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NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2023

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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|---|------|----------------------------------|
| Sun 13 th August | ---- | 14:30 Ashford (Home) |
| Tue 15 th August | ---- | 14:30 Staines (Home) |
| Sat 19 th August (Bluewood Trophy) | ---- | 10:00 Fordbridge Park (Away) |
| Wed 23 rd August | ---- | 14:30 Strawberry Hill (Away) |
| Sat 26 th August | ---- | 14:30 Stanwell (Home) |
| Mon 28 th August (President's Day) | ---- | 14:30 Captain vs Chairman (Home) |
| Sun 3 rd September | ---- | Richmond and Barnes Finals Day |
| Tue 5 th September | ---- | 14:30 Staines (Away) |
| Thu 7 th September | ---- | 14:30 Bishop Duppas (Home) |
| Fri 8 th September | ---- | 14:00 Pre-Finals Day (Club) |
| Sat 9 th September | ---- | 10:00 Finals Day 1 (Club) |
| Sun 10 th September | ---- | 10:00 Finals Day 2 (Club) |

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.

Quiz Night Reminder



On the last Friday night of each month, the Hampton Social Club (opposite Hampton Station in Ashley Road) runs a charity quiz. Hampton Bowling Club will be the **sole beneficiary** of the proceeds of the quiz being held on August 25th. The club would like to enter at least two teams of 4-6 people. The cost of entry is £5 per team and participants are encouraged to bring prizes to donate for the raffle.

Only a few expressions of interest have been registered to date. As the Club receives significant financial benefit from this event, this is a great opportunity to support your Club by joining in. A fun evening is guaranteed! Please contact the Club secretary so that teams can be arranged.

Neil Denny Cup Report

There was a good turnout for this event on Sunday 30th July. Sadly, inclement weather dampened spirits as well as bowls and clothing. After only two matches of 4 ends had been completed, persistent rain drove some players from the green to the shelter of the clubhouse and the beckoning food. The remaining diehards managed to play one additional round, after which an overall winner was determined.



Congratulations to Jules Palmer, who becomes the holder of the Neil Denny trophy for the 2023 season.



Thanks also to Patricia Cavanagh and Verena Aslett, who oversaw the provision of a super buffet.



To emphasise the difficulty of the conditions, here is a selection of the players' soggy scorecards handed in at the conclusion of play.

Age UK course

The 2023 Age UK sponsored course for new bowlers ended on 12th July. Thanks are due to Katharine Wallace, ably assisted by Brian and Margaret Evans and others for making the course a success.



Left to Right: Charles Halford, Rob Maxwell, Kathryn Halford, Valerie Dinsdale, Sue Coats, Christine Lawler and Stephen Rankin.

Of the seven who enrolled on the course, five have already joined the Club for the remainder of the season. Please welcome them at roll-up days.

South Middlesex Mixed Triples

Hampton Bowling Club entertained league leaders Fordbridge Park at Carlisle Park on Wednesday 9th August.

With a very convincing 80 shots to 47 aggregate shots margin, HBC won on three rinks to record an 8-2 win. That result elevated Hampton to second place in this League.

Here is the latest League table.

| 2023 | | SOUTH MIDDLESEX B.A. MIXED LEAGUE | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| As at Aug 10 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Team | Matches Played | W | L | D | Match Win Points | Rinks Won | Rinks Lost | Rinks Drawn | Rink Win Points | Default Points | TOTAL POINTS | Shots For | Shots Against | Diff | |
| Fordbridge Park | 10 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 12 | 26 | 13 | 1 | 53 | 0 | 65 | 668 | 559 | 109 | |
| Hampton | 8 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 12 | 19 | 13 | 0 | 38 | 0 | 50 | 578 | 446 | 132 | |
| Bishop Duppas | 9 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 8 | 15 | 16 | 1 | 31 | 6 | 45 | 488 | 501 | -13 | |
| Staines | 6 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 16 | 8 | 0 | 32 | 0 | 42 | 404 | 321 | 83 | |
| Ashford | 10 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 8 | 18 | 22 | 0 | 36 | 0 | 44 | 629 | 630 | -1 | |
| Sunbury | 10 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 4 | 14 | 25 | 1 | 21 | 0 | 33 | 489 | 716 | -227 | |
| Stanwell | 9 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 8 | 10 | 21 | 1 | 17 | -4 | 25 | 408 | 491 | -83 | |
| | 62 | 31 | 31 | 0 | 62 | 118 | 118 | 4 | 228 | 2 | 304 | 3664 | 3664 | 0 | |

Monday Night Triples

Hampton has had mixed results over the past few weeks, including going down by just 2 shots to the League leaders, Staines Red.

A home match against Masonian Red in mid-July produced a symmetrical final scoreboard: 18-18-18. Hampton were trailing by 8 shots after 15 ends, but fought back with 2,3,3 on the final three ends to level the scores.

Below is the current MNT League table.

| MONDAY NIGHT TRIPLES LEAGUE TABLE | | | | | 2023 | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-----|------|-------|-----------|---------------|------------|--|--------|
| AFTER WEEK Twelve | | | | | | | | | |
| TEAM | PLAYED | WON | LOST | DRAWN | SHOTS FOR | SHOTS AGAINST | SHOTS DIFF | | POINTS |
| STAINES RED | 12 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 211 | 183 | 28 | | 18 |
| BISHOP DUPPAS RED | 12 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 190 | 170 | 20 | | 12 |
| STAINES BLUE | 11 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 184 | 171 | 13 | | 12 |
| HAMPTON | 12 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 197 | 191 | 6 | | 12 |
| BISHOP DUPPAS BLUE | 12 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 185 | 196 | -11 | | 11 |
| STANWELL | 12 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 180 | 196 | -16 | | 11 |
| MASONIANS BLUE | 12 | 5 | 7 | 0 | 147 | 184 | -37 | | 10 |
| MASONIANS RED | 11 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 178 | 181 | -3 | | 8 |
| | 94 | 43 | 43 | 8 | 1472 | 1472 | 0 | | 94 |

Officers Cup

Club Captain, Kevin Keown reached the final of the Middlesex Bowls Association Officers Cup, losing narrowly 19-21.

Kevin and Christine Pusey are through to the last 16 of the Middlesex Mixed Pairs.

Internal Competitions

Most of the early rounds have been completed, and finalists should be known by end of August. There have been some nail-bitingly close matches in the early rounds. The dates for the three Finals Day extended weekend are September 8/9/10. Should you wish to be a marker for any of the matches please add your name to the list that will be posted in the Clubhouse.

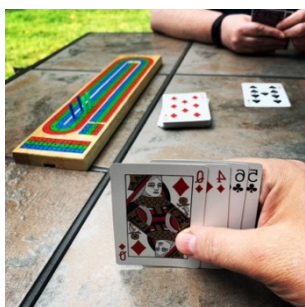
Ditch Walls

Long overdue renewal of the covering for the ditch walls around the bowling green is nearing completion. Slabs overlapping the edge of the ditches have been lifted to permit a neat long-lasting fit of the material being used. In addition, the hedges are being trimmed.

The unseasonal weather over recent weeks means that watering the green has become unnecessary and the playing surface looks not only lush but is rolling beautifully.

Altogether a nice facelift for our rinks!

Cribbage Evening



A late afternoon session of cribbage is being held at the Clubhouse on 17th August from 4:30-6:30 pm. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet pinned to the noticeboard in the Clubhouse.

Coaching

DO YOU WANT TO IMPROVE YOUR DELIVERY ACTION?

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE LEAD, SECOND, THIRD and SKIP SHOULD BE DOING IN A TEAM GAME?

READING THE HEAD

DO YOU WANT TO LEARN THE CORRECT BOWLS ETIQUETTE?

Coaching sessions are available individually or in small groups.

Join a session by contacting Richard Duke on 07809350396 or ricduke@gmail.com

Gents Changing Room

As foreshadowed in an email from the Club Chairman, the Men's changing room has been tidied recently to free up space and improve safety. Unidentified items that were removed will be kept for a few weeks and then offered for sale or otherwise disposed of. Lockers are available to hire if you wish to store items at the Club.

Committee for 2023:

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
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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 any material to include in future issues, then please let me know.

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