

# Ranby's the man to head Lions' new season

## ICE HOCKEY

LEE Valley Lions, who ended their 2007/08 season as inaugural winners of the Ice Cube tournament on the Isle of Wight in May, begin their 2008/09 campaign on Saturday.

The Leyton-based team face Vectis Tigers and as the Lions easily conquered the Tigers at the tournament hopes are high of a good result this weekend.

As last season's captain Scott Pollak returned to his native New York, coach Sergei Smolenko has appointed a new captain for 2008/09.

Heading the team will now be Michael Ranby, the player who was the Lions' third-

highest scorer of 2007/08. Lee Valley's game against Vectis Tigers has a 5.30pm face off.

Tickets cost £5 for adults and £3 for children, plus season ticket details are shown on the club's website. Then on Sunday the Lions travel away to meet Basingstoke Buffalo.

When the Lions last played Basingstoke away they achieved a very well deserved 4-3 victory, so a closely-fought match is anticipated.

For further information on the Lee Valley Lions' fixtures for 2008/09 visit: [leevalleylions.co.uk](http://leevalleylions.co.uk)

**New Lions skipper Michael Ranby in action last season**  
(Photo: Julianne Bonner)

## BOWLS ROUND-UP

**BUCKHURST HILL** held their finals weekend, and despite the poor weather had a good turnout.

Ray Tredgett beat Roger Pike to win the men's singles, although the former was beaten by Malcolm Lord in the two-wood singles. Mac Magudia beat Jim Golder in the Junior Championship.

Budge Burnage scooped a hat-trick of wins, in the handicap singles, handicap pairs (with partner Roger Pike), and the veterans handicap.

In the ladies events, Daphne Wood beat Ros Pike to lift the singles title, and Wanda Rogers beat Melanie Hicks in the Junior Championship.

ladies also did well to finish second in the Forest District League. In friendly matches, the ladies lost to both Ainslie Wood and Walthamstow but gained a win against Silverthorn.

**Bantham and Ongar** won four out of their six games at the annual Gala Day of the Harlow Senior Citizens League. The team gained eight points, the same as eventual winners Rosedale, but lost out to third place owing to the overall shot difference.

**Central** hosted the Walthamstow and District Bowling Association Finals Day but had a bad day at the office, with all teams and finalists losing.

The Fours team of Ryan Kenny, Tony Linkie, Russell Hughes, and

