



HAMPTON BOWLING CLUB



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NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2023

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Saturday 8th April	-----	10.00 Maintenance Day
Saturday 15th April	-----	10.30 Subs/season tickets followed by afternoon roll-up
Saturday 22nd April	-----	11.00 Open Day
Saturday 29th April	-----	11.00 Open Day
Sunday 30th April	-----	14.00 Mayor's Cup at Teddington BC
Wednesday 3rd May	-----	14.30 Walton-on-Thames (away)
Monday 8th May	-----	14.30 Coronation Bank Holiday Roll-up with High Tea

A complete list of dates/fixtures can be found on the Club Website

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

Updates will be posted there.

This is the first Newsletter that it has been possible to publish for some time. It is hoped that future Newsletters can be published monthly during the season.

2023 Annual General Meeting

The AGM was held at 14:30 on Wednesday, 8 March 2023 in the Hewitt Room, Whitton Community Centre, Percy Road, Twickenham. In contrast to the 2022 AGM, the 2023 meeting was well attended with 23 members present. The minutes of that meeting will be distributed in a separate e-mail.

One topic that generated considerable discussion was start times for Club members' roll-up days in 2023. There was confusion in 2022 which often made it difficult to draw teams fairly or inclusively. For regular roll-ups in 2023 we will use a consistent 13.30 arrival time for a 14.00 roll-up start.

Ray Dyer Bequest

Most members will know that sadly, Ray Dyer passed away earlier this year. The AGM minutes record that he has left a very substantial bequest to the Club. Over the coming months can members please give some thought as to how this money might be spent? A Suggestion Box will be placed in the Clubhouse for this purpose.

Matches and fixtures

Club fixtures are important and players should avoid arranging internal matches on the same day. The Captain will post cards in the clubhouse 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 45 minutes before play commences and help to put out the equipment. Location maps of other clubs are in a folder in the clubhouse and on the website.

External Competitions

If you wish to enter any of the external competitions run by the South Middlesex BA and/or the Richmond, Barnes and District BA please get your entries to Kevin Keown **as soon as possible**.

South Middlesex BA Knockout Competitions 2023

If you are interested in entering any of these events you must let Kevin know by **Sunday 30th April 2023** at the very latest, detailing which events, team members etc.

Men's Singles £2.50
 Open Singles (Ladies or Gents) £2.50
 Ladies Pairs £5.00 (£2.50 per entrant)
 75 Points (Ladies or Gents) £2.50
 Men's Pairs £5.00 (£2.50 per entrant)
 Australian Pairs (Ladies or Gents or Mixed) £5.00 (£2.50 per entrant)
 Open Triples (Ladies or Gents or Mixed) £7.50 (£2.50 per entrant)
 Mixed Triples (2 + 1 Ladies/Gents combination) £7.50 (£2.50 per entrant)
 Mixed Pairs (1 + 1 Lady + Gent) £5.00 (£2.50 per entrant)
 Bunny Haynes Rink (Men Only Four) we can enter 2 teams £12.00 (£2.50 per entrant)
 John Gardner Rink (Mixed Four) 1 team per club (£12.00) (£2.50 per entrant)

Richmond, Barnes & District Knockout Competitions 2023

If you wish to enter any of these events please let Kevin know by **Saturday April 15th** at the very latest, providing details of which events, and your team members in the case of the Pairs/Triples/Fours.

Open Singles = £3.00 per entry
 Open Pairs = £6.00 per entry (£3 per entrant)
 Open Triples = £9.00 per entry (£3 per entrant)
 Open Fours = £12.00 per entry (£3 per entrant)

Open means that Ladies and/or Gents can play in any of the competitions. For the Pairs/Triples/Fours this means entrants can be a mix of Ladies and Gents.

Please note that Hampton BC does not fund entries to either of these external competitions.

Rink Rotation

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

Tea, coffee and other drinks

Recovery of the costs of drinks is based on an honesty system. If you don't have sufficient funds with you at the time, then please put in an IOU in the box and repay it as soon as possible.

Bowling Hours

If there is no green maintenance in operation bowling can commence at 12.00 (midday) on weekdays and 10.00 on weekends. We don't yet have formal confirmation on the regular schedule for green maintenance during the 2023 season. This will be advised as soon as it is known. Note that bad weather can sometimes dictate the need to postpone work by a day or more.

Club Subscriptions and Bowling Season Tickets

Annual Subscriptions are unchanged at £20 for a bowling member and £12.50 for a social member, of which £7.50 goes in affiliation fees to Bowls England and Middlesex Bowling Association. Social members may not take part in matches, competitions, or roll-ups.

Below are the costs of Season Tickets and "Pay as you Play" fees set by Richmond-upon-Thames Council for 2023/24. This represents roughly an 8-9% increase on the previous year's charges.

	2023/24 Charge £
Season Ticket for under 60's	183.00
Casual play per hour or part of hour (under 60's)	5.10
Season Ticket (over 60's or under 16's)	93.90
Casual play per hour or part of hour (over 60's or under 16's)	2.60

Club Shirts

Last season the Club registered new shirt colours with Bowls England. At that time, many members purchased coloured shirts through an initial bulk purchase. If you would like to purchase any of the new shirts please note that the club needs to order a minimum of five shirts at a time to avoid postage costs.

Coaching

Richard Duke and Katharine Wallace have been training for coaching qualifications. They are available to anyone who would like coaching assistance. Please contact either for more details. Coaching sessions have also been available at Cambridge Park IBC on Tuesdays.

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 Club's bowls equipment – jack, mats, pushers etc. – but not bowls. If members of the public wish to use club bowls there is a charge of £1.00 (per set of 4), which should go into the box together with the hourly fee.

Committee for 2023:

President	Chris Squires	020 8979 3700
Chair	Richard Duke	07809 350396
Secretary	Cliff Laking	07802 907661
Treasurer	Maureen Keown	07960 988409
Club Captain	Kevin Keown	07578 159841
Vice-Captain (Ladies)	Pat Cavanagh	07588 355500
Catering Sec.	Pat Cavanagh	07588 355500
Vice-Captain (Men)	Bill Rush	07484 353269
Fixtures Sec.	David Willis	07765 256540
Internal Competitions Sec.	Katharine Wallace	07748 633734
Middlesex & Richmond/Barnes Delegate	Kevin Keown	07578 159841

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 anything to include in future issues, then please let me know.

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And finally:

A HAPPY EASTER TO ALL!!