



# HAMPTON BOWLING CLUB



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## **NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2025**

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

<b>Wed 11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	-----	14:30 Cambridge Park (away)
<b>Sat 21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	-----	14:30 Staines (home)
<b>Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	-----	11:00 Open Day
<b>Sat 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	-----	14:30 Byfleet (home)
<b>Sun 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	-----	14:30 Mid Surrey (away)
<b>Sun 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	-----	14:30 Strawberry Hill (home)
<b>Wed 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	-----	Age UK Course ends
<b>Sat 12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	-----	14:30 Strawberry Hill (away)
<b>Sat 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	-----	14:30 Stanwell (away)
<b>Sun 27<sup>th</sup> July</b>	-----	14:30 Neil Denny Cup (home)
<b>Wed 30<sup>th</sup> July</b>	-----	14:30 Bishop Duppas (home)

A complete list of dates/fixtures can be found on the Club's Web site -

<http://www.hamptonbowlingclub.co.uk/MatchDiary.html>

### **Mayor's Cup**

Hampton BC had the pleasure of hosting the Mayor's Trophy event at Carlisle Park on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April. There were four clubs contesting the event in 2025 – Hampton, Teddington, Strawberry Hill and Sheen Common, who were making a welcome return.

Hampton emerged victorious again!



Winning rink, Bill Rush, Marie Kelsall and Pauline Rush against Sheen Common

The Mayor, Councillor Richard Pyne attended with his wife and presented the cup to Club Captain Kevin Keown, as well as medals to all the participants. Plaudits to those members playing for HBC on the day.



Richard and Helen Pyne with HBC Captain, Kevin Keown and the Mayor's Cup Trophy

## South Middlesex Mixed Triples League

Hampton has made a solid if unspectacular start to the season. The current record is three wins and one loss. Matches have been closely fought, three out of the four played resulting in two rink wins apiece.

Hampton beat Sunbury by 3 rinks to 1 with an aggregate shots score of 75 to 50, giving HBC 8 points to Sunbury's 2.

Hampton hosted Ashford and the rinks were shared 2-2, with Hampton ahead on total shots 82 to 60. 6 points to HBC and 4 to Ashford.

Hampton had a close call away to Fordbridge Park. Down by two rinks to one, on the last rink HBC had dropped 6 shots on one end; the final rink seemed to be heading the way of their opponents. But an excellent fightback culminating in a thrilling 18<sup>th</sup> end, saw HBC squeak home by 2 shots. Points for rinks won were 2-2 and shot difference was 68-64 in favour of Hampton. Another 6-4 result for the league table.

Away to Bishop Duppas, Hampton suffered a first defeat of the campaign. Although the rinks' wins were shared, HBC lost on aggregate shots, 61-71. Overall, 6 points to BD and 4 to Hampton.

Here is a snapshot of the table. (\*Bishop Duppas results not up to date)

Team	Matches Played	W	L	D	Match Win Points	Rinks Won	Rinks Lost	Rinks Drawn	Rink Win Points	Default Points	TOTAL POINTS	Shots For	Shots Against	Diff
Fordbridge Park	5	3	2		6	12	7	1	25		31	362	279	83
Hampton	4	3	1		6	9	7	0	18		24	286	245	41
Ashford	4	2	2		4	7	8		14		18	259	274	-15
Sunbury	4	2	2		4	7	9	0	14		18	197	265	-68
Staines	2	1	1		2	4	4		8		10	133	125	8
Bishop Duppas	3	0	3		0	4	6	2	10		10	185	194	-9
Stanwell	3	0	3		0	5	6	0	10		10	168	226	-58
Strawberry Hill	1	0	1		0	2	2	0	4		4	61	41	20

## Monday Night Triples

An inauspicious start to the programme sees Hampton yet to register a win, but hopes are high for an upturn in fortunes very soon.

MONDAY NIGHT TRIPLES LEAGUE TABLE					2025							
After Week 3												
TEAM	PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRAWN	SHOTS FOR	SHOTS AGAINST	SHOTS DIFF	POINTS				
STANWELL	3	2	1	0	59	37	22	4				
MASONIANS RED	3	2	1	0	54	41	13	4				
STAINES BLUE	3	2	1	0	43	39	4	4				
BISHOP DUPPAS RED	3	2	1	0	40	51	-11	4				
STAINES RED	3	1	2	0	63	47	16	2				
MASONIANS BLUE	2	1	1	0	39	26	13	2				
BISHOP DUPPAS BLUE	3	1	2	0	44	57	-13	2				
HAMPTON	2	0	2	0	14	58	-44	0				
TOTALS	10	11	11	0	356	356	0	22				
OUTSTANDING GAMES	Hampton v Masonian Blue											



## Upgrades to Clubhouse Facilities

The Council carried out a number of repairs and improvements to the Clubhouse heating, lighting and sensors just before the season began. The Club's committee is extremely grateful to LBRuT for these works.



The old wall mounted heaters were replaced by new Rointe low energy, high efficiency models. Not only do they look smarter, but they can also be programmed to suit needs at different times of the year.

The players at a home Friendly match against Teddington were especially pleased to be able to retreat from extremely chilly weather conditions on the green to the warmth of the Clubhouse.

Late afternoon/evening Five Crowns and Cribbage card enthusiasts will also find their surroundings much more comfortable in the cooler seasons.

Faulty lights were all replaced and the impact was immediately noticeable after a rather dingy appearance over a long period.

Some members have commented that the illumination of the main area now bears similarities to a hospital operating theatre with bright lamps, operating table and sharps box... Our resident surgeon seems unimpressed in this photo however!

Failing on/off light sensors in the Ladies changing room were also replaced and now operate as intended.



## Hot Water Cylinder



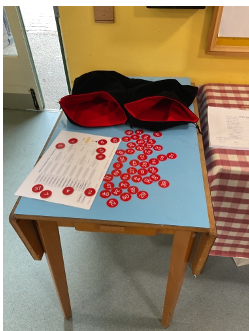
The tap on the hot water cylinder in the kitchen area broke recently and was replaced by a new style of faucet. On Club Day this helped provide ample supplies of hot water for washing up.

Be aware that there is a sliding lock on the tap which must be moved towards the sink to enable it to function by turning the handle in a clockwise direction. This is shown in the photos.

Note that the electric switch to heat the water is situated on the wall above the top of the cylinder.



## Competitions Draw



The draw for the Club's internal competitions took place after the roll-up on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May. A handful of members stayed behind to participate in the excitement and act as recorders/scrutineers.

With the exception of the Mixed Triples, where the number of entrants is still to be finalised, proceedings ran smoothly by drawing numbered discs from bags.

The drawsheets are now posted in the clubhouse. Please recognise that by entering competitions you are making a commitment to availability and giving an expectation that your matches are completed by the deadlines (barring unavoidable emergencies).

The scorecards for named Internal Competitions that are stored in pockets on the wall beside the drawsheets are **only** for this purpose and are **not** intended for use in any other matches.

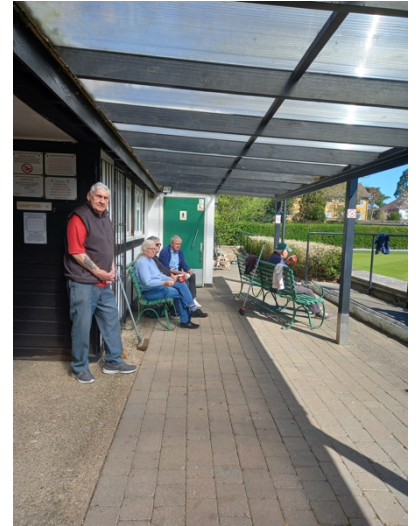
### **Open Days**

The Club has held three Open Days so far this year, with encouraging attendances at the latter two. A special welcome to new members Steve and Fiona, who joined just a week or so after their taster experience.

### **Hedging**



One of the formal requests made by the Committee to LBRuT last year was to lower hedge heights on the side of the green nearest the clubhouse. This work was completed before the season started and has delivered improved viewing of rinks for spectators, as well as improved security through clearer visibility of the clubhouse area and surrounds. The photographs are from Maintenance Day.



### **Thank you!**

Thanks are due to all our members who contribute their time, skill and ingenuity in keeping Hampton Bowling Club going.

There are too many to mention individually, but just a few of the tasks that have been performed during 2025 include repairs to a scoreboard, reseating porch roofing panels, watering the green, tea/coffee making, washing up, printing scorecards, provision of delicious catering items for event days, cleaning etc.

### **Got the Hump!**

Recently, a new sign appeared mysteriously at the entrance to the HBC green.

Was this some warning to avoid bumps in the bowling surface, or was it something more sinister?

After being plagued for years by foxes, crows, and other assorted pests, had a foreign Bactrian species invaded Carlisle Park, jumped onto the green and created two holes with every roll made on the grass?

And left their calling card!

Judge for yourself...



### **Carlisle Park Gates Closing Times**

Please note the times at which the Wensleydale Road gates are being closed during June as this will affect planned start times for evening matches.

Week of:

June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9:00 pm
June 9 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 pm
June 16 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 pm
June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9:30 pm
June 30 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 pm

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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.

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