



# HAMPTON BOWLING CLUB



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## NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2024

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> June	-----	14:30 Mid Surrey (home)
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> June	-----	14:30 Cambridge Park (away)
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> June	-----	14:30 Mid Surrey (away)
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	-----	14:30 Staines (home)
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	-----	11:00 Open Day
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> July	-----	14:30 Strawberry Hill (home)
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> July	-----	Age UK Course ends
Sat/Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> /14 <sup>th</sup> July	-----	Men's Elimination Round for Mixed Pairs Comp (home)
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> July	-----	14:30 Stanwell (away)
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> July	-----	14:30 Ashford (home)

A complete list of dates/fixtures can be found on the Club's Web site - <http://www.hamptonbowlingclub.co.uk/MatchDiary.html>

### Friendly Match vs Teddington

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May, Hampton hosted Teddington playing four mixed triples. Despite falling behind by large margins in a couple of matches, the home side recovered well to edge the final result 2-2 on rinks, but 66-60 to Hampton on total shots. The Teddington team captain claimed parity (in vain) on the grounds that Teddington were ahead on total ends won.

The return match was played at Teddington on 6<sup>th</sup> June, Hampton recording a convincing win by 3-1 on rinks plus a comfortable total shots margin. No doubt about the outcome on this occasion. Rob Ford made his debut for Hampton, and Margaret Warden led for the triple that had the best shots difference across the four matches.



Friendly post-match discussion between the two captains

### WhatsApp Group

The two WhatsApp groups established recently, **HBC Bowlers Group**, and **MONDAY NIGHT LEAGUE** have already proved to be a valuable method of rapid communication between members. Recently, two members wishing to play in a rollup could not get to the Club by 13:30 to record their names. By sending a message to the Group, other players who were already at the Club were able to add them to the list of players in the book, avoiding the need for last minute changes to drawing of teams.

Richard Duke has added members for whom he has cellphone details to these lists. If you **do not** wish to be on either list, please inform Richard. If you are a WhatsApp user and have not received a WhatsApp notification about these groups, but would like to join, please also contact Richard.



## Mind The Gap

Elaine Hall and her husband Alan have spent a couple of hours at the club blocking unauthorised entry to the green through gaps in the hedge at either end of the platform with spectator benches. Grateful thanks from the Committee for their contribution.

## Friendly Aussie Pairs match vs Bishop Duppas

In a departure from traditional match formats, Hampton played Bishop Duppas away on 8<sup>th</sup> May. The Aussie Pairs format allows players to take the role of both lead and skip, thereby increasing understanding of the respective aims and responsibilities of each. The occasion also provided an opportunity for those who have entered the South Middlesex Mixed Aussie Pairs Competition to practise with their partners for that event.

## SML Update

Hampton recorded a convincing win against Ashford in the SM Mixed League 4-rink match on 18<sup>th</sup> May. The score was 3-1 to Hampton, with the only losing rink staging a dramatic recovery from 1-16 down to lose by just a couple of shots.

## Scenting victory!

Here is an extract from Laurie Gascoigne's post to the South Middlesex Bowling Association FaceBook page covering Hampton's away League match against Fordbridge Park on 29<sup>th</sup> May.

*In the mixed league Hampton **are on the rampage**. Today they beat the champions of the past three years. They won all four triples to register a perfect 10-0 points score away at Fordbridge Park.*

Could this be a potential commercial opportunity for the Club... ?



## SML away to Bishop Duppas

On 2<sup>nd</sup> June in sunny conditions Hampton won away at Bishop Duppas, sweeping all four rinks while achieving a substantial shots difference of 102-62. Another maximum 10 points bagged!

Dave Bevan's triple achieved a remarkable comeback from 0-20 shots down to come out on top 31-22 after 18 ends, while Bill Rush skipped the top rink for HBC winning by 33-9.

Here is the latest League table –

2024	SOUTH MIDDLESEX B.A. MIXED LEAGUE															
05-Jun-24																
Team	Matches Played	W	L	D	Match Win Points	Rinks Won	Rinks Lost	Rinks Draw n	Rink Win Points	Default Points	TOTAL POINTS	Shots For	Shots Against	Diff		
Hampton	4	4	0	0	8	14	1	1	29	0	37	389	203	186		
Ashford	5	2	3	0	4	10	10	0	20	0	24	299	338	-39		
Fordbridge Park	4	2	2	0	4	7	9	0	14	0	18	226	250	-24		
Sunbury	4	2	2	0	4	6	9	1	13	0	17	268	285	-17		
Staines	3	1	2	0	2	7	5	0	14	0	16	172	148	24		
Strawberry Hill	3	1	2	0	2	5	6	1	11	0	13	202	184	18		
Bishop Duppas	3	2	1	0	4	4	7	1	9	0	13	175	202	-27		
Stanwell	4	1	3	0	2	5	11	0	10	0	12	203	324	-121		
	<b>30</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>1934</b>	<b>1934</b>	<b>0</b>		

## Club Competitions

The draw for internal competitions was made on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May after the regular rollup. Draw sheets are posted in the Clubhouse, so you can see who your opponents are, and the latest dates by which matches in each round must be completed. Please ensure that you and any partners meet the deadlines.

A decision was taken to cancel the proposed "short jack" competition.

## Monday Night League Derby

Hampton has two teams entered in the Monday Night League. In their first matches, Hampton BC Red played Hampton BC Blue on 13<sup>th</sup> May. In a close-run match, Hampton Red led by one shot at the start of the seventeenth end. Unfortunately for the Red team, Blue picked up 7 shots on that end to prevail 20-15 by the match's conclusion.

Since then both HBC teams have struggled to post wins in their matches.

MONDAY NIGHT TRIPLES LEAGUE TABLE		2024						
AFTER WEEK FOUR								
TEAM	PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRAWN	SHOTS FOR	SHOTS AGAINST	SHOTS DIFF	POINTS
STAINES RED	4	4	0	0	81	38	43	8
STANWELL	3	3	0	0	64	31	33	6
MASONIANS RED	3	2	1	0	43	49	-6	4
STAINES BLUE	4	2	2	0	61	74	-13	4
MASONIANS BLUE	2	1	1	0	33	22	11	2
HAMPTON BLUE	3	1	2	0	44	52	-8	2
BISHOP DUPPAS BLUE	4	1	3	0	52	71	-19	2
BISHOP DUPPAS RED	3	1	2	0	35	58	-23	2
HAMPTON RED	4	0	4	0	57	75	-18	0
	30	15	15	0	470	470	0	30

## Club Captain's Accolade

Kevin Keown was recently presented with his full Middlesex County badge. Congratulations to Kevin on this fine achievement. Time to dust off the blazer perhaps...!



## Open Day

The Open Day held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May attracted seven visitors, who all enjoyed the experience. One couple enjoyed the experience so much that they are now participants in the AGE UK Course. Making use of the Nextdoor app to advertise the event for the first time may have helped attract greater interest.

## Family Day

Family Day, held on 1<sup>st</sup> June was a great success with about 20 people joining in the round-robin competition. Hearty thanks are due to the Catering Committee for their usual excellent organisation, and also to the many members who contributed dishes, resulting in a delicious selection of food enjoyed by all.

## Progress Report

Here is a tabulation of the Club's early match results up to the 18<sup>th</sup> May.

Date	Match/Event	Comp	Result	For	Against
<b>April</b>					
Sun 28	Mayor's Trophy		WIN	N/A	N/A
<b>May</b>					
Wed 1	Walton-on-Thames	Friendly	WIN	86	65
Sun 5	Sunbury	SML	WIN	102	48
Wed 8	Bishop Duppas	Friendly	WIN	96	49
Sun 12	Surbiton	Friendly	LOSS	48	56
Thu 16	Teddington	Friendly	WIN	66	60
Sat 18	Ashford	SML	WIN	98	48
				496	326

**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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