



HAMPTON BOWLING CLUB



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NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2017

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Thursday 13 th April	-----	10.00 Maintenance Day
Monday 17 th April	-----	14.00 Open Day for all to try out the facilities. Green now open.
Saturday 22 nd April	-----	10.00 – 13.00 Subscription Day
Sunday 30 th April	-----	14.00 Mayor's Cup at Teddington Bowling Club
Monday 1 st May	-----	Bank Holiday - Neil Denny Cup
Sunday 7 th May	-----	Away to Ringwood
Wednesday 17 th May	-----	Barbecue & Bowls Evening – 17.30 for 18.00
Saturday 27 th May	-----	10.00 Free Tuition Day for new or prospective members
Monday 29 th May	-----	Bank Holiday – Family & Friends Day – everyone welcome
Saturday 10 th June	-----	Hampton Carnival
Sunday 18 th June	-----	Away to Pagham
Sunday 25 th June	-----	Home to Ringwood
Monday 28 th August	-----	Bank Holiday – President's Day – Chair v Captain
Saturday 9 th September	-----	Finals Weekend – also, Sunday 10 September
Friday 3 rd November	-----	Annual Dinner & Presentation Evening
Sunday 17 th June 2018	-----	Celebration of 90 th Anniversary.

Sheen Common – Charity Day 2016

£650.00 was raised last year and was donated to Macmillan Cancer Support. Thanks to all that attended.

Maintenance Day

Thursday 13 April 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. Tea and biscuits are free. If the work is not completed the following day (Friday 14th) is a Bank Holiday and the maintenance can be finalised then.

Club Subscriptions and Bowling Season Tickets

Please complete the new Application for Membership form when joining as it will allow addresses, contact numbers and email addresses to be updated

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	£147.00	Pay as you play @	£4.20 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.

Fixtures

Fixture lists will be handed out on Subscription Day. If you can't wait until then the fixtures are on the web at <http://www.hamptonbowlingclub.co.uk/Fixtures.html>

Tea Rota

As in previous years club members are asked to prepare the teas for one home match. A blank rota will be available 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.

Home Matches 2017 – Food Arrangements

A reminder. The persons organising the match teas etc. will have a budget to arrange the food as they wish. No other players will need to bring in sandwiches, cakes etc. The guidelines for spending are shown below but the committee needs quick feedback as to whether the costing is reasonable:

Matches involving 3 triples (18 players) - £8.00

Matches involving 4 rinks (24 players) - £10.00

Home Matches 2017 – Catering for Bank Holidays and Social Events

Member feedback from last season was that there was too much wastage on certain items. For example, with many cakes being thrown away. The Committee appreciates the efforts of everyone bringing in items but they ask that members only supply items that are shown on the list on the notice board.

Mayor's Cup – 30 April – 14.00

This year Teddington will be hosting and Hampton will be represented by Kevin Keown, Chris Nelhams and Bill Rush. Guests are welcome to attend but Teddington have asked to be advised of numbers so that they can organise the catering. If you are likely to attend then please let me know.

Visit to Ringwood - Sunday 7 May

An early outing. Please meet at the main gates at 9.15 for a 9.30 departure. Ringwood will be providing lunchtime sandwiches etc. A notice will be placed on the board. Please put your names down as early as possible. In response to feedback from members there will be no meal after the game and the coach will return immediately to Hampton.

Barbecue & Bowls Evening – Wednesday 17 May – 17.30 for 18.00 start

In response to suggestions received we will be holding a social event combining bowls and a barbecue. £4.00 charge for both but drinks will be extra

Free tuition and training – Saturday 27 May

Free public tuition sessions, courtesy of Algy, will be run on Saturday 27 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.

Hampton Carnival – Saturday 10 June

We are looking to have two stalls. One will have bottles, cans, soft toys and plants. The other will be a bowling skill game. Please donate any type of bottle or can – they do not have to be alcoholic or expensive. There is a requirement for at least 12 volunteers to set up and take down the stall on the day. If you can help then let me or any committee member know.

Club Competitions

More new faces on the winners' rostrum last year, so please take part. The lists are already on the notice board so please put down your name. Closing date for entries is Monday 22 May and Pat Busby will organise the draw during the end of May Bank Holiday weekend.

Richmond & Barnes League – Competitions

The application form for singles, pairs and triples is on the notice board. The charge is £3.00 per member for each entry – payments by the lead name to Maureen Keown please. Due to other competitions, the double rink (4 play at home and 4 play away) has not been played in the last two years. It would be good to get a team together this year. Ladies and Gents please put your name down. Closing date for entries is 1 May in order that we can submit to the R & B by their closing date.

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.

Fire Exit

The clubhouse has one fire exit. Normally, a workplace must have at least two exit routes to permit prompt evacuation of building occupants during an emergency. However, if the number of occupants or the arrangement of the building allows all occupants to evacuate safely during an emergency, then only one exit route is permitted. The club has several means of exit in an emergency but the main doors are the designated fire exit and the signs indicate this.

First Aid

As previously advised, the Committee is reviewing the need for first aid training. Guidelines for treating incidents are shown on the notice boards. If in doubt, call 999.

Tea, coffee, beer and wine

A reminder that the club provides a selection of drinks but it needs to cover costs. Please ensure that you make a contribution when you have a drink. Suggested contribution levels are shown on the notice board.

Public use of bowling green

The public are allowed to use the green provided that they wear flat shoes, provide their own bowls and pay the hourly fee. They are allowed to use the bowls equipment – jack, mats, pushers etc. – but not bowls. If members of the public wish to use club bowls then there is a charge of £1.00 (per set of 4), which should go into the box together with the hourly fee.

Facebook

Many thanks to Chris Nelhams for setting up the club. Presently there are 285 people with a link.

Useful training booklet “My Way”

The club has purchased two copies of this book. It is worth reading. Copies are on the notice board. Please ensure that you return the copy so that other members can arrange their own practice and pick up tips.

Bowls Holiday 2018

Members have responded positively to a club bowls holiday. Too late for 2017 but we are looking at a 4 night break at Potters, probably in October 2018. More news will follow in due course.

March 15 2017 was a very sunny day



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If you see any errors in the newsletter or if you have anything for future issues then please let me know. My e-mail: hugh@hrhowell.co.uk

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