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## **NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2024**

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

<b>Sat 6<sup>th</sup> April</b>	-----	10:00 Maintenance Day
<b>Sun 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	-----	Cut off date for R&B Competitions entries
<b>Sun 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	-----	10:00-13:30 Subscriptions Day (Club Comps Entries Open) followed by informal roll-up
<b>Sat 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	-----	11:00 Open Day
<b>Sat 27<sup>th</sup> April</b>	-----	11:00 Open Day
<b>Sun 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	-----	14:00 Mayor's Trophy (at Strawberry Hill BC)

A complete list of dates/fixtures will be posted on the Club's Website very soon.

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

### **Car Park Entrance Gate**

At the end of the 2023 season, LBRuT installed a padlock on the gate from the Car Park into the Club premises. This means that occasionally you may find the padlock closed when you arrive. The Club has purchased several FB1 padlock keys that will unlock this padlock. These keys will be available from the Secretary on request, to those members who hold keys for the Clubhouse gates/doors.

### **“Hidden” Spring Flowers**

These two photos were taken in the area behind the bowling green a few weeks ago.



### **Green Availability**

In addition to last year's published playing hours, our greenkeeper has indicated that he is happy for Club members to use the green on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10:00. This will give more opportunity for competitive and social matches to be scheduled.

### **New Aussie Pairs and Short Jack Competitions**

A new Aussie Pairs competition will be introduced this season. It gives entrants from each Pair a chance to take the roles of both Lead and Skip and has proven a popular format with those who have played it.

In response to members' requests, a trial "Short Jack" competition is planned over the weekend of 13/14<sup>th</sup> July. The aim is to ensure that members who sometimes struggle to reach fuller length jacks can compete on more equal terms. It will also be open to those seeking a new challenge.

### **Playing Fees for 2024 Season**

LBRuT have announced their charges for Season Tickets and Pay&Play. They are listed below.

#### **c Bowling Green (incl VAT)**

	<b>2023/24 Charge £</b>	<b>2024/25 NET £</b>	<b>2024/25 VAT £</b>	<b>2024/25 Charge £</b>	<b>Additional Information</b>
Season ticket for under 60's	184.00	163.33	32.67	196.00	
Casual play per hour or part of hour Under 60's	5.20	4.58	0.92	5.50	
Season Ticket for over 60's or under 16's	94.80	84.33	16.87	101.20	
Casual play per hour or part of hour. Over 60's or under 16's	2.60	2.33	0.47	2.80	

The new season's rates are listed in the column headed "2024/25" Charge. The increases from last season vary between roughly 5.8% and 7.7%.

### **Richmond & Barnes DA Competition Entries**

The Club has received the entry form for Richmond Barnes & District BA Competitions in 2024. All competitions are Open, meaning Ladies and Gents can enter any of the 4 competitions in any combination - Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours.

The cost is £3 per player per Competition, so for example if you enter all 4 competitions your 'team' will need to pay £3 for Singles, £6 for Pairs, £9 for Triples & £12 for Fours. The lead entrant for team competitions - Pairs/Singles/Fours will be responsible for collecting £3 from each of their team members.

Kevin Keown will consolidate the entries and complete the entry form for Hampton BC.

Please let him know which competitions you wish to play in and your team members in multi-player events by 14th April.

### **Committee and Roles for 2024:**

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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, please inform the author, **Cliff Laking**.  
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