



# HAMPTON BOWLING CLUB



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## NEWSLETTER – MAY 2023

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	-----	14:30 Surbiton (away) CANCELLED
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	-----	14:30 Teddington (home)
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	-----	14:30 Ashford (away)
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b>	-----	14:00 Open Day
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	-----	14:30 Cambridge Park (home)
<b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	-----	14:30 Fordbridge Park (away)
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	-----	14:30 Family Day

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.

### Club Competitions

Entries for all internal club competitions are now open. If you wish to participate in any events please enter your name on the relevant sheets posted in the Club house. Note that the closing date for entries is Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May and the draw will take place on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

### Mystery of the missing Honours Boards

During a recent clear-out of the Club house two old Honours Boards were discovered in the store room. You may find these of interest. The images will be added to the History page on the club's Web site.



This find raises the interesting question – the whereabouts of the Honours Board(s) for the period from 1967-2007? If anyone can shed any light on this, please let a Committee member know.

### **Mayor's Trophy 2023**

This was played on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April at Teddington Bowls Club. Carrying on where they left off in 2022, Hampton retained the trophy! The title came down to the last end where two shots were needed to be sure of victory. This was duly achieved! The winning Triple of Chris Pusey (centre), Dave Bevan (left) and Kevin Keown (right) are pictured below holding the cup.



### **Friendly match against Walton-on-Thames**

Four Mixed Triples from Hampton played Walton-on-Thames away on Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> May. The rinks were tied at two each, but Hampton finished with the better aggregate shots total - 69 to 53.

### **South Middlesex League match against Sunbury**

This was played at home on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Hampton won convincingly by 3 rinks to 1, securing 6 points. In addition, an extra 2 points were banked for our superior aggregate shots score - 94 to 42.

### **Matches against other Clubs**

Newer and less experienced bowlers wishing to participate in external matches are encouraged to enter their names on the sign-up sheets posted at intervals in the Club house. As we are not playing in the Richmond and Barnes League this year, there are more friendly matches scheduled, providing greater opportunities for selection.

### **Cleaning and Teas rotas**

Sign up lists for each of these are posted on the boards in the Club house. If every member puts their name down for just one duty during 2023 we can cover the entire season without being repeatedly reliant on the same volunteers.

### **Locker keys and padlock keys**

You can hire changing room lockers for a deposit of £5. If you would like a key to open the Club house gates' padlocks this can also be hired for a deposit of £5. Both deposits are refundable on return of the key(s). Please see the Club secretary if you are interested.

### **2022 Club Competitions Finals**

Many thanks are due to our greenside reporter, Dave Bevan, for providing this article on 2022 Finals Days.

What a great finals weekend we had!

It began on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022 with the mixed triples and 75-point competitions. The mixed triples match was very entertaining and both teams bowled well. Jules Palmer, Martin Wilson and David Willis were victorious. Christine Pusey, Malcolm Pusey and Roy Fullicks also played their part and fought hard till the end. Bill Rush and Richard Duke produced a very good match in the 75-point competition with Bill coming out on top in a tight encounter.

Three games were played on Saturday morning - the Alexander Challenge Trophy, 3 woods Ladies, and 3 woods Men. The first of these competitions is open to any club member, new or old, who has never won a singles event at the Club. On this occasion it was played between Ray Barrett and Jules Palmer. Both bowled very well, matching each other end for end, Ray eventually emerging as the victor.

The Ladies 3 woods match between Maureen Keown and Lindy Duke was compelling, both pushing their opponent on every end, with Maureen finally coming out on top. The Men's 3 wood match between Kevin Keown and Richard Duke was equally entertaining, both men matching each other shot for shot. Richard just managed to find the winning shots towards the end of a tight match.

The afternoon delivered as much excitement as the morning with two singles finals. The Ladies' final was played between Pauline Rush and Katharine Wallace. They both brought their A-game to the green in a very even contest, Pauline coming out the winner. The men's final between Richard Duke and Roy Fullicks was equally dramatic. After 14 ends they were level, and Richard was holding shot. Roy bowled the last wood of the end and managed to move the jack back to hold 4 shots. Although Richard fought back well Roy held on for victory.

On Sunday morning the Ladies' pairs and the Men's 2 woods matches were played. The Men's 2 woods match was an entertaining game with Hugh Howell bowling well and leading after half the ends had been completed. Kevin Keown slowly came back into the match to pip Hugh at the very end – a close exciting match for spectators. The Ladies' pairs final was played by Verena Aslett and Katharine Wallace against Lindy Duke and Maureen Keown. All four ladies performed well making it a thrilling game to watch. Although on many ends Katherine and Verena held the shot(s), they eventually went down to Lindy and Maureen.

On Sunday afternoon we enjoyed three very close games, two of them going to the very last end in nail-biting finales. The Ladies' 2 woods match was contested between Maureen Keown and Geraldine Hermitage. While both ladies held the lead at different points during the game, Maureen won the match with her last wood of the contest. The Men's pairs competition was an equally exciting game to watch. Hugh Howell and Roy Fullicks played Derek Smith and Martin Wilson. All four players contributed to an excellent match, with the lead changing hands frequently right up to the final end, where Hugh and Roy won with the last wood of the game.

The Mixed Pairs finalists were Chris Squires and Pauline Rush against Kevin Keown and Lindy Duke. They turned on a most enjoyable game for the spectators, with Chris and Pauline winners at the end.

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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.

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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