

HAMPTON BOWLING CLUB

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NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2021



Coronavirus Update – Good news

Following the scaling down of restrictions the bowls season will start on Saturday 17th April. The announcements made stated that there will be a continual easing of measures until a full re-opening on 21st June (if all goes well). We have to accept that there are still problems and we know that not everyone will be comfortable with bowling immediately. So, safeguards have to stay in place and we need members to abide by the updated rules. Please read the Information Sheet that is circulated with this newsletter and complete the Covid 19 Self Declaration Form before attending the club.

Dates for the diary

Monday 12 th April	-----	Maintenance Day – Start 10.00
Saturday 17 th April	-----	Open Day at 11.00. Bowling can start
Saturday 24 th April	-----	Open Day at 11.00
Saturday 1 st May	-----	Open Day at 14.00
Wednesday 5 th May	-----	First match of the season @ Walton (To be confirmed)
Saturday 8 th May	-----	Open Day at 14.00
Saturday 15 th May	-----	First home match of the season - Strawberry Hill (To be confirmed)

Maintenance Day – Monday 12th April

We are usually able to complete most of the work required in a morning – starting at 10.00. Due to the COVID restrictions we will need to rearrange how we work. 37 people have offered to help with maintenance, which is excellent, although this number will probably reduce as not everyone will be able to make 12th April. Some

of the advice received regarding the use of the changing rooms and the kitchen area is not clear so we will carry out as much as possible of a full maintenance. Some work such as the cleaning of the rooves has already been carried out by Richmond and we should finish what's necessary in 2 hours.

In order to protect attendees we are splitting the maintenance into two hourly sessions: 10.00 – 11.00 and 11.05 – 12.05. I have contacted most members by email and I confirm that the working parties will be as below.

Gents

- if your surname is in the range A to K please come at 10.00.
- if it's L to Z please come at 11.10.

Ladies

- I'll email you if it's 10.00 start
- if you don't hear from me then it's an 11.10 start.

Watering System

Some of the sprayers on the boundary walls are still malfunctioning. This has caused two problems. The first is that the new ditch wall matting can't be installed in case the boundary walls have to be broken down. The second is that in the warm weather large parts of the green will go dry. There is a hosepipe that can be used to water the green and Richard Duke is organising a watering rota. If you are willing to help then speak to Richard.

Club Subscriptions and Bowling Season Tickets

An Application for Membership Form is circulated with the newsletter. Please complete as soon as possible as we have to submit a return into Middlesex Bowling Association by 1st May. Annual Subscriptions are unchanged at £20-00 for a bowling member and £12.50 for a social member. A reminder that social members may not take part in matches, competitions or roll-ups. £7.50 of the subscription goes to Bowls England and M.B.A. – we only keep £12.50.

SEASON TICKETS (Prices – now including VAT - as set by Richmond upon Thames)

Over 60's & under 16	£84.00	Pay as you play @	£2.40 per hour or part of an hour
Under 60's	£164.00	Pay as you play @	£4.70 per hour or part of an hour

The club do not retain any of these funds. They are all paid to the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames and they are used to defray the maintenance costs of the green and clubhouse.

Cheques should be payable to HAMPTON BOWLING CLUB. The contact is Maureen Keown.

Bowling Hours

Richmond Council has agreed that (if there is no green maintenance in operation) bowling can commence at 12.00 (midday) on weekdays. At weekends play is from 10.00.

Committee for 2020:

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