



HAMPTON BOWLING CLUB



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NEWSLETTER – September 2026

South Middlesex Mixed League Table

After winning this league in the previous two seasons, 2026 saw us finish in the bottom half of the table. On closer inspection this result is not as poor as it may appear. Hampton BC managed to win the same number of matches as the top club, Bishop Duppas. The critical difference was in total rinks won, where our position in that column reflects our failure to win enough rinks points. Something to focus on in 2027!

2026 SOUTH MIDDLESEX B.A. MIXED LEAGUE											17/09/2026			
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
Bishop Duppas	14	9	4	1	19	32	23	1	65		84	1018	842	176
Fordbridge Park	14	8	6		16	29	24	3	61		77	962	930	32
Staines	14	7	7		14	29	24	3	61		75	914	872	42
Ashford	14	7	7		14	29	25	2	60		74	896	946	-50
Strawberry Hill	14	8	6		16	28	27	1	57		73	923	948	-25
Hampton	14	9	4	1	19	26	29	1	53		72	982	928	54
Stanwell	14	3	11		6	25	26	1	51	-4	53	826	891	-65
Sunbury	14	4	10		8	19	33	2	40		48	794	982	-188
	112	56	55	2	112	217	211	14	448	-4	556	7315	7339	-24

NPL Table

The NPL League has its origins in the days when there was still a bowling green at the National Physical Laboratory in Teddington.

Our Club Captain insists that with more good fortune on the final ends of the last 2 matches we would have won the League.

Cambridge Park 'NPL' League - Final League Table 2026				
Team	For	Against	Points	Shots Diff
Strawberry Hill	250	165	23	85
Cambridge B	291	169	22	122
Hampton	245	180	18	65
Cambridge A	234	158	16	76
Friends of NPL	209	233	13	-24
Teddington A	184	214	11	-30
Teddington B	124	279	5	-155
Mid-Surrey	159	298	4	-139

Season's Results Summary

This covers all matches during the 2026 season. Whilst not as successful as in 2025, the external matches programme this year provided valuable competitive experience for our talented newer members. Prospects for 2027 look promising.

Date	Match/Event	Venue	Format	Comp	Result	For	Against
April							
Sun 26	Mayor's Trophy @ Teddington	A	1MXT				
Wed 29	Walton-on-Thames	A	4MXT	Friendly	WIN	82	46
May							
Sun 3	Sunbury	H	4MXT	SML	WIN	69	66
Wed 6	Bishop Duppas	A	6MXP/Aus Prs	Friendly	WIN	123	78
Sun 10	Byfleet	H	6MXP/Aus Prs	Friendly	CANX	-	-
Sun 17	Ashford	H	4MXT	SML	LOSS	67	81
Sun 24	Cambridge Park	H	4OT	Friendly	CANX	-	-
Wed 27	Fordbridge Park	A	4MXT	SML	LOSS	46	83
Sun 31	Bishop Duppas	H	4MXT	SML	DRAW	73	73
June							
Thu 4	Teddington	A	4MXT	Friendly	PP		
Sat 6	Mid Surrey	H	3 MXT	Friendly	LOSS	38	42
Wed 10	Cambridge Park	A	4OT	Friendly	LOSS	66	70
Sat 20	Staines	H	4MXT	SML	WIN	66	58
Sat 27	Byfleet	A	6MXP/Aus Prs	Friendly	CANX		
Sun 28	Mid Surrey	A	4MXT	Friendly	LOSS	60	69
July							
Sat 4	Teddington	H	4MXT	Friendly	WIN	72	34
Sun 5	Strawberry Hill	H	4MXT	SML	WIN	96	52
Sat 11	Ashford	A	4MXT	SML	WIN	67	65
Sun 12	Strawberry Hill	A	4MXT	SML	PP		
Wed 15	London Welsh	H	3/4MXT	Friendly	LOSS	53	68
Sat 18	Stanwell	A	4MXT	SML	WIN	77	52
Thu 23	Staines	A	4MXT	SML	PP		
Wed 29	Bishop Duppas	H	6MXP/Aus Prs	Friendly	CANX		
August							
Wed 5	Fordbridge Park	H	4MXT	SML	LOSS	61	70
Tue 11	Staines	H	3LT	Friendly	WIN	37	35
Sat 15	Bluewood Trophy @ Fordbridge Park	A	3 Club Comp	Cup			
Sat 22	Stanwell	H	4MXT	SML	WIN	78	66
Sun 23	Sunbury	A	4MXT	SML	WIN	81	57
Thu 27	Staines	A	4MXT	SML	WIN	64	62
September							
Tue 1	Staines	H	3LT	Friendly	LOSS	47	53
Thu 3	Bishop Duppas	A	4MXT	SML	WIN	71	61
Sat 5	Ladies v Gents	H	N/A	Club	WIN	Gents	
Wed 16	Strawberry Hill	A		SML	LOSS	66	82
Sat 19	Walton-on Thames	H	4MXT	Friendly	CANX		
Thurs 24	Teddington	A	4MXT	Friendly	WIN	69	54
					TOTAL:	1629	1477
					DIFF:	152	

Monday Night Triples Final Table

MONDAY NIGHT TRIPLES LEAGUE TABLE FINAL			2026						
WK 14									
TEAM	PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRAWN	SHOTS FOR	SHOTS AGAINST	SHOTS DIFF	POINTS	
STANWELL BLUE	14	11	2	1	317	167	150	23	
STAINES RED	14	10	4	0	274	190	84	20	
MASONIANS BLUE	14	6	6	2	203	235	-32	14	
MASONIANS RED	14	6	7	1	210	208	2	13	
STAINES BLUE	14	6	7	1	215	231	-16	13	
HAMPTON	14	6	8	0	191	245	-54	12	
BISHOP DUPPAS	14	4	8	2	217	252	-35	10	
STANWELL RED	14	3	10	1	175	274	-99	7	
	112	52	52	8	1802	1802	0	112	

These are better results than in 2025 when we propped up the league table. Looking at games won, we registered the same number as the third placed team. Overall, this should be seen as an improved performance from last year, with our developing players making a significant contribution.

Food Focus



These photos capture members' enjoyment of the catering provided on Club days, thanks to both their own contributions and the untiring efforts of the volunteer catering team, who present the buffet food in such an appetising way.

Particularly impressive was the tray of brownies, each topped with green icing and sporting a bowl beside a white jack.



Photos, bowls and jacks on green icing, courtesy of Sandy Leak

Annual Luncheon / Prizegiving

The annual Club Luncheon and Prizegiving will be held at Fulwell Golf Club on Friday 13th November from 12:30-16:00, with arrivals from noon. The address is Wellington Road, Hampton Hill, Middlesex, TW12 1JY.

Ample parking is available on-site for visitors. Pedestrian access is via a gate adjacent to the vehicle exit gates. There is an intercom connecting you to the clubhouse if that gate is locked.

More information, including prices and menu options, will be communicated in the coming weeks. Please return your menu choices to Maureen K.

In accordance with tradition, the Club will also be staging a grand raffle with numerous desirable prizes. Donations of prizes are requested.

2027 AGM

The provisional date for the 2027 Annual General Meeting of the club is Friday 5th March, 2027 at Cambridge Park Bowls Club. Please send nominations for positions on the Committee to the Secretary. These can be found on the last page of the newsletter.

Club Finals

Congratulations to all winners of 2026 internal club competitions. Champions were:

Men's Championship:	Roy Fullicks
Men's 3 woods:	Kevin Keown
Men's 2 woods:	Alan Tuck
Ladies' Championship:	Christine Pusey
Ladies' 3 woods:	Christine Pusey
Men's Pairs:	Roy Fullicks & Alan Tuck
Mixed Triples:	Roy Fullicks & Kevin Keown & Marie Kelsall
Ladies' Pairs:	Pauline Rush & Fiona Park
75 Points:	Bill Rush
Alexander Cup:	Rob Ford
Mixed Pairs:	Richard Duke & Jules Palmer
Denny Cup:	Sheila Tan
Australian Pairs	Rob Ford & Jules Palmer



Changes introduced in 2026 led to a smoother running of the internal competitions this season. Scheduling of finals matches became much easier by spreading matches over two weekends. The finals days were well attended and enjoyed by spectators, despite several matches being restricted to distant rinks because of the poor condition of the green near the clubhouse. Thanks are due to all who assisted with catering, most ably overseen by Muriel Alexander,

Special mention must be made of an outstanding performance by Elaine Bampton, who rolled back the years in her matches, only losing very narrowly in the Ladies Championship semi-final to Marie Kelsall. There was no Ladies' 2 Woods competition this year because of insufficient entries.

Captain vs Chairman Match

This year's result was a narrow win for the Chairman's team by 71 shots to 68. Rinks were tied.

Ladies vs Gentlemen Match

This followed the pattern of recent seasons with a very narrow win to the gentlemen. With the rapid progress being made by several of our ladies, the men need to be very wary in future seasons.

Hampton BC Ladies vs Staines BC Ladies

On Thursday 11th August, Hampton BC ladies hosted Staines BC ladies at Carlisle Park in a friendly match. The Hampton BC team was captained by Jules Palmer. Over three closely contested triples matches, Hampton prevailed by two rinks to one, with an overall shots advantage of 2. The event provided an opportunity for several of Hampton's newer players to test themselves in competition, and they emerged with flying colours.

The eagerly anticipated return match was at Staines green, but this time Staines gained the upper hand, winning on total shots by 53-47.

Taxonomic Terrorism

Those who have participated in recent Club days will have noticed that the target for the Spider competition has mutated into a huge arachnid with menacing beady red eyes.

Not only does the monster strike fear into those launching their bowls at it from the surrounding ditch, but its height allows woods to pass through its hairy legs, causing it to tremble scarily on contact. Arachnophile or arachnophobe, you either "love em" or "hate em"! Just to be clear, we are talking about -

Phylum: Arthropoda (jointed legs and exoskeleton),

Class: Arachnida (eight legs, two pedipalps, chelicerae) = SPIDER!

Thanks to Malcolm P. for this welcome addition to the Club's assets. Our most junior member, Miss M. Uffet, of nursery rhyme fame, has categorically refused to play in any future such competitions.



Candid Camera

Over the season, media savvy members have taken lots of photos. Here is a small selection...



Jules P. and Maureen K. relaxing at Fordbridge Park



Elaine H. checks readiness for a match



75 Points - Bill R. vs Marie K (marker Cliff L.)



Finalists from 75 Points and Mixed Pairs



Aussie Pairs – Rob F. & Jules P. vs Richard D & Kevin K.



Roy Fullicks relaxes after retaining the Men's Championship title



"Who said there is an R70 bus stop inside Carlisle Park?"

Michael Morris

On Saturday 26th September 2026, a memorial celebration of the life of Michael Morris was held at Fulwell Golf Club.

Around 100 people were estimated to be present – friends and colleagues from Michael's distinguished professional career, which included many years as a director of East Enders, together with members from both Hampton Hill Bowling and Hounslow Indoor Bowling clubs.

Several speakers related humorous anecdotes from Michael's time in Albert Square and Cliff L. delivered a short address about Michael's bowling and cards playing days at HBC.

This screenshot was captured live on a real television set, when the BBC broadcast its own tribute at the end of a recent episode of East Enders.



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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