



HAMPTON BOWLING CLUB



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NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2016

Yes, we're almost there. Welcome to a new season at Hampton. Following the Annual General Meeting in January there are several changes that have been made. So please go through the notices below and please support the club at events such as the maintenance days. One major change is that you have a new Secretary. Many thanks to Algy Alexander for the work that he has done over the years; for his preparation and distribution of the previous newsletters; and, for his assistance and patience during the handover to me. As I shall be on holiday at the end of April, Algy's duties have not finished yet as he has agreed to stand in for me on Subscriptions Day and at the Mayor's Cup which Hampton are hosting on 24th April.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Wednesday 13 April	-----	Maintenance at the Clubhouse. 10:00
Thursday 14 April	-----	Maintenance at the Clubhouse. 10:00
Saturday 16 April	-----	Subscription Day at the Clubhouse 10:00 – 13:00
Saturday 16 April	-----	The Green will be open for practice
Sunday 24 April	-----	Mayor's Cup Competition at Hampton BC. 13:30 for 14:30
Tuesday 3 May	-----	NPL league starts please put your name down for two teams
Monday 2 May	-----	Neil Denny Cup
Saturday 28 May	-----	Free Tuition Day for new or prospective members
Monday 30 May	-----	Queen's Birthday and Family Day. Red, white & blue theme
Saturday 11 June	-----	Hampton Carnival. Please bring your donations & gifts to the club
Monday 20 June	-----	18.00 Host to Gents Supper Club, Hanworth
Sunday 26 June	-----	Trip to Ringwood
Tuesday 28 June	-----	Cheese and Wine Evening. £5 per head, 18:00, just to be social
Sunday 31 July	-----	Trip to Pagham
Wednesday 3 August	-----	14.00 Host to Integrated Neurological Services. Players required
Friday 4 November	-----	Annual Dinner 18.30 for 19.00 at Fulwell Golf Club

Club Subscriptions and Bowling Season Tickets

A revised Application for Membership form will be used this year. It will allow addresses, contacts numbers and email addresses to be updated. It will also ask you to specify whether you allow communications by email.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS are unchanged at £20-00 for a bowling member and £12.50 for a social member. Social Members may not take part in Matches, Fixtures, Competitions or Roll Ups.

SEASON TICKETS (Prices as set by Richmond upon Thames)

Over 60's & under 16	£75.50	Pay as you play @	£2.00 per hour or part of an hour
Under 60's	£140.00	Pay as you play @	£4.00 per hour or part of an hour
Season Tickets for Under 16's £20-00 remainder of £55-50 to be sponsored by HBC			

Make all cheques payable to HAMPTON BOWLING CLUB. Subscriptions/Season tickets can also be purchased by post from the Treasurer or the Secretary.

New Life Members

In recognition of their services to the club, the committee have filled two vacancies by granting Life Membership to Brenda Flynn and John Alabaster. Congratulations to both.

Maintenance / Working Days.

There will be two half-days in order to undertake all of the tasks required before the season starts. Wednesday 13 April and Thursday 14 April each day starting at 10:00. Please come and help to get the season off to a good start even if you can only make it for an hour.

New Club Shirts

At the AGM members voted in favour of new shirts. Our thanks to Malcolm Pusey for obtaining samples and quotations. The new shirts will cost £14.00, without a personalised name, and £17.00 with a name. Club shirts must be worn for matches. Maureen Keown will be organising the shirt supply.

Mayor's Cup Competition.

Hampton will host the Mayor's Cup on Sunday 24 April. Hampton will be fielding several triples. If you wish to bowl please speak to Kevin Keown. And, please come along at 13:30 on the day to ensure that the green and clubhouse are set out and show the club at its best.

Tea Rota

As in previous years club members are asked to prepare the teas for one home match. Muriel will have a blank rota on subscription day so that you can nominate your preferred date. After that names will be allocated to games and the rota will be placed on the notice board. Please bring your diaries.

NPL Triples

Two teams of triples compete on Monday afternoons (Tuesdays if there is a Bank Holiday) at NPL, Teddington.

Players are required to play on alternate weeks. Tea and biscuits are provided and there is a charge of £4.50 which includes raffle tickets. If you are interested then speak to Kevin Keown or Bill Rush.

Ringwood visit to Hampton

The Ringwood match scheduled for May has been cancelled. More news in due course.

Free tuition and training

Free public tuition sessions, courtesy of Algy, will be run on Saturday 28 May from 10:00 to 13:00. Please let any of your friends know if they wish to try a game of bowls. Please come and help to welcome new bowlers. I am sure they will appreciate your efforts. Leaflets are available for publicity – see Algy.

Visit to Ringwood 26 June

Please meet at the main gates at 9.15 for a 9.30 departure. A notice will be placed on the board. In response to feedback from members there will be no meal after the game and the coach will return immediately to Hampton.

Visit to Pagham 31 July

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Queen's Birthday and Family Day

Bank Holiday Monday 30 May. Whites to be worn but also feel free to add a touch of colour – red white and blue will be the theme. Bring yourself, family and friends along at 14:00 for a 14:30 start. Muriel will put a food list on the notice board. Please help out if you can.

Hampton Carnival

This year it is on the Saturday 11 June. We are to have a stall with bottles and cans. Sylvia Graville will have a box for your donations at the club. Please donate any type of bottle or can. There is a requirement for at least 12 volunteers to set up and take down the stall on the day. Please see Sylvia.

Fundraising

The Grand Raffle, drawn on Finals Day, and the Bonus Ball, run weekly, raised quite a bit of money last year and it is hoped that they will be run again this season. Maureen Keown will take soundings on the Bonus Ball on Subscriptions Day.

Club Competitions

Last year saw many new faces on the winners' rostrum so please take part. The lists will be posted on the notice board at the start of the season. Enter your name as soon as possible so that the matches can be drawn.

Matches and fixtures

For home matches players should arrive at least half an hour before play commences and help to put the equipment out. Please let the Captain know by 11:00 on the day if you can't play. A holiday list will be displayed on the boards in the changing rooms. Please put your name down and the dates you are unavailable to play. The Captain will put up cards for forthcoming matches and members are asked to enter their names as soon as possible if they can play. Location maps of all other clubs are in a folder in the clubhouse. This will also be on the website for members with internet access.

Annual Dinner

A new location: Fulwell Golf Club on Friday 4 November at 18.30 for 19.00. Thanks to Doreen Finucane for obtaining a much reduced venue charge of £50.00 and thank you to Doreen, Pat Cavanagh, Christine and Malcolm Pusey, and Maureen Keown for reviewing the venue and arranging the menu. More details nearer to the event.

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