



# PARKSIDE BOWLING CLUB

## FEBRUARY 2026

### NEWSLETTER

Dear Member

The summer months are fast approaching with a packed programme of bowling to look forward to including competitions, organised roll ups and much more.

On the green, our first team will compete in S&D Championship Division One and it is likely that the second team will be performing at a higher level due to a fine performance last season. Please put yourself forward to be considered for selection in our S&D teams, as you will find it a rewarding and valuable experience. We need as many players as possible.

The next social event on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March will be an evening of Boccia, which is a new initiative for Parkside. Boccia is a game that requires players to throw or release balls towards a designated target "ball", which is called a jack. The rules are similar to both pétanque and bowls and these will be explained on the evening.

Fleming Park B.C. have invited Parkside members to take part in their Freemantle Trophy competition which is being held this year on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April. Should you wish to play, please enter your name on the form which is located on the Club Friendlies notice board or contact Ray Colwell on [raycolw@gmail.com](mailto:raycolw@gmail.com)

A programme of friendly matches is being organised by Gill Connell, Friendly Secretary. Please support these matches throughout the year. An indoor friendly has been arranged at Longmeadow Bowling Club, Whitchurch on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Please look out for further details which will follow by email. Should any members who are not selected to play in any home friendly matches be willing to assist in tea, coffee and light snack preparations, this would be very much appreciated by the Club.

Information on Southampton and District Bowling Association competitions and how to enter is now on the Bowls Southampton website. Entries can be made by using link <https://www.bowlssouthampton.com/registrations.html>

Parkside have now reached the quarter finals of the Moreton Cup. The next match is on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March against Andover at Longmeadow Bowling Club, Whitchurch, commencing at 10:00am.

We now understand that resurfacing of the existing paving area around the artificial green will commence on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. It is anticipated that this will take two weeks for completion and the bowling green will be closed during this period. Please look out for updates by email regarding both this and replacement of the carpet.

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 paid their membership fee for 2026 and completed forms. If you still have to return a membership form, we look forward to receiving it shortly.

If you have any items for future newsletters, please send to [kennethprior59@gmail.com](mailto:kennethprior59@gmail.com)