



PARKSIDE BOWLING CLUB

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NEWSLETTER

Dear Member

2026 is underway and promises another fine year with much good bowling camaraderie and friendship.

Our first social event of the year was held in the Clubhouse with a hugely entertaining and enjoyable new age Kurling, expertly organised and well run by Sue Campbell and Karen Millington.

The next social event will be an evening of Boccia on Friday 6th March. This is a new initiative for Parkside Club and is a game that requires players to throw or release balls towards a designated target "ball", which is called a jack. Rules are similar to pétanque and bowls but all will be explained on the evening.

With regard to Friendly fixtures, a Tinsel Trophy return match is awaiting confirmation for Wednesday 18th March and a friendly against Longmeadow B.C. at Whitchurch has been arranged for Sunday 22nd March. Details of Summer friendlies will be included in the Club Handbook which is normally issued in early April.

Poor weather has delayed a number of matches in the Mini Winter League and Parkside still have remaining matches against Totton & Eling, Fleming Park and Braeside. On Wednesday 18th February, all four Clubs participating are due to play their final matches on our green.

This year, our first team will compete in S&D Championship 1 and the second team will be performing in Combination Triples 1, both at a higher level due to fine performances last season. Our Mixed Triples team will continue to play in S & D League A. Please consider putting yourself forward for selection to these S&D teams as you will find it a rewarding and valuable experience.

The opportunity to enter Hampshire County competitions will be available soon. Those members who wish to participate should contact Charlie Bumstead or Peter Graham directly.

Members wishing to play in the Southampton & District competitions should enter via the S & D website. Information regarding entries for 2026 should soon be available on the website.

Parkside are making good progress in the Moreton Cup. The next match is on Sunday 1st February at Longmeadow B.C. Whitchurch, commencing at 10am.

The new developments around the Green with the installation of new paving and a replacement carpet are expected to start soon. Please look out for emails giving further information and dates.

To help our newer bowlers, we are looking to appoint a Bowls Development Officer who will operate throughout the year. Further information to follow.

Finally, thank you to everyone who has submitted forms and paid their membership fee for 2026. If you have yet to submit a completed form, we look forward to receiving it shortly.

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