



PARKSIDE BOWLING CLUB

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NEWSLETTER

Dear Member

Although the season is drawing to a close, there is still much excitement to look forward to, but more on that later. We start with the news of our most recent friendly when we entertained a touring team from Rosedale BC. Despite an early morning start, our visitors from Rosedale in Hertfordshire arrived in good spirits, clearly intent on enjoying the game against Parkside's finest. We were able to provide good competition in this six-rink match. Rosedale bowlers were soundly beaten but they enjoyed the hospitality and the drinks at the bar before heading off to Waterside for an afternoon contest.

Parkside will be playing another prestige friendly on Tuesday September 22nd against Bowls Hampshire. Please look out for the separate email and contact Charlie Bumstead directly should you wish to put yourself forward for selection. There are also friendlies against Romsey and Andover planned for Saturday September 12th and Sunday September 13th respectively.

The league season has drawn to a close with our S & D Mixed Triples team securing a place in the top division next season. They have performed consistently well. New bowlers were welcomed into both of our S & D men's teams this year. They settled in well and we look forward to success next year.

Club finals will take place during the first weekend in September. The finals are beginning to take shape with the metronomic Barry Jeffs reaching the final of the Club Championship where he will play the steady Nigel Harrington and in the Two Wood singles, Barry will play the model of consistency Ray Colwell. Mick Boyle will play Gill Connell in the Green Medal final.

The Ladies Championship will be contested by Maria Graham and Julia Burton.

Our star triple consisting of Peter Graham, Alan Hockey and Charlie Bumstead have reached the semi-final of the Southampton and District Triples, and will play against a triple from Folland B.C. at Atherley.

The Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoon roll ups are as popular as ever and these will continue for the rest of the Parkside season i.e until the end of September. The roll ups will then move into Winter mode and details of this will be circulated to Club members during September.

A chain fence has been placed on the edge of the green in front of the Clubhouse. This is to deter people from entering the green, particularly those with unsuitable footwear and/or using the green inappropriately. The green is of course accessible to bowlers, so please just remove enough of the fencing to gain safe access to the green and replace the chain fencing when finished.

Charlie Bumstead has undertaken a coaching course and is looking for bowlers to coach, so if you wish to develop your skills, please contact Charlie directly.

Looking ahead to the winter, there will be a series of friendlies against indoor clubs and it is also our intention to enter the Mini Winter League, as in previous years.

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