

SPRING PARK SHIRLEY BOWLS BULLETIN



Keeping you in the know in/out of the bowls season

July 2025 Edition

OUR 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

Coaching Day – Monday 23rd June

Sixteen SPSBC members attended a well-organised day of coaching covering a number of different aspects of the game.



"coaches had excellent depth of knowledge"



"The clinic session gave me 1:1 coaching on how to improve my delivery"



"I've learnt some interesting rules"



"It made me aware of things I didn't know"



I know Dick is looking to organise a similar day next year, definitely worth attending.

Ladies' Captain Update

As you are aware Greer decided to leave the Club in May. The committee are pleased to announce that Eve Barnes is now Acting Ladies' Captain and Rosemary Redding will be Acting Ladies' Vice Captain for the remainder of the season.

The nominated charity will remain as St Christopher's Hospice and so far, we have raised over £80.

Recruitment Update

We have already recruited a number of new members this season and have other interested individuals working their way through our training sessions.

If you know of anyone who you think would be interested in trying bowls or indeed joining the club then please let Dick or Christine know.

Wanted: Ideas for Social Events For 2026

As you know we run a number of fun social events at the club. We are always looking for new ideas for these social events for next season. Bob is a whizz at coming up with fun social ideas but would welcome fresh ideas and others to take on organising an event or two.

- Have you attended a social event somewhere that you think would appeal to our members?
- Do you have an idea for a fun social event we could hold?

If yes to either of the above questions, then please share it with Bob (020 8777 2122), he can give you the help and guidance needed to get it off the ground.

Remember, many hands make light work.

Club Competition Rules

We would like to take this opportunity to remind **ALL** members of the Club's rules re booking and playing competitions.

- **ALL** competitions must be entered in the Club Diary for the day you would like to play your competition. Please don't turn up on a day and then decide to play a competition.
- **Please** write your name/opponent/competition & marker's name (if applicable) on ***the first available line*** of the day you want to play. Please note, that no competition match can be booked to start before 3.30pm in the week and 10.00am at weekends.
- If, after the Roll-ups/Aggregates have started, there is a free rink, please speak to a member of the committee in order to confirm that it is ok for you to start your competition earlier.
- If there is more than one competition match listed in the Club Diary, then the order of choosing a rink will be determined by the order of entry in the Club Diary.

Fancy A Challenge?

We all know that Croydon Council are in financial difficulties and are making cut-backs to their services. We would like to form a sub-committee to look at different scenarios/options should Croydon cut their funding for SPSBC. If interested, please let Christine know.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

2025 Coach Trips



Wed 6th August – Coach trip to play at Canterbury

Tues 2nd September – Coach trip to play at Herne Bay via Whitstable

2025 Social Events

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

Recruitment Open Days

Sun 6th July, 1pm-4pm – All welcome & Sun 3rd Aug, 1pm-4pm – All welcome

AGM

Sat 25th October, 10.00am

STILL WANTED ASSISTANT SECRETARY

The Management Committee seek an enthusiastic person to shadow the current Club Secretary.

Benefits:

- Flexible hours
- Company Gatherer

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

Remember, Safeguarding

..... 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.

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.