



PARKSIDE BOWLING CLUB NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2024

Dear Member

Spring is now in the air with the summer season fast approaching. Opening day will be on Saturday 6th April when President Ken will bowl the first wood to get the season officially underway. Please look out for emails with more detail.

The final winter friendly at East Dorset on March 9th resulted in a defeat by the home team by four rinks to two. The afternoon, however, was enjoyed by all.

The Mini Winter League was unfortunately plagued by poor weather conditions during the season. The trophy was won by Totton & Eling with Parkside finishing in fourth place.

We start the 2024 season with a friendly against Fleming Park on Sunday 28th April and an afternoon friendly against Twyford on Wednesday 1st May.

The S&D Combination Triples league commences on Tuesday 30th April with a home fixture against Banister Park. The Championship Fours team are also at home to Brockenhurst on Thursday 2nd May.

The Lottery Bonus Ball competition is being managed by both Barry and Charlie this summer. The competition commences during May and the cost for 2024 remains at £16 for the 16 week period. The owner of the winning Bonus Ball number drawn each Saturday in the National Lottery will receive £40. If you wish to enter with the same number(s) as last year, please let either Barry or Charlie know. Payment by bank transfer of the total amount is preferred but cash or a cheque would be acceptable. Details of any numbers not allocated to members will be advised at the Club Opening of the Green on Saturday 6th April.

We now have entry forms for the Southampton and District Women's Bowling Association competitions. If you wish to enter, please contact Karen Millington who will co-ordinate entries. The closing date for these is Friday 24th May.

Should you wish to enter the Men's Southampton and District competitions, this must now be carried out online on the S&D website using link [S&D Competition Entry 2024](#)

There are also opportunities using link [Southampton Open](#) to enter the Southampton Open Competition, which is held during week commencing Monday 22nd July.

Parkside will be participating in the Bowls Big Weekend on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th May. This is an opportunity for you to invite family and friends to the Parkside green and have a try at bowling. More information will follow by email.

Thank you to everyone who has completed membership forms for 2024. We can look forward to a wonderful summer of bowling with entries in the Southampton and District Leagues, together with Club competitions and organised afternoon roll ups.

Please enhance your summer enjoyment by entering the Club competitions. Entry forms will soon be circulated and will also be available at the Opening of the Green on Saturday 6th April.

Wishing you all a successful and pleasant 2024, both on and off the bowling green.

If you have any items for future newsletters, please send to kennethprior59@gmail.com