

# HAMPTON BOWLING CLUB

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## NEWSLETTER – MAY 2024

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> May	-----	14:30 Sunbury (home)
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> May	-----	14:30 Bishop Duppas (away)
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> May	-----	14:30 Surbiton (home)
Thu 16 <sup>th</sup> May	-----	14:30 Teddington (home)
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> May	-----	14:30 Ashford (away)
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> May	-----	14:00 Open Day
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> May	-----	Club Comp entries close
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> May	-----	14:30 Cambridge Park (home)
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> May	-----	14:30 Fordbridge Park (away)
Thu 30 <sup>th</sup> May	-----	Draw for Club Competitions

A complete list of dates/fixtures can be found on the Club's Web site -  
<http://www.hamptonbowlingclub.co.uk/MatchDiary.html>

### Mayor's Trophy Success



Hampton retained the Mayor's Trophy at Strawberry Hill on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April. This completes a hat-trick of successes for the Club. The Mixed Triples event is contested annually between teams from Hampton, Teddington and Strawberry Hill. A fourth team is fielded by the hosting club, representing the Mayor.

Despite the threatening weather the event went ahead over 18 ends, with Christine Pusey, Dave Bevan and Kevin Keown playing for Hampton. The winner is decided on "shots difference", followed by "shots for". In a closely fought contest on a challenging surface, there were very small margins between the teams as the final ends were played, but Hampton managed to haul themselves to the top by the finish.

The photo shows the winning Hampton players with the cup presented by the Mayor of Richmond, Suzette Nicholson.

### Friendly Match vs Walton-upon-Thames

Hampton were the winners in their Friendly match on 1<sup>st</sup> May against Walton, 86 shots to 65 shots, and 3 rinks to 1 (lost by just one shot on the final end).

### **WhatsApp Group**

Richard Duke has created two WhatsApp groups, **HBC Bowlers Group**, and **MONDAY NIGHT LEAGUE**. The former is for Club members to communicate with all others in the group. For example, you may wish to let members know that you plan to be at the Club on a specific day/time in case they would like to join in a practice or have an informal game.

The latter is aimed specifically at those participating in the Monday Night League teams to exchange relevant information.

Richard has added the members for whom he has cellphone details to those lists. If you **do not** wish to be on either list, please inform Richard. If you are a WhatsApp user and have not received a WhatsApp notification about these groups, but would like to join, please also contact Richard.

### **13:30 Rollup Arrival time**

Tuesday and Thursday rollups are scheduled to begin promptly at 14:00. Members are requested to arrive for 13:30 (half an hour before) to allow equipment (mats, jacks, pushers, scoreboards) to be set out on the green, and to determine the number of rinks and format for games. Teams can then be drawn and play can begin on time. Late arrivals disrupt this sequence and delay the start.

### **All Hail!**

The first rollup of the season was marred by inclement weather. This shot taken that afternoon, may make one wonder just what has been deposited on the green. No – not confetti, not flower petals, not salt crystals, not pearls, not punched card chads, not dandruff, but huge beads of icy precipitation!



### **Maintenance Day**

There was a good turnout of members on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> April for the annual spring clean and maintenance day. Here are just two of our happy volunteers ready for action with their tools of trade. Most tasks were completed without mishap, although our current secretary attempted to emulate the painting feats of his predecessor (who spilled white paint onto the edge of the green last season) by overbalancing while painting one of the benches outside the clubhouse, landing with one arm in a tin of green paint!

For anyone with the time or energy (or a liking for adventure), there is still one bench left to paint...



### **Expansion/Development of Club Facilities**

The Committee is still seeking input from members about how they would like to see our Clubhouse and Green facilities expanded or developed. To date, there have been suggestions from a small number of members, mostly about changing and catering facilities, toilets and seating, as well as funding.

We would like to formalise these suggestions in a discussion document for all members to consider. With that in mind, if you haven't done so already, please can you let the Committee know your ideas by email or in writing before the end of May.

### **Carlisle Park Main Gates Closure**

During the summer, the closing time for the main gates to Carlisle Park varies with the amount of evening light expected. Notices are posted on the gates showing the lock-up times for different months and weeks of the season.

Especially if you are involved in external competitions or evening league matches at home, be aware that you need to clear the park (with your vehicle) by these times. You may find this useful information to pass onto your opponents as appropriate.

<b>May</b>	8.30pm on week commencing 6 May 9pm on weeks commencing 13, 20 and 27 May
<b>June</b>	9pm on weeks commencing 3 and 10 June 9.30pm on weeks commencing 17 and 24 June
<b>July</b>	9.30pm on week commencing 1 July 9pm on weeks commencing 8, 15, 22 and 29 July
<b>August</b>	8.30pm on week commencing 5 August 8pm on weeks commencing 12, 19 and 26 August
<b>September</b>	7.30pm on week commencing 2 September 7pm on weeks commencing 9, 16 and 23 September 6.30pm on week commencing 30 September

### **Catering for Home Matches**

The Catering Secretary has posted a sign-up sheet on the notice board near the kitchen area for volunteers to help with catering on home match days. Please enter your name in an empty slot if you can assist.

### **Ladies Internal Competition Entries**

The number of ladies entered for these competitions is currently very low. Please put your name down if you would like to enter.

### **Fixture List Abbreviations Glossary**

Have you ever wondered about the mysterious ciphers used to describe match formats and other columns on the Fixtures List? While many are self-explanatory, here is some additional clarification.

Venues – H= Home; A = Away.

Match Formats – the numbers are the number of teams/rinks; MX = Mixed; O = Open to both Ladies and Gents; L = Ladies; P = Pairs; T = Triples.

Comp(etition) – SML = South Middlesex League.

### **Committee and Roles for 2024:**

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If you have any proposals or suggestions for the running of your Club please contact any committee member or put a note into the box used for the green fees.

If you see any errors in the newsletter, or if you have any material to include in future issues, please inform the author, **Cliff Laking**.  
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