

# SPRING PARK SHIRLEY BOWLS BULLETIN



Keeping you in the know in/out of the bowls season

November 2025 Edition

## BOROUGH COMPETITIONS

Borough of Croydon  
Bowls Assoc

A number of our members entered Borough competitions last season. They are a great way of challenging yourself, playing on different greens and meeting fellow bowlers from other clubs.

There are various 'individual' competitions available from Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours.

Richard will be writing to us all in December with the details. You will have till early January to let Richard know what you would like to enter.

## Congratulations to Our Most Improved Bowlers of 2025

The Ladies' section declared Sally Debono as being the most improved female player in 2025 and awarded Sally 'The Eileen Mills Salver'.



The Men's section announced Dave Turner as being the most improved gentleman player in 2025 and awarded him 'The Littlewood Cup'.

## Congratulations to Richard Clements

For those of you not able to attend the AGM on 25th October, I am pleased to inform you that Richard has been elected as an Honorary Life Membership of SPSBC in recognition of his 15 years' service as Club Secretary. In addition, as a qualified bowls coach he is a valued member of the club's coaching team, sharing his knowledge and experience with both new and existing players alike.

**GOT AN IDEA FOR A SPAN ARTICLE?**

If yes, please contact Christine on 07518059127

## Order, Order...

During the 2025 AGM Barrie Austin very kindly presented the Club with a gavel and block for the next Captain to use to get everyone's attention during after-match teas. He feels it will be more authoritative than tinkling a teaspoon on a mug to get everyone's attention. It has a little engraved plague so that in the future we can remind ourselves of Barrie's tinkling.



## New Faces On Management Committee

As I said at the AGM, the committee are here to manage the Club on your behalf. If you have a suggestion on how something could be improved or even something you feel we should consider introducing, we would like to hear it. Please feel free to speak to any committee member anytime – don't feel as though you must wait till the AGM.

Your Management Committee for 2025/2026 are:

Chair	Christine Rixson
Secretary	Richard Clements
Treasurer	Ken Martin

	<u>Ladies'</u>	<u>Men's</u>
Captain	Eve Barnes	Peter Karmy
Vice-Captain	Rosemary Redding	Dave Rixson
Match Secretary	Janet Reynolds	Bob Walton
Representative	Marie Blakeley	Dave Turner*
Competition Secretary (not serving on MC)	Deb Turner	Mike Edwards

\*Dave Turner is also in charge of Maintenance

## Fancy Being In A Murder Mystery?

Alan Chitty has kindly offered to run a Murder Mystery social evening (11<sup>th</sup> July). He already has some volunteer actors but does require another 2 men and 2 women. In addition, he would like a male and female reserve.

You don't have to learn your lines as you will be reading from a script. If interested, please contact Alan on 07713 017610 7 asap.

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

## 2025/2026 Get-Togethers @ The Wheatsheaf, West Wickham

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November** - Please reply to Jackie Hutchings, Bob Walton, John Edwards and Richard Clements (Reply to All in email) if you would like to attend on 5th November.

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** - Reply to email sent out nearer the time

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January** - Reply to email sent out nearer the time

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February** - Reply to email sent out nearer the time

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March** - Reply to email sent out nearer the time

## 2026 Coach Trips



**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June** - Coach trip to play at Gildredge Park BC (Eastbourne)

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August** - Coach trip to play at Canterbury BC

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September** – Coach trip to play at Herne Bay BC via Whitstable

## 2026 Social Events – those definite, more to be confirmed

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Quiz Night** - 7.00pm

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Bingo & Chips Night** – 7.00pm (To Be Confirmed)

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Murder Mystery Night** - 7.00pm

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August – Bargain Hunt Buffet** - 7.00pm

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September – Fish & Chips Quiz Night** @ 7.00pm

## Remember, Safeguarding

..... is about creating a safe and welcoming environment for everyone involved - young players and adult bowlers. It's about encouraging a culture of respect and fairness and taking steps to prevent and address any kind of harm or abuse in our bowling community.

**Ken Martin is the SPSBC Safeguarding Officer** and any safeguarding concerns should be reported to him immediately. Please note, it is **EVERYONE'S** responsibility to report issues they spot to Ken.