

## Guide to Bowling Opportunities Burpham Bowling Club

Reports on our performances in the external competitions mentioned below can be found on our website blog at [External competitions 2025](#)

ROLL UPS	
<p><b>Casual roll-up - not organised</b></p> <p><b>Whicher Cup</b> – Monday Afternoon 2pm <i>Triples or pairs depending on numbers. A mixed organised roll-up.</i> <i>Organised by Vince &amp; Barbara Hopkinson</i></p> <p><b>Ladies Practice Session</b> – Tuesday Afternoon 2pm. Rinks, <i>triples, pairs or singles depending on numbers. Ladies only.</i> <i>Organised by Ladies' Captain</i></p> <p><b>Club night</b> – Thursday evening 5.30pm <i>Triples or pairs. Hot Snacks are usually available.</i> <i>Organised by Rex Thorpe</i></p> <p><b>Afternoon Club</b> – Friday afternoon 2pm <i>Triples or pairs.</i> <i>Organised by Margaret Liley</i></p> <p><b>4,3,2,1</b> – Sunday Morning 11am <i>A great way to improve your skills. Bowlers score points for the closest 4 bowls to the jack. Great fun.</i> <i>Organised by Margaret Liley, help needed</i></p>	<p>Book a rink and roll up on your own or with other members</p> <p>Always arrive early for organised roll-up so that teams can be organised. Late arrival may prohibit your participation.</p> <p>These are all roll-ups open to all members. They are <b>non-competitive</b> (although the Whicher Cup can have a competitive edge for those that want it!) And an opportunity to learn the important etiquette of the game.</p> <p>Newer members will be playing with experienced players will help improve skills.</p> <p>Enjoy a drink in the bar with friends after the game, and on Club Night (Thursday) a freshly cooked snack.</p>
MATCHES	
Mixed Friendlies. Played at home and away in Club Colours	
<p><b>Wednesday Afternoon</b> – 2.30pm <i>Organised by Karen &amp; Mike King</i></p> <p><b>Saturday Afternoon</b> -2.30pm <i>Organised by Allison &amp; Tony Thrumble</i></p> <p><b>Sunday Afternoon</b> - 2.30pm <i>Organised by Vince &amp; Barbara Hopkinson</i> <i>Sign up on the sheets in the clubhouse for games you want to play in.</i></p>	<p>Entry level introduction to competition against other clubs. The ideal opportunity to play in a proper game against other clubs. Matches are home and away in club colours. A relaxed friendly afternoon, no pressure</p> <p>Newer members will be in teams with experienced bowlers to make sure they are helped and have an enjoyable experience.</p>
Ladies Friendlies. Played at home and away in Club Colours	
<p><b>Tuesday Afternoon</b> – 2.00pm <i>Sign-up sheets are in the Ladies changing room. These matches are not every week.</i> <i>Organised by Ladies' Captain</i></p>	<p>As with the mixed friendlies these are home and away in club colours. No pressure, very relaxed and great fun.</p>

<b>COACHING</b>	
We have 4 coaches: John Kershaw (Level 2), Ade Hughes, Linda Macbeth & Geoff Sheldon (Level 1)	
<b>Skills Sessions</b> <i>Organised by John Kershaw</i> <i>We will be looking for helpers to be trained to assist the coaches.</i>	Skills sessions will be held on a rotation basis around the roll ups on Tuesday Ladies' practice session, Club Night, Friday Afternoon Club & Sunday 4, 3, 2, 1.
<b>Back to Basics</b> <i>Organised by John Kershaw, Ade Hughes, Linda Macbeth &amp; Geoff Sheldon.</i>	The sessions will run early in the season, all members will be invited to attend sessions on Etiquette, Setting Up the Rinks, The Roles of Lead, 2, 3 and Skip, Signalling & Measuring.
<b>Advanced Coaching</b> <i>Organised by John Kershaw</i>	On request members can ask for more advanced coaching. If a common need is highlighted a small group session can be arranged.
<b>LEAGUES. Played at home and away in Club Colours</b>	
<b>Guildford, Woking &amp; District Triples</b> (aka Old Codgers league) Men only <b>Tuesday Afternoon – 2pm</b> <i>Managed by the Men's Captain</i>	For men aged 55+. 18 games a season, home and away in club colours. These matches are a good standard. They are a first step into competitive bowling from the friendlies.
<b>Ladies Surrey Advertiser League</b> <b>Friday Afternoon/Evening – Time TBA</b> <i>Ask to join the squad for selection.</i> <i>Managed by Ladies Captain</i>	A stepping stone for Ladies after playing in the Friendlies who want a more competitive game. The format is 1 rink (4 players).
<b>West Surrey Ladies Bowling League (WSLBL)</b> <b>Monday Evening – 6.15pm</b> <i>You will be invited to join this squad.</i> <i>Managed by Ladies Captain</i>	A step up from the Surrey Advertiser League. The format is 2 triples.
<b>Knaphill Triples League</b> <b>Thursday Afternoons – 2.30pm</b> <i>Managed by Club Captain</i> <i>You will be invited to play in this league.</i> <i>A captain is appointed for each of the 3 teams.</i> <i>Burpham Blues: Captained by Alan Mogg</i> <i>Burpham Greens: Captained by Margaret Liley &amp; Geoff Sheldon</i> <i>Burpham Whites: Captained by John Kershaw &amp; Ade Hughes</i>	Minimum age 55 on 1 May each season. 2 teams of 3. We normally enter 3 mixed squads Burpham Greens, Burpham Blues and Burpham Whites. Matches played home and away. <b>As this is the second most competitive West Surrey League you can express a desire to play but selections are down to the squad captains.</b>
<b>WSL Friday Evening League</b> <b>Friday evening – 6.15 pm.</b> <i>One mixed rink (fours) to play almost every Friday evening until August.</i> <i>You will be invited to join this squad.</i> <i>Managed by the Men's Captain</i>	Standard is close to WSL/Sapphire. Matches are in local qualifying league home and away.
<b>West Surrey League (WSL)/Sapphire</b> <i>Run by the West Surrey Bowling Association the WSL is men only rinks (fours) league.</i> <i>The Sapphire league is separate but runs alongside and is mixed triples. You will be invited to join these squads.</i> <i>Managed by Club Captain &amp; Ladies Captain</i>	This is the top league in our area. The WSL is men only, 12 players.  The Sapphire is a mixed triple of 9 players. Burpham usually play with 9 ladies.

<b>INTERNAL COMPETITIONS</b>	
<i>Men's singles</i> <i>Ladies' singles</i> <i>2 wood singles</i> <i>Novices' singles</i> <i>Handicap singles</i> <i>Mixed pairs</i> <i>Men's pairs</i> <i>Ladies' pairs</i> <i>Crossman plate</i> <i>Aussie Pairs</i> <i>You will be invited to enter in early January.</i>	<p>The entry form for these competitions will be sent out in January. No entry fee currently (reviewed annually). Internal Competitions are organised by the Club Competition Secretary</p> <p>We encourage everyone to enter all competitions. New members should definitely enter the Novice's and Handicap singles and put their names in for the drawn pair's competitions.</p> <p>All teams in the pairs are drawn from a hat and seeded. Newer members will therefore partner an experienced bowler.</p> <p><b><i>A condition of entry is that you must be available to play on Finals Weekend Saturday &amp; Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> &amp; 31<sup>st</sup> August. Back up day Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September</i></b></p>
<b>Men's Singles</b>	Open draw knockout singles competitions (no handicaps) (4 bowls each)
<b>Ladies' Singles</b>	
<b>2 Wood Singles</b>	As men's and ladies' singles played with 2 bowls each
<b>Novices' Singles</b>	Open draw knockout singles competition for players who have not won any knockout bowls competition (4 bowls each)
<b>Handicap Singles</b>	Open draw knockout singles competition with individual handicaps decided in advance by Bowling Committee (4 bowls each)
<b>Mixed Pairs</b>	Drawn knockout competitions with seedings to pair experienced and inexperienced players (4 bowls each)
<b>Men's Pairs</b>	
<b>Ladies' Pairs</b>	
<b>New Bowlers League</b> <i>Organised by John Kershaw, Level 2 Coach</i>	A mixed pairs league running from June to August open to bowlers with less than 2 years' experience.
<b>Crossman Plate</b>	Open draw knockout singles competition for players who lose their first game in men's and ladies' singles (4 bowls each)
<b>Aussie Pairs</b>	League/knockout pairs competition by joint entry from male/female pairs e.g. find your own partner before entry. Rules of games on website (4 bowls each).
<b>Chipchase Cup</b> <i>this may change format</i>	A one day pairs competition. Entry by adding name to sheet posted in clubhouse in advance of competition date
<b>Miller Triples</b>	A one day triples competition. Entry by adding name to sheet posted in clubhouse in advance of competition date
<b>Squibb Salver</b>	A one day 2 wood singles competition. Entry by adding name to sheet posted in clubhouse in advance of competition date.
<b>Cory Cup</b>	A one-day ladies v men competition. Entry by adding name to sheet posted in clubhouse in advance of competition date.
<b>September Triples</b> <i>Organised by Club Captain.</i>	The competition is spread over 2 weeks. The format depends on the number of entrants. Entry by adding name to sheet posted in clubhouse in advance of competition

<b>EXTERNAL COMPETITIONS</b>	
<p>These competitions are organised at National level (Bowls England), and County (Bowls Surrey) and Regional (West Surrey Bowling Association). They include club v club events and individual knock-out competitions. The club takes care of entries into the club comp entries.</p> <p>Each organisation has the same or similar individual comps (champion of champions, singles, pairs, triple, fours etc, and some other variations of these, e.g. senior, unbadged, badges etc). These have entry fees. The club pays the fees for club v club comps but members pay for their entries in individual competitions. You can submit your own entry directly into these individual competitions.</p> <p>Alternatively, the club will facilitate your entries if you prefer. These are some of the most competitive competitions and will take you to clubs throughout the area. More details of these can also be found on the External Competitions blogs on the website.</p>	
<p><b>West Surrey Bowling Association (WSBA)</b>  <a href="http://www.westsurreyba.org.uk/page14a.html">http://www.westsurreyba.org.uk/page14a.html</a></p> <p><b>Harry Mills Triples (club v club)</b>  <i>Managed by Men's Captain</i></p>	<p>Individual competitions include, singles, pairs, triples and fours for men and ladies and mixed (pairs).</p> <p>A men's competition. Clubs enter teams consisting of TWO TRIPLES teams whose players may be varied from round to round. Matches are played over 18 ends, one match is played on the 'home' team's green and the other on the 'away' team's green. On the green of the home side one extra end shall be played, the score of which is not to be counted unless the sum of the scores for the two matches are equal.</p>
<p><b>Bowls Surrey</b>  County Top Four competition  <i>Managed by Men's &amp; Ladies' Captains</i></p>	<p>Men &amp; ladies' teams, rinks (4 players/ 2 bowls) knockout competition. Club may enter as many teams as it wishes.</p>
<p><b>National competitions - <u>Bowls England</u></b></p> <p><b>Men's Top Club</b>  <i>Managed by Club Captain</i></p> <p><b>Ladies' Top Club</b>  <i>Managed by Ladies Captain</i></p> <p><b>Men's Club Two Fours</b>  <i>Managed by Men's Captain</i></p> <p><b>Tony Allcock Trophy</b>  <i>Managed by Club Captain</i></p>	<p>A club v club KO competition involving 11 players. 5 disciplines are played simultaneously: singles, 2 wood singles, pairs, triples, and fours</p> <p>As the men's competition but played over 4 disciplines (excluding 2 wood singles)</p> <p>Two rinks of 4 players, 2 bowls each player. 18 ends. Winner is the team with the highest aggregate score.</p> <p>Mixed team, aged 60+. A club side shall consist of two rinks of four players (two men and two women per rink) and they shall play 18 ends, two bowls each player.</p>
<p>If you want any further information on any of the above, please contact:</p>	
<p>John Kershaw - Club Captain  Rex Thorpe - Men's Captain</p>	<p>Colin Colbrook - President  Ade Hughes - Ladies Captain</p>
<p><b>PLEASE NOTE Green available -</b></p>	<p>Monday, Wednesday &amp; Friday from <b>2pm</b>,  Tuesday &amp; Thursday from <b>11am</b>,  Saturday &amp; Sunday from <b>10am</b>.</p>
<p><b>Rinks should ideally be booked in advance. A 'spontaneous' roll up is possible BUT booked rinks take priority.</b></p>	<p><b>The Green is not available any other time</b></p>