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NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2024

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Wed 7 th August	-----	14:30 Fordbridge Park (home)
Sat 10 th August	-----	14:30 Oatlands Park (away)
Tue 13 th August	-----	14:30 Staines (home)
Sat 17 th August	-----	10:00 Bluewood Trophy (Fordbridge Park)
Sun 18 th August	-----	14:30 Ashford (home) <i>rearranged match</i>
Wed 21 st August	-----	14:30 Strawberry Hill (away)
Sat 24 th August	-----	14:30 Stanwell (home)
Sun 25 th August	-----	14:30 Sunbury (away)
Mon 26 th August	-----	14:30 President's Day (home)
Fri 30 th August	-----	20:15 Hampton Social Club Quiz (see newsletter item)
Sat 31 st August	-----	14:30 Strawberry Hill (home) <i>rearranged match</i>
Tue 3 rd September	-----	14:30 Staines (away) to be played at Carlisle Park

A complete list of dates/fixtures can be found on the Club's Web site -

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

SML Mixed League

Hampton BC struggled on the green at Stanwell in their SML league match on Saturday 20th July.

In a statistically rare result both teams won two triples and drew on total shots, 69-69. They therefore shared the league points available, 5-5.

Here is the most recent table. Hampton BC is well positioned, sitting close on the heels of the leaders, but with several games in hand and a large shots difference.

2024 SOUTH MIDDLESEX B.A. MIXED LEAGUE

31-Jul-24

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
Staines	10	6	4	0	12	24	15	1	49	0	61	660	523	137
Fordbridge Park	10	5	5	0	10	23	16	1	47	0	57	701	607	94
Ashford	12	4	8	0	8	21	26	1	43	0	51	730	852	-122
Hampton	6	5	0	1	11	19	4	1	39	0	50	525	320	205
Strawberry Hill	8	4	4	0	8	18	13	1	37	0	45	553	487	66
Bishop Duppas	7	5	2	0	10	13	14	1	27	0	37	477	459	18
Sunbury	9	4	5	0	8	11	24	1	23	0	31	530	664	-134
Stanwell	10	2	7	1	5	11	28	1	23	0	28	548	812	-264
	72	35	35	2	72	140	140	8	288	0	360	4724	4724	0

Bishop Duppas Aussie Pairs



Hampton hosted Bishop Duppas in an entertaining friendly Aussie Pairs fixture at Carlisle Park on 31st July. Hampton won the match but perhaps the highlight of the afternoon was this “publicity” shot of Roy Fullicks with one of his lady opponents from Bishop Duppas, taken as post-match refreshments were being enjoyed. Roy appears to have embraced the latest social media trends by assuming the role of product influencer for *Dynamint*, a cream advertised as providing relief for “aching muscles and joints”.

The only potential problem with the suitability of the snapshot for social media use can be seen to the right of Roy’s head!

Mixed Pairs Eliminator round

In a departure from previous years, the Club’s internal Mixed Pairs draw was organised differently for 2024. The Ladies were entered randomly on the draw sheet, and the Men who had entered were drawn to play off in pairs for the right to partner each Lady on the draw sheet.

The Men’s elimination round took place over the weekend of 13/14 July. There were several excellent close games enjoyed by those present.

This new draw format proved most successful and is likely to become standard practice in future seasons.

Quiz Night

On the last Friday night of each month, the Hampton Social Club runs an entertaining charity quiz. Hampton Bowling Club will be the **sole beneficiary** of all the proceeds from this year’s quiz being held on **August 30th**. Please arrive by **8:15pm** at the latest for an **8:30pm** start. The address is 26 Ashley Road, Hampton TW12 2JA, across the road from Hampton Railway Station. We would like to enter at least two teams of 4-6 people. The cost of entry is £2 per individual (payable on the night) and participants are encouraged to bring prizes to donate for the raffle.

As the Club receives significant financial benefit from this event, this is a great opportunity to support your Club. Last year more than £300 was raised for Club funds.

Based on previous years’ experience, a fun evening is guaranteed! If you plan to attend the quiz night, please let the Club secretary know.



Monday Night League

Neither of the two teams fielded by Hampton BC this season has achieved good results, and both are languishing at the foot of the table. Let’s hope they can improve their position over the remainder of the season.

MONDAY NIGHT TRIPLES LEAGUE TABLE
AFTER WEEK TWELVE

2024

TEAM	PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRAWN	SHOTS FOR	SHOTS AGAINST	SHOTS DIFF	POINTS
STAINES RED	11	8	3	0	196	147	49	16
MASONIANS BLUE	9	7	2	0	164	112	52	14
STANWELL	9	6	3	0	171	131	40	12
STAINES BLUE	11	6	5	0	206	188	18	12
MASONIANS RED	11	6	5	0	161	176	-15	12
BISHOP DUPPAS RED	10	5	5	0	152	174	-22	10
BISHOP DUPPAS BLUE	10	3	6	1	155	160	-5	7
HAMPTON BLUE	10	3	7	0	133	199	-66	6
HAMPTON RED	11	1	9	1	147	198	-51	3
	92	45	45	2	1485	1485	0	92

Neil Denny Cup day

In stark contrast to the inclement weather last year – remember the soggy almost illegible scorecards – this year’s Neil Denny Cup event was held on a swelteringly hot summer afternoon. Possibly for the first time, the spider competition had a recognisable arachnid as the target! Just three rounds were played because of the intense tropical conditions. Club Captain, Kevin Keown emerged as the overall winner with a huge total of 35 shots! Here he poses with the trophy.



The catering was of the usual very high standard and featured new items to enjoy – banoffee pie and macarons to name a couple. Thanks to Patricia Cavanagh and her team for their sterling work. And of course thanks to everyone who contributed food. The photo shows an unusual perspective of the feast with Patricia and Elaine Bampton in the background.

Chairs Sale

As part of a drive by the committee to clear space in the storage room at the carpark end of the Clubhouse, Katharine Wallace used her social media skills to advertise and sell 28 folding wooden chairs that were surplus to requirements. On top of that she disposed of an unwanted teaset for £10! The overall result – a boost to the Club’s bank balance of £150.



I hear whispers that Katharine is looking to extend her role on the Club’s committee by becoming the next *ChairWoman*!



Scorecards – What’s the Score?

If you are marking a match or needing a scorecard, please ensure that you use the correct type! There are custom designed scorecards for each internal Club competition in holders attached to the notice board alongside the draw sheets. In general, they all carry the title and/or format of the relevant competition.

Do not use these for other matches or external competitions.

There is a supply of “general use” scorecards on the table underneath the draw sheets for other matches.

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Club competitions sample

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General Use

Believing Your Own Eyes

How many times have you puzzled over whose bowl is nearest in a close measure? Don’t necessarily believe what your brain is telling you! When one bowl lies flat and the other is semi-upright at an angle it is very easy

to be misled. Coloured bowls can also confuse your sense of distance. To demonstrate, Graeme Waldmeyer set up an experiment with two bowls and a jack on our green in Carlisle Park and opinions from bystanders were solicited as to which bowl was nearer. Measurements were then made using callipers, from the centre of the jack to the nearest point on each target bowl. The crucial factor is that the nearest point on each target bowl was higher above the ground by a different amount than the mid-point on the jack itself. This means that the callipers themselves must be held at an angle to the ground when measuring and this alters (albeit minutely) the shortest distances between the objects being measured.



If you wish to learn a little more about measuring using callipers, this short YouTube video is helpful.

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=IFXIWS_0MwY

YouTube Videos

For members who are YouTube addicts, two items that may interest you are a fuzzy video of an astonishing indoor bowls shot pulled off by the legendary David Bryant, and a series of clips aimed at improving your delivery technique. The latter is not official Bowls England coaching advice - it is one expert's view - but the content certainly focuses attention on most of the elements that make up a good repeatable bowling action. You may find some tips that will help you in these clips. If reading on-line, click on the links below to view.



[David Bryant video](#)



[Delivery Doctor videos](#)

Miscellaneous Requests

- There are many empty slots still to be filled on the cleaning rota up to the end of the season. Please help if you can.
- To avoid accidents and near misses, when exiting the carpark, please follow the arrows painted on the ground rather than cutting across directly towards the park gates.
- When taking refreshments from the fridges, please ensure that the doors are firmly closed afterwards.
- Please observe the Club's Competitions rule about **not** playing a match on a rink where you have already played or practised on the same day.

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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