## SPRING PARK SHIRLEY BOWLS BULLETIN



**January 2025 Edition** 

# NEW 2025 OPENING TIMES FOR ALL MEMBERS

Monday 2:00pm-5.30pm

Tuesday 2:00pm-5.30pm

Wednesday 2:00pm-5.30pm 6.30pm-8.00pm

Thursday 2:00pm-5:30pm

Friday 2:00pm-5:30pm

Saturday 10:00am-12:00pm

Sunday 1:00pm-4:00pm

for Fun Day or monthly Tasters

#### **WELCOME**

A belated Happy New Year to you all and welcome to the first of our triannual SPSBC newsletters since Covid.

Purpose: To keep you up-to-date with what is going on at SPSBC in and out of the bowls season.

#### **Our Recruitment Plans 2025**

Here is a summary of the recruitment strategy proposed by the Recruitment Working Party and approved by the Management Committee on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025:

Run a week of taster sessions from 4th – 10<sup>th</sup> May (Sunday & Monday pm, Tuesday – Friday afternoons and evenings and Saturday morning)

The 2024 cohort that didn't join can return and receive free taster sessions up to the end of May and then we will need a commitment.

Cohort of new 2025 recruits will be known as the "Academy" and can have free sessions for approx 2 months after which they can join for the "Half Price" offer (half of season ticket rate plus club fee).

Ongoing Wed & Sat sessions for "Academy" will be overseen by Ken and Christine plus one coach if possible. However, we are looking for other club members to be involved – see "WE WANTYOU" below.

New cohort will be given a coaching record to help keep a track of the sessions they have covered.

The club will make arrangements for Academy members to be included in Mixed Drives and the Fun Days.

Our aim is to have new members coming to the club on a regular basis as soon as possible.



### ARE YOU ABLE TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP THE 2025 COHORT ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AND/OR SATURDAY MORNINGS?

If you are Interested in helping the 2025 cohort to learn etiquette, complete their coaching record then please let Dick (via rmandgf@btinternet.com) or Christine (via christine.rixson@sky.com) know. A meeting will be arranged before the start of the season for all interested members to explain how we think you can help.

#### Let's Be Clear About Safeguarding

What is Safeguarding? It 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.

Oh, so Safeguarding is not only relevant to children? No, while safeguarding is often associated with children, it's equally important for adults. Studies indicate that 47% of adults show characteristics of vulnerability and therefore may be at risk, highlighting the necessity of protecting all members.

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What is not safeguarding? Safeguarding focuses on protecting individuals from harm, not on resolving broader issues like club culture or personality conflicts.

**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.

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES**

#### 2025 Coach Trips



**Wed 18<sup>th</sup> June** – Coach trip to play at Gildrege Park, Eastbourne

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> August – Coach trip to play at Canterbury

**Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> September** – Coach trip to play at Herne Bay via Whitstable

#### 2025 Social Events

Sat 17<sup>th</sup> May – Quiz Night @ 7.00pm

Sat 21st June – Bingo & Fish 'n' Chips Night @ 7.00pm

Sat 12th July – Music Night Social @ 7.00pm

Fri 15th August – Bargain Hunt Auction/Cheese & Pickle Buffet @ 7.00pm

Fri 12th September – Club Lunch - 12.00pm

Sat 27th September – Quiz Night @ 7.00pm

#### And finally, don't forget

Sat 12<sup>th</sup> April - Re-Union Day

#### WANTED

#### **ASSISTANT SECRETARY**

The Management Committee seek an enthusiastic person to shadow the current Club Secretary, with a view of taking over the role in 2026/7.

#### **Benefits:**

- Flexible hours
- Company Gatherer



Please contact Dick or Christine if interested in this exciting opportunity.

### INTERESTED IN HELPING TO ORGANISE SOCIAL EVENTS FOR THE CLUB?

If you think you could help out in this way, please contact Bob on 020 8777 2122. Remember, many hands make light work.