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NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2019

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Wednesday 17th April	-----	Maintenance Day – Start 10.00
Saturday 20th April	-----	Open Day at 11.00. Bowling can start
Saturday 20th April	-----	Subscriptions Day at 13.00.
Saturday 27th April	-----	Open Day at 11.00
Sunday 28th April	-----	Mayor's Trophy – 14.00 at Teddington Bowling Club
Wednesday 1st May	-----	First match of the season. Away to Walton
Saturday 4th May	-----	Open Day at 11.00
Monday 6th May	-----	Bank Holiday – Denny Cup
Wednesday 8th May	-----	First home match of the season – Strawberry Hill
Saturday 11th May	-----	Open Day at 11.00
Monday 13th May	-----	NPL Triples starts – 14.00 for 14.30
Saturday 8th June	-----	Hampton Carnival
Sunday 11th August	-----	Walton Fours
Friday 8th November	-----	Annual Dinner at Fulwell Golf Club

Maintenance Day

Wednesday 17th April with a 10.00 start. Hopefully if the weather is good we will complete all of the maintenance on the Wednesday. If not, then come along on Thursday 18th April at 10.00. Richmond Council have confirmed that they will clear the debris off the rooves. A list of the other work that needs to be done will be sent out. Thanks in advance to all you volunteers.

Open Day & Subscriptions

Four open days are being held – see dates above. Anyone in the general public can come along and try out the game for free. The only requirement is to wear flat sole shoes. Please encourage family and friends to come along. Free tuition will be available on all days and tea, coffee and squash will be provided.

Subscriptions will be on Saturday 20th April when Maureen Keown will be on hand from 13.00.

Any donations of clothing and equipment that the club has received will be available for purchase on the day. Any items remaining at the end of April will be donated to charities. If you have any items to add then please let me know.

First Events of the Season

Mayor's Trophy – Sunday 28th April at 14.00 at Teddington. Hampton are the holders and will be striving to retain the trophy.

NPL Monday Afternoon Triples – Starts on Monday 13th May at 14.00 for 14.30. The first game is against Cambridge Park. There is a charge of £5.00 per game and this includes tea & cakes and a raffle ticket. We are short of 3 players. Can you play? Speak to Kevin now if you are interested.

Away to Walton – Wednesday 1st May – First match of the season. Get your names down early.

Bank Holiday - 6th May – Neil Denny Cup. First competition of the season.

Richmond & Barnes Competitions – There is a notice on the board and an entry deadline of 6th May. **It's a great experience to play in the singles, pairs and triples and we would like to encourage as many people as possible to take part.**

Away to Ringwood – Sunday 2nd June. 9.00 for coach depart at 9.15. A notice will be on the board. Please sign up as soon as possible.

Hampton Carnival

Saturday 8th June. Helpers required please:

- at the club house at 10.45 to load up
- at the carnival at 12.30 to serve customers
- at the carnival again 16.30 to 17.00 to clear up.

Only two cars are allowed on the green. Algy Alexander and Ian love have volunteered their vehicles but loading and unloading etc. still has to be done.

Bottles, soft toys and plants are wanted for the stalls. The bottles do not have to be alcoholic. Soft drinks will make up the majority of the prizes that will be won.

Competitions

Notices for the competitions will be on the board at the beginning of the season. After the success of the Joe Liddle Trophy (mixed triples) last year, when all matches up to the semi-final were played on one day, the same format will be run this year. Also, because of the difficulty of arranging pairs matches we are going to trial the same format for those competitions. The dates are:

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| Saturday July 6 | - Lilian Cup – Mixed Pairs |
| Sunday July 21 | - Ladies Pairs and Men's Pairs |
| Saturday August 3 | - Joe Liddle Trophy – Mixed Triples |

Walton Fours

This annual event will be held on Sunday 11th August and a notice will be up shortly. The cost is £36.00 per team of four and this covers lunch and tea for the 4 players. There will be a charge of £6.00 for spectators who want to eat. Enquiries to Kevin Keown.

First Aiders

Thanks to the following people who attended the training sessions last year and have said that they will be available if required.

Algy Alexander, Muriel Alexander, Christine Broomfield, Frederick Cavanagh, Patricia Cavanagh, Lindy Duke, Richard Duke, Maureen Keown, Chris Nelhams and Jackie Venus.

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.

Catering

This season the catering is in the care of PPDM – Patricia Cavanagh, Pauline Rush, Doreen Finucane, Maureen Woods and also with the assistance of Chris Squires. Please speak to any of them if you have a comment or query.

Tea Rota

A rota for the home matches will be organised on subscription day.

Home Matches 2019 – Food Arrangements

The persons organising the match teas etc. will have a budget to arrange the food as they wish. The amount set for 2019 is 75 pence per head based upon the number of players. Examples are:

Matches involving 3 triples (18 players) - £13.50 Matches involving 4 rinks (24 players) - £18.00

Visitors charge

Visitors who take tea and food will pay £2.00. This applies to both home and away supporters.

Tea, coffee etc.

A reminder that, outside of matches, 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.

Club Subscriptions and Bowling Season Tickets

Please complete the 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 – now including VAT - as set by Richmond upon Thames)

Over 60's & under 16	£81.50	Pay as you play @	£2.20 per hour or part of an hour
Under 60's	£159.00	Pay as you play @	£4.50 per hour or part of an hour

Season Tickets for Under 16's £25-00 remainder of £56-50 to be sponsored by HBC

Make all cheques payable to HAMPTON BOWLING CLUB. The contact is Maureen Keown.

Matches and fixtures

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. If selected and you can't play then let the Captain know by 11:00 on the day. For home matches players should arrive at least half an hour before play commences and help to put the equipment out. Location maps of all other clubs are in a folder in the clubhouse and on the website.

Club Shirts and Caps

Place orders with Maureen Keown. The shirt prices are:
Short-sleeve shirts – Plain = £20.00; with name = £23.00
Long-sleeve shirts – Plain = £21.00; with name = £24.00
If you are interested in a cap then let Maureen know.

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.

Rink Rotation

A reminder, to those members rolling-up on Mondays, that the rinks must be changed before play commences. A chart is pinned up at the entrance to the clubhouse.

Committee for 2018:

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Club Captain	Kevin Keown	020 8894 1019
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Fixtures & Competitions Sec.	Algy Alexander	020 8941 0005
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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.
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