



HAMPTON BOWLING CLUB



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NEWSLETTER – June 2026

Dates For Your Diary:

June

Sat 27 th	----	Byfleet	A	Cancelled
Sun 28 th	----	Mid Surrey	A	14:30

July

Sat 4 th	----	Teddington	H	14:30
Sun 5 th	----	Strawberry Hill	H	14:30
Sat 11 th	----	Ashford	A	14:30
Sun 12 th	----	Strawberry Hill	A	14:30
Tue 14 th	----	Staines	A	14:30
Wed 15 th	----	London Welsh	H	14:30
Sat 18 th	----	Stanwell	A	14:30
Thu 23 rd	----	Staines	A	14:30 (very likely to change)
Sun 26 th	----	Neil Denny Cup	H	14:30
Wed 29 th	----	Bishop Duppas	H	14:30

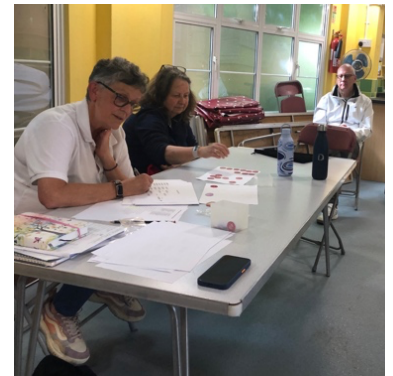
Mayor's Cup

The 2026 Mayor's Cup competition was hosted by Teddington on 26th April. Hampton put up a valiant showing in their effort to retain the trophy, but eventually just lost out to Strawberry Hill. Congratulations to them.

Draw for Internal Competitions



The draw for our internal club competitions was held after the rollup on Tuesday 19th May, scrutinised by an audience of six! In a dazzling display of efficiency, Jules P, ably assisted by Elaine H, completed the draws for all events in just half an hour!



Club Match Results

Here is a summary of the results of Club matches played so far this season, excluding a few of the most recent results.

Date	Match/Event	Venue	Format	Dress	Time	Comp	Result	For	Against	Points
April										
Sun 26	Mayor's Trophy @ Teddington	A	1MXT	Navy Blue	14:00 for 14:30					
Wed 29	Walton-on-Thames	A	4MXT	Navy Blue	14:30	Friendly	WIN	82	46	
May										
Sun 3	Sunbury	H	4MXT	Navy Blue	14:30	SML	WIN	69	66	6
Wed 6	Bishop Duppas	A	6MXP/Aus Prs	Navy Blue	14:30	Friendly	WIN	123	78	

Sun 10	Byfleet	H	6MXP/Aus Prs	Navy Blue	14:30	Friendly	CANX	-	-	
Sun 17	Ashford	H	4MXT	Navy Blue	14:30	SML	LOSS	67	81	2
Sun 24	Cambridge Park	H	4OT	Navy Blue	14:30	Friendly	CANX	-	-	
Wed 27	Fordbridge Park	A	4MXT	Navy Blue	14:30	SML	LOSS	46	83	0
Sun 31	Bishop Duppas	H	4MXT	Navy Blue	14:30	SML	DRAW	73	73	5
June										
Thu 4	Teddington	A	4MXT	Navy Blue	14:30	Friendly	PP			
Sat 6	Mid Surrey	H	3 MXT	Navy Blue	14:30	Friendly	LOSS	38	42	
Wed 10	Cambridge Park	A	4OT	Navy Blue	14:30	Friendly	LOSS	66	70	

TOTAL								564	539	13
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Monday Night Triples League

A total of eight teams from five clubs have entered this year's South Middlesex Monday Night Triples league. The league is now open to both men and ladies, meaning that teams can be either all men, all ladies or any combination of men and ladies.



In the first match of the season, Hampton was away to Stanwell. It was extremely cold, especially when the wind gusted. The multiple layers of clothing worn by the HBC team was reminiscent of Michelin man.

Stanwell's green was much less heavy and easier to bowl on than in recent seasons, although like our surface in Carlisle Park, there were sometimes quirky lines to the jack.

After a slow start, HBC trailed by 2-5. On the next end, the majority of Cliff L's and David W's bowls were grouped behind the jack, while most of the opposing team's woods lay short of the jack. Skip Richard D delivered the perfect bowl, trailing the jack through to the waiting HBC woods to post 5 shots – a classic demonstration of the dictum to avoid bowling short. This proved to be the turning point in the game, as solid consistent play over the rest of match produced a good win to Hampton by 22 shots to 10.

On Monday 15th June, Hampton were at home to Staines Blue. In a see-saw match, HBC survived a late charge from their opponents to prevail by 17-15.

MONDAY NIGHT TRIPLES LEAGUE TABLE			2026					
WEEK 5								
TEAM	PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRAWN	SHOTS FOR	SHOTS AGAINST	SHOTS DIFF	POINTS
STAINES RED	5	4	1	0	94	71	23	8
STANWELL BLUE	5	3	1	1	106	63	43	7
HAMPTON	5	3	2	0	88	77	11	6
MASONIANS RED	5	2	2	1	69	83	-14	5
STAINES BLUE	5	2	3	0	72	85	-13	4
MASONIANS BLUE	4	1	2	1	55	61	-6	3
BISHOP DUPPAS	5	1	3	1	72	99	-27	3
STANWELL RED	4	1	3	0	54	71	-17	2
	38	17	17	4	610	610	0	38
Outstanding Games	Stanwell Red	Masonian Blue						

South Middlesex Mixed League Matches Summary

Sunbury (Home)

Hampton secured a narrow win in their first match of the SML league programme, scraping home with two rinks wins and just 3 shots separating the teams overall.

Ashford (Home)

A very strong Ashford team, studded with County/National-standard players, visited HBC on Sunday 17th May. The rinks result was a 1-3 loss coupled with a total shots deficit, meaning that only 2 points were registered by the home team. Captain Kevin K's triple was the exception with a runaway win on their rink.

Fordbridge Park (Away)

Hampton was whitewashed by a strong Fordbridge Park team on Wednesday 27th May, losing all rinks.

Bishop Duppas (Home)

On Sunday 31st May, HBC faced Bishop Duppas at Carlisle Park. In a dramatic finale, the rinks were shared two apiece. When the overall shots won by each team were tallied and double checked, they were exactly equal. Five points were consequently awarded to both teams in the league table.

Staines (Home)

Staines visited Carlisle Park on Saturday 20th June. Played in very warm conditions, the match was a close-run affair which ended 2 rinks each, with HBC having a superior overall shot difference of 8. Six league points to Hampton and four to Staines. This compares favourably with the corresponding fixture last season, when the result was an 2-8 loss.

NPL League

Below is a summary of Hampton BC's results to date.

DATE	OPPONENTS	RESULT	FOR	AGAINST	POINTS
11 May 2026	Cambridge Park B	Postponed			
18 May 2026	Cambridge Park A	WIN	18	11	2
1 June 2026	Teddington B	WIN	21	7	2
8 June 2026	NPL	LOSS	13	21	0
15 June 2026	Mid-Surrey				
22 June 2026	Strawberry Hill				
29 June 2026	Teddington A				
6 July 2026	Cambridge Park B				
13 July 2026	Cambridge Park A				
20 July 2026	Teddington B				
27 July 2026	NPL				
3 August 2026	Mid-Surrey				
10 August 2026	Strawberry Hill				
17 August 2026	Teddington A				
24 August 2026	Cambridge Park B				
	TOTAL		52	39	4
		Shots Difference	13		

Club Day 20th May

A successful afternoon was capped with the spread provided by members and managed by the Club's catering volunteers - a real treat for all who participated.



Thank you to everybody who contributed delicious food!

Green fee charges for Members Aged 16-59

As in 2025, LBRuT has granted the Club a substantial discount on green fees for younger players. This recognises the importance of attracting younger people to our game. Annual season tickets for this age group are priced at £146.30 and the "Pay as you Play" rate is £4 per hour.

Old Bowls

An inventory was taken recently of all the bowls stored in the container shed and under benches in the changing rooms. Several have date stamps showing they are more than 10 years "out of date". The Committee is keen to dispose of those that are no longer used and have no commercial value. The intention is to replace them with newer sets in more appropriate sizes for most of our membership.

There may be a few sets on the list that are the personal property of members. If you keep your own bowls at Carlisle Park, please ensure that they are stored in a locker and not left in the container shed or under seats in the locker room.

Store (or Credit/Debit) Cards – A Cautionary Tale

Members are probably well aware that fraudsters can collect data from unprotected credit or debit cards, but they can also steal data from store cards and then collect any points or pounds stored on them.

One of our members who scrupulously keeps his cards in RFID protected wallets*, took out his Nectar card to use and later received an email from Nectar saying that his card had been used at Sainsbury's in Acton and the points spent. Clearly, they had found something suspicious but didn't say what.

He contacted Nectar and, after the usual faff of going through seemingly endless options, eventually found a human to speak to although it wasn't easy to penetrate the accent. The outcome was a new card being issued and, eventually, the points being reinstated. So now he doesn't use a physical card but keeps his cards in his phone's wallet app.



** For DIY fans, wrapping your card in kitchen foil works just as well!*

Committee and Roles for 2026:

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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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