



PARKSIDE BOWLING CLUB

APRIL 2026

NEWSLETTER

Dear Member

The sun is shining and the exciting developments at Fleming Park are complete. We have new paving, refurbished public toilets and the new carpet is now being played on.

The Official Opening of the Green ceremony will take place on Friday 24th April commencing at 12pm and will be attended by the Eastleigh mayor, Eastleigh Borough Council representatives, contractors and Club sponsors. Following this, a friendly match will take place between Parkside and Fleming Park members.

On the green, our first team will compete in S&D Championship Division 1 and the second team will be performing in S&D Combination Triples Division 1, both due to fine performances last season. Our mixed triples team will once again compete in League A. Please put yourself forward to be considered for selection to our S&D teams as you will find it a rewarding and valuable experience. We need as many players as possible.

The first match is on Tuesday 28th April when the Combination Triples team play at home to Hedge End and then on Thursday 30th April our Championship team start their campaign away at Atherley.

The Club competition entry forms are now available. These competitions are an excellent opportunity to consolidate your bowling ability.

The summer roll ups on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons are underway. Should you wish to play in these, please arrive before 1:20pm for registration purposes. A Club league is planned for some Friday afternoons so please consider entering this exciting venture.

At our last social evening, we ventured into the world of Boccia and this was enjoyed by all those who attended. It is very likely that another Boccia evening will be organised during the forthcoming winter period.

A programme of friendlies is being organised by our Friendly Secretary, Gill Connell. The first one is at home to Twyford on Wednesday 29th April, commencing at 2:00pm. Please support our friendlies and if you are not playing, we would love to have a couple of members helping out with teas and serving.

Information regarding the Southampton and District Bowling Association competitions and how to enter is now on the S&D website.

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

Charlie Bumstead is undertaking a coaching course and to help him progress to successful completion of this, he is looking for bowlers to coach. Please look out for emails with details regarding this.

Finally, thank you to everyone who has paid their membership fee for 2026 and completed forms. If you are still to return your membership form, we look forward to receiving it shortly.

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