil.

A second West Sussex Bowls League internal trial match followed. Here, the bulk of those players who helped Goring win promotion to the top division of the WSBI in 2019 took on the "pretenders" i.e. those hoping to break into the league team. Last week, the pretenders won. This week was the turn of the team of 2019 who won on 3 of the 4 rinks and by 75 shots to 43. An important feature of the match was the announcement that Frank Tsang was to take on the role of Team Manager of the West Sussex and Stracey Shield league squads. (See Photo) Frank will have sole responsibility for selecting the team for these 2 leagues. On addressing the players assembled, Frank said "I believe we have enough strength in depth to give a good account of ourselves in the top division of the WSBL and also in the Stracey League, as long as we all work together".



A Brodie Tray match involving the Spitfires at Worthing followed. The result was a defeat by 3 points to 7. Pam Edwards, Rosemary Suter, Mike Muncey and skip Dave Norgrove were Goring's only winning rink. Skip Sheila Lock drew.

On Sunday Goring played in the first round of the Edward Rowland Cup, a competition in memory of a player at Burgess Hill bowls club. This competition tends to attract top players and Goring have never previously progressed beyond the first round. A strong team of Dave Crockett, Francis Fahey, Frank Tsang and skip Keith Fenwick faced a team from Barcombe, skipped by a top county player in Dave Richardson. Goring were coasting after 15 ends leading 20 shots to 5, but then Barcombe hit back with two 3s and a 2 to give themselves a sniff of a chance. But good game management from skip Fenwick saw the home team through by 21 shots to 14 with an end to spare. So, at last, Goring progressed to the second round.

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WEEK 10th - 16th May

The weather forecast at the beginning of the week suggested that not many bowls would be played during the week. However, contrary to all the forecasts, Sunny Worthing came up trumps and only one days play was lost. The first match was a tricky trip to Lancing to start the defence of the Stracey Shield won in 2019 (not played for in 2020). Winning on 2 rinks out of 3, all Goring needed to do was to keep the margin of defeat on the third rink as low as possible. Alas that was not to be, by the narrowest of margins. So Goring gained 4 points for winning on 2 rinks, but Lancing also gained 4 points by winning on one rink and having an overall shot win of 59 to 58. Four points each. Top rink for Goring Manor went to Jimmy Wan, Ian Jacklin, Kevin Pearce and skip Chris Wood. Skip Frank Tsang also won.

Wednesday was the day to fall foul of the weather. It should have been a Club Drive but after 3 ends the game was cancelled because of the driving rain.

In 2019, Goring Manor won promotion to the top league of the West Sussex Bowls League. In order to gauge the progress or otherwise of each individual's game who helped to gain that promotion, a trial match was held between those who played most in the 2019 season against those who are knocking at the door of featuring in this year's campaign in Division one. The "challengers" won on 2 rinks and also won the overall shot count by 73 to 66. This augurs well that the challengers are ready to step up into the West Sussex team should the more established players fall short.

On Saturday there were 2 league matches, the first a Stracey at home to Worthing Pavilion. Goring won on 2 rinks out of 3, but lost heavily on the 3rd rink which again meant that the points score was 4 each. Top rink for Goring went to Jean Meneely, Derek King, Chris Wood and skip Lorraine Kuhler. Skip Keith Renwick also won.

The trip to Lancing by Goring Spitfires was less successful. Winning on only 1 rink and falling to an overall shot score of 50 to 71, the Spitfires lost by 6 points to 2. Top rink for the Spitfires went to Rod Smith, Rose Suter and skip Stuart Andrews.

Throughout the week, it would have been easy, in the heat of the moment, to forget about social distancing during a match but it was very encouraging to note that social distancing was, in fact, maintained throughout play on each day.

The photo shows some of the club members ready for a Club Drive.



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WEEK 17th - 23rd May

The week started with a 4 triples friendly match at home to Shoreham. In a very tight match, Goring won on 3 of the 4 rinks yet overall the match ended in a draw at 61 shots each. Morag Cruise, Doug Hunt and skip Kevin Pearce were top rink and Tom Fisher and Pete Treagust were the other winning rinks.

Tuesday saw another friendly, this time away to Chichester. Winning on 3 rinks and drawing on the 4th, Goring were runaway winners by 87 shots to 42. Top rink went to Derek King, Stuart Andrews and skip Kevin Pearce. Dave Crocket and Frank Tsang were the other winning skips and Pete Treagust drew.

On Wednesday, Goring were at home in yet another friendly. There were victories on 2 rinks and defeat on the other 2. However, Goring were victorious overall by 72 shots to 65. Top rink, this time, went to Peter Guy, Sheila Lock and skip Bill Porter. Dave Norgrove was the other winning skip.

Saturday brought 2 league matches. In the first, Goring Hurricanes lost on all 4 rinks to Maltravers at home in the Brodie Tray and thus went down by 10 points to nil.

At the same time, Goring Manor were experiencing their very first league match in Division One of the West Sussex Bowls League with a tricky trip to Worthing at Beach House Park. A downpour at the start of the play very nearly saw the match abandoned before the third end was finished. However, much to the bemusement of the passing public, the match continued. Then the sun came out and the match was completed. Very pleased were Goring Manor that it was. Wins on 3 of the 4 rinks, and with an overall shot advantage of 78 to 65, gave Goring a match win by 8 points to 2. Top rink went to Ian Jacklin, Chris Wood and skip Frank Tsang. Keith Renwick and Tommy Tsoi were the other winning skips.

On Sunday 30th May, as part of Bowls England's Big Weekend, members of the public are invited to come along to Goring Manor at Field Place between 10.30am and 2.0pm to give bowls a try for free.

There are a number of good reasons to play bowls :-

Playing bowls is very doable. Whatever your physique, bowls is a sport for everybody and it will help improve your fitness levels and mental wellbeing. **Bowls is not expensive.** To get going you don't need lots of new kit. Even when you get the bug, the cost of a set of bowls and joining a club is very reasonable. **Compared to most sports, age and gender differences have less of an effect on a game of bowls,** so it's a perfect sport to spend time and enjoy a bit of friendly competition with your family. **Bowls clubs are sociable places full of people looking to have fun,** so bowls is a great way to relax, make new friends and feel part of your local community.

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WEEK 24th - 31 May

The first game of the week was a friendly match at home to Maltravers. A tight match saw Goring winning on 2 rinks and losing on the other 2 with very little in every game. However, the final shots tally gave a win to Goring Manor by 62 shots to 61. Top rink went to Chris Allan, John Kemish, Doug Hunt and skip Kevin Pearce. Skip Harvey McGarry also won.

That evening, Goring bowlers Rod Smith and Frank Tsang travelled to the Witterings and Crablands respectively for county unbadged singles matches. Both came away with a well earned win.

The following day Goring hosted East Preston in the first round of the PC Cup. Wins on 3 rinks out of 4 comfortably saw Goring through the tie by 75 shots to 60. Top rink was Ian Jacklin, Chris Wood and skip Frank Tsang. Skips Tommy Tsoi and Basil Taylor also won.

Friday evening brought a County Fours match against a strong Southbourne team. Basil Taylor, Dave Crockett, Bill Porter and skip Tommy Tsoi got off to a slow start and were always playing catch-up but with one end to go they were finally level. A 3 on the last end saw the home side through to the next round.

Saturday and we were back to Brodie Tray. The Hurricanes entertained Worthing and won on 2 of the 4 rinks. However, because the overall shot score was 66 shots to the Hurricanes and 72 to Worthing, the match result was a defeat for the Hurricanes by 4 points to 6. Top rink was that of Roy Monnery, Linda Turley, Tom Fisher and skip Pete Treagust. In the pairs match, Jean Meneely and skip Derek King showed that a game is never over until it is over. From a position of 15 shots to 1 down, they clawed their way back into the game and eventually won by 19 shots to 18.

At the same time, the Spitfires visited Marine Gardens. Here the Goring team were victorious on all 4 rinks. An overall shot score was 98 to 45 for a 10 points to nil win. Top rink went to Rosie Suter, Tito Grixti and skip Dave Norgrove. Skips Harvey McGarry, Stuart Andrews and Reg Gore also won."

The photo shows a moment in the match against East Preston.



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WEEK 31st MAY - 6th JUN

The first match of the week was a Stracey Shield league match at home to near rivals Tarring Priory. This ought to have been a tricky match for Goring Manor but in the end they ran out comfortable winners by 6 points to 2. Coasting on all three rinks, a clean sweep looked on the cards. But a late implosion on one rink from a position of 16 shots to 5 ahead, only to lose 18 shots to 16, meant that with a good top rink by skip Keith Renwick and an equally good win by skip Tommy Tsoi, Goring scored 62 shots to 47 overall and won the match by 6 points to 2.

The next day brought a Brodie Tray match for Goring Hurricanes at home to Marine Gardens. Winning on three of the four rinks and with an overall winning margin of 90 shots to 47, the Hurricanes won the match by 8 points to 2. Top rink went to Jean Meneely and skip Derek King. Skips Basil Taylor and Kevin Pearce also won.

A trip to Midhurst on Saturday brought another win, this time by 73 shots to 61. Top rink were Linda Turley, Peter Treagust and skip Kevin Pearce. Skips Stuart Andrews and Doug Hunt also won.

The last match of the week was a visit by Goring Hurricanes to Worthing Pavilion for Brodie Tray match. This time the Hurricanes lost by 94 shots to 53 and by 8 points to 2. The only notable feature for Goring was the win by Morag Cruise, Alan Turley, Pete Treagust and skip Tommy Tsoi who, from a position of 16 shots to 1 down, came back to win by 22 shots to 19.

The photo shows a moment in the match at Worthing Pavilion.



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WEEK 7th - 13th JUN

Despite a poor start to Goring Manor's week, by the weekend some excellent results were recorded. In the first match, Goring Spitfires were at home to Marine Gardens in the Brodie Tray. Only the pairs rink managed a win when Yvonne Woodcock and skip Chris Wood ran out 24 shots to 10 winners. Although the three other rinks went down, the overall shot score was only 60 to 64 showing how close the games were. Having said that, the Spitfires lost by 2 points to 8.

A friendly at home to Chichester the next day saw Goring win on 2 out of 4 rinks but lost the match by 55 shots to 67. Top rink went to Jean Meneely, Ray Page and skip Bill Porter. Skip Harvey McGarry also won.

A PC Cup match on Wednesday evening against Tarring Priory was a close run affair. Despite losing on 3 of the 4 rinks, the overall defeat was only by 5 shots. Ian Jacklin, Chris Wood and skip Frank Tsang had a good win.

The Spitfires had another Brodie Tray home match on Thursday, this time against Maltravers. The Spitfires won on 3 out of 4 rinks, had an overall shot superiority of 82 shots to 60 and won the match 8 points to 2. Top rink was shared between Chris Alan, Sheila Lock and skip Dave Crockett and Rosie Suter, Jay Liang and skip Francis Fahey. Skip Stuart Andrews also won.

On Friday evening in the County Fours, Dave Crockett, Basil Taylor, Bill Porter and skip Frank Tsang travelled to Worthing Pavilion and, in a tightly fought game, came away with a one point win, thanks to an excellent last wood by skip Frank to progress to the next round.

On Saturday, both the Hurricanes and the Spitfires were in action in the Brodie Tray. The Hurricanes travelled to Marine Gardens and won on 3 rinks out of 4. With an overall shot difference of 77 to 49, a win by 8 points to 2 was achieved. Top rink went to Luigi and Janice Sebastiano with Doug Hunt and skip Peter Treagust. Skips Basil Taylor and Derek King also won.

Meanwhile the Spitfires were at home to Worthing. Again 3 rinks out of 4 were won. The overall shot difference was 75 to 50 and again a 8 points to 2 win resulted. Top rink went to Dave Crockett, Sheila Lock and skip Wendy Davies. Skips Frank Tsang and Harvey McGarry also won.

On Sunday, Wendy Davies was again in action in the Ladies Champion of Champions competition against a lady from Arundel. A close match, but Wendy overcame her opponent by 21 shots to 18 to move to the next round.

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The last match of the week was a tough visit to Pavilion Bears in the West Sussex Bowls League first division. Winning on 2 rinks out of 4 and with an overall shot difference of 75 shots to 62, Goring recorded their second league win of the season this time by 6 points to 4. Skip Tommy Tsoi recorded a good win but an exceptional win was achieved by Luigi Sebastiano, Chris Wood and skip Frank Tsang who won by 25 shots to 4 against a rink skipped by a very 'strong' county bowler.

The photo shows Goring bowlers Derek King and Reg Gore (nearest) on the mat.



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WEEK 14th - 20th JUN

The first game of the week was a home match against near neighbours Tarring Priory in the Stracey Shield. Normally a closely contested match, this time Goring recorded an 8 points to nil win. Goring won on all 3 rinks with top rink going to Jimmy Wan, Derek King, Bill Porter and skip Chris Wood. Skips Wendy Davies and Kevin Pearce also won.

Next day brought a friendly triples match at home to Billingshurst. A tight match where 2 rinks were drawn and the win by the third rink of Jim Short, Linda Turley and skip John Kemish gave the home team victory by 43 shots to 37.

The same evening Goring were involved in a Abergavenny Double 4s match against Arundel. Both the rinks at home and away won by 18 shots to 7 giving a resounding win to Goring. The away four were Ian Jacklin, Dave Crockett, Chris Wood and skip Frank Tsang whilst at home were Jimmy Wan, Derek King, Bill Porter and skip Tommy Tsoi.

The next day the Spitfires were at home to Pavilion A in the Brodie Tray. The Spitfires were overcome by a strong team from Pavilion and only won on one rink, that of Chris Allan, Stuart Andrews and skip Wendy Davies. The result was an 8 points to 2 defeat for the Spitfires.

Saturday saw the Hurricanes at Lancing in a Brodie Tray match. Winning on 2 rinks and losing on 2, but with an overall shot deficit of 48 shots to 78, meant a defeat by 4 points to 6. Top rink went to Peter Coles, Kath Callow, Peter Treagust and skip Bill Porter. Skip Basil Taylor also won.

At the same time the Manor were at home to Marine Gardens in the Stracey Shield. In a very tight match, Goring won on 2 of the three rinks and with an overall shot score of 59 to 58 squeezed out a win by 6 points to 2. Top rink went to Janice Sebastiano, Rosie Suter, Dave Norgrove and skip Chris Wood. Skip Wendy Davies also won.

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WEEK 21st - 27th JUN

In a week of mixed fortunes for Goring Manor, Monday was a wash out because of the weather. Tuesday Goring hosted a friendly against Middleton. Winning on 2 rinks and losing on 2. the overall aggregate score was a win for Middleton by 64 shots to 58. Top rink for Goring went to Graham Ray, Alan Turley and skip John Kemish. Skip Dave Norgrove also won.

Wednesday brought an evening match against Pagham in the Abergavenny. The away 4 of Ian Jacklin, Dave Crockett, Chris Wood and skip Frank Tsang won their end by 2 shots, but the home rink skipped by Tommy Tsoi narrowly lost by 3 to give victory to Pagham.

Friday saw the Hurricanes travelling to Maltravers for a match in the Brodie Tray. With a single win from Roy Monnery, Graham Ray, Alan Turley and skip Luigi Sebastiano and a draw by skip, Doug Hunt, Goring lost the match by 3 point to 7.

On Saturday, a fun day Round Robin was held within the club. Eight sets of triples vied amongst themselves to see who would pick up the prize of a bottle of wine each (albeit miniature bottles). Two teams were undefeated but, by a better shot difference, the team of Graham Ray, Reg Gore and skip Francis Fahey won the day and the prizes.

A testing match took place on Sunday against Chichester A in the first division of the West Sussex Bowls League. Goring won a creditable 2 rinks out of 4 but lost the aggregate to lose by 4 points to 6. Top rink went to Trevor Pannell, Derek King and skip Tommy Tsoi. Skip Francis Fahey also won.

The final match of the week was that of Jean Meneely, Rosemary Suter, Yvonne Woodcock and skip Wendy Davis who were victorious in their Gladys Rowland Cup match away to Woodingdean on Sunday afternoon."

The photo shows Peter Coles on the mat in the match at Maltravers.



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WEEK 27th JUN - 4th Jul

The week started with a trip to Horsham for a friendly match. Despite losing on 3 of the 4 rinks, Goring lost by only 7 shots in a 59 to 66 defeat. The winning rink for Goring was that of Jimmy Wan, Margaret Walker, Derek King and skip Kevin Pearce.

The next day the Hurricanes were at home to Pavilion A in the Brodie Tray. Pavilion brought a strong team and defeated the Hurricanes by 9 points to 1. Only the rink of Peter Coles, Derek King and skip Bill Porter managed to draw.

A friendly match at East Preston saw a good turn-out and in a 5 triples match, Goring won on 3 of the 5 rinks. It was a close result with Goring nudging it by 81 shots to 75. Top rink went to Graham Ray, Janice Sebastiano and skip Frank Tsang. Skips Kevin Pearce and Francis Fahey also won.

A reduced squad of 3 trips travelled to Norfolk the following day. Only one rink was victorious, that of Jean Meneely, Ian Jacklin and skip Francis Fahey, in Goring's 49 to 57 shots defeat.

The same day, Wendy Davies played in the next round of the Champion of Champions competition and recorded a facile win to move into the next round.

Saturday brought a West Sussex league match at home to Tarring Priory. Disastrously Goring lost on all rinks and were thus defeated by 10 points to nil. The closest Goring came to securing points was the rink of Ian Jacklin, Chris Wood and skip Frank Tsang who went into the last end only one shot down but dropped a 2 to lose by 3 shots.

At the same time, Goring sent a team to Middleton for a friendly match. Two rinks drew and 2 rinks lost resulted in an overall defeat of 50 shots to 68. Skips Doug Hunt and Kevin Pearce were on the 2 rinks that drew.

Following the cancellation of the Storrington Invitation Triples day, Goring invited Sussex Tourists to a home match to fill the void. This was Goring's first match against the Tourists and we were delighted by the excellent spirit in which the game was played. The rink of Chris Allan, Stuart Andrews and skip Harvey McGarry were the only winning rink which saw Goring lose by 63 shots to 84."

The photo shows Roger Tallett deep in concentration about to deliver his wood.



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WEEK 5th Jul - 11thJul

A mid-week game featuring Goring Hurricanes away to Worthing Pavilion B in the Brodie Tray saw the Hurricanes winning on only 1 rink, that of Jean Meneely and skip Basil Taylor. Subsequently the Hurricanes went down by 2 points to 8.

On Saturday, the Hurricanes again played a Brodie tray match. This time against Worthing at Beach House Park. Again, they only won on 1 rink, that of Tony Wood, Linda Turley and skip Kevin Pearce. So another defeat by 2 points to 8 ensued.

On Sunday there was a home match in Division 1 of the West Sussex Bowls League. Goring were at home to a strong team from Southbourne. An excellent win by 30 shots to 10 by Luigi Sebastiano, Chris Wood and skip Frank Tsang set up the team for the overall shots count. A draw by skip Tommy Tsoi added an extra point to ensure that Goring shared the points on the day with a well earned 5 - 5 draw.

The photo shows Rod Smith and Graham Ray.



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WEEK 12th Jul - 18thJul

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WEEK 19th Jul - 25thJul

Despite some negative results over the last couple of weeks, Goring Manor can take forward a degree of positivity in the direction that the club is taking.

A home game against Steyning saw Goring win on 2 rinks and drawing on 1 in a 5 triples friendly. Unfortunately the 2 defeated rinks lost quite heavily so the overall result was a 69 to 88 shot defeat. Top rink went to Tony Wood, Sheila Lock and skip Pete Treagust. Skip Reg Gore also won and Harvey McGarry drew.

A couple of West Sussex league matches in quick succession saw Goring defeated 9 points to 1 in both games. Salvaging a point in both matches were games skipped by Basil Taylor.

In a close match in the Stracey Shield away to a strong Pavilion team, Goring won on 1 rink and lost narrowly on the other 2 thus falling to 2 points to 6 defeat. The winning rink was that of Ian Jacklin, Chris Wood, Bill Porter and skip Frank Tsang.

The last league game in this report saw Goring's heaviest defeat yet gave most hope for the future. In an evening home match to Pavilion Bears in the West Sussex League, Goring lost 10 points to nil. However, the Bears had brought a very strong team in order to seek revenge for a home defeat to Goring at their own ground. Despite losing on all rinks, the margin of defeat for Goring was very narrow on each rink to the extent that, with a couple of ends to go, the match could have gone either way. When Goring can learn to close out a match against these top clubs, their future could be rosy indeed.

An internal competition to win the Eddie Pascoe Cup followed. Here, 8 teams of three played a round robin competition. The weather was good and, as usual, in an internal competition the banter was friendly. By virtue of winning all three of their games, the winners were Susan Lear, Chris Allan and skip Reg Gore.

On a wet Sunday, 4 teams of triples from Goring Manor travelled to Arundel to compete in a mixed triples invitation event. The weather unfortunately shortened the day's play. One of the Goring Manor teams did, however, make it to the final stages and in an excellent last match, Jean Meneely, Chris Wood and skip Frank Tsang carried off third prize."

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The photo shows Jean Meneely, Chris Wood and Frank Tsang, with their supporters in the background at Arundel.



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WEEK 26thJul - 1st Aug

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WEEK 2nd Aug - 8th Aug

The Hurricanes started the week with a home game against Lancing in the Brodie Tray. The match was lost by 8 points to 2 with Goring's only notable rink being the win by Linda Turley and skip Kevin Pearce in the pairs.

At the same time Goring visited Marine Gardens for an important match in the Stracey Shield. Goring won on all three rinks to come away with an 8 points to nil victory. Top rink went to Jean Meneely, Chris Wood, Bill Porter and skip Frank Tsang. Skips Wendy Davies and Tommy Tsoi also won.

A salutary lesson in how much improvement is required when playing at the top level was received in the next 2 matches in the West Sussex Bowls league first division when only 1 point was gained over the 2 matches (against Tarring Priory and Norfolk A). Derek King, Dave Crockett and Tommy Tsoi, picking up that single draw against Norfolk.

In a visit to Pagham for a friendly match, there was a win for Brenda Pannell, Gordon Walker and skip Kevin Pearce whilst skip Don Nice drew. However the team went down by 47 shots to 67.

In one of the Saturday matches, the Spitfires went down 10 points to nil in the Brodie Tray against Pavilion B, whose personnel contained county standard players. But as often happens, the final score does not reflect how the match went. With a couple of ends to go, the Spitfires looked set to pull off a spectacular win, only to fall short at the very end.

The last game was a visit to Lancing in the Stracey Shield with points essential to both clubs in their quest to win the league. Goring prevailed with a good 6 points to 2 win. Yvonne Woodcock, Derek King, Dave Crockett and skip Tommy Tsoi were top rink closely followed by skip Wendy Davies' rink.

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WEEK 9th Aug - 15th Aug

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WEEK 16th Aug - 22nd Aug

A friendly match at home to Marine Gardens resulted in a good win with all 4 rinks prevailing. Skips Doug Hunt and Don Nice shared top rink with skips Kevin Pearce and Dave Norgrove also winning to record a 77 shots to 60 victory.

An evening trip to Southbourne to play on their artificial surface in the West Sussex league resulted in a defeat by 8 points to 2. Given the overall shot deficit of just 9 shots, this could be seen as a moral victory.

A trip to Billingshurst the next day was an exciting affair. Losing on 2 rinks and winning on 2 by fine margins on all rinks, Goring won by 63 shots to 61 with top rink going to Pete Coles, Doug Hunt and skip Dave Norgrove. Skip Stuart Andrews also won.

A close match for the Spitfires against Pavilion A in the Brodie Tray followed on Friday. Despite winning on 2 of the 4 rinks, a defeat by 4 points to 6 ensued. Top rink went to Pam Edwards, Rosie Suter, Dave Norgrove and skip Harvey McGarry with skip Wendy Davies also winning.

An enjoyable trip to Popes Mead again had 2 rinks winning and 2 rinks losing but this time Goring ran out winners by 68 shots to 57. Top rink went to John Bussell, Peter Coles and skip Rod Smith closely followed by Rosie Suter, Stuart Andrews and skip Harvey McGarry.

A defeat the next day in the Stracey Shield against Tarring Priory meant that the league title would go down to the last match of the season against Lancing. Against TP, the only winning rink was that of Yvonne Woodcock, Doug Hunt, Dave Crockett and skip Tommy Tsoi.

A match in the West Sussex Bowls League against Pavilion Bulls ended in 4 points to 6 defeat with 3 of the rinks being very close. Stuart Andrews, Don Nice and skip Frank Tsang were top rink closely followed by Jimmy Wan, Francis Fahey and skip Dave Crockett.

A Stracey Shield match against Marine Gardens brought a 6 points to 2 win with top rink performances by Yvonne Woodcock, Doug Hunt, Dave Crockett and skip Tommy Tsoi and a good win by Jean Meneely, Don Nice, Chris Wood and skip Frank Tsang.

The final match of the week was a Brodie Tray match for the Hurricanes at home to Pavilion B. In a very tight match, the Hurricanes lost on 2 rinks by 1 shot and on a third by 2 shots. Winning by 3 shots on the 4th rink meant that overall the Hurricanes were down by just 1 shot on the aggregate but suffered a defeat by 2 points to 8.

The photo shows Chris Wood examining the head.



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WEEK 23rd Aug - 29th Aug

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WEEK 30th Aug - 5th Sep

The report starts with a Brodie Tray match between Goring Spitfires and Goring Hurricanes. The match was designated a Charity match by the club with all proceeds going towards the purchase of a defibrillator for general use at Field Place. Yvonne Woodcock will be leading this project and approaches will be made to other groups using Field Place to contribute towards the purchase. Any member of the public is welcome to come forward with a contribution. On the Charity day itself, players brought in a pile of raffle prizes and a total of £400 was raised. The match itself was very evenly balanced with both sides winning 2 rinks and the overall shot score was 60 shots each resulting in a 5 all draw. Top rink for the Hurricanes was Janice Sebastiano, Susan Lear, Trevor Pannell and skip Derek King. For the Spitfires, top rink went to Brenda Pannell, Sheila Lock and skip Frank Tsang.

18 players made the visit to Portslade the next day and a tight match saw a defeat by 89 shots to 99. Ann McGarry, Chris Allan and skip Bill Porter top rinked.

A friendly at home to Worthing on the Saturday brought a very narrow win by 80 shots to 76 with top rink going to Janice Sebastiano, Chris Allan and skip Stuart Andrews.

On Sunday a very pleasant visit to Hurstpierpoint again saw a narrow shots win by 70 to 65. Top rink went to Morag Cruise, Ray Page and skip Stuart Andrews.

A vital game in the Stracey Shield against Lancing was the decider for who would win the league. Derek King, Bill Porter, Chris Wood and skip Frank Tsang won their rink but the other three rinks were lost and consequently the title very deservedly passed from Goring Manor to Lancing.

The photo shows the players who took part in the charity match.



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 Rosie Suter Runners up Harvey McGarry/Tommy Tsoi.

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