

Guide to Bowling Opportunities

Burpham Bowling Club

Reports on our performances in the external competitions mentioned below can be found on our website blog

<u>ROLL UPS</u>	
<p>Casual roll-up – organise yourself</p> <p>Whicher Cup – Monday Afternoon 2pm <i>Format dependant on numbers. A mixed roll-up.</i></p> <p>Ladies Practice Session – Tuesday Afternoon 2pm. <i>Format dependant on numbers. Ladies only.</i></p> <p>Club night – Thursday evening from 5.30pm <i>Format dependant on numbers. Hot Food is normally available afterwards.</i></p> <p>Afternoon Club – Friday afternoon 2pm <i>Again, format dependant on numbers.</i></p> <p>4,3,2,1 – 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></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 non-competitive (although the Whicher Cup can have a competitive edge for those that want it!) and are an opportunity to learn the important etiquette of the game.</p> <p>Newer members will play with experienced players should help improve both knowledge of the game and 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	
<p>Wednesday Afternoon – 2.30pm</p> <p>Saturday Afternoon -2.30pm</p> <p>Sunday Afternoon - 2.30pm <i>Sign up on the sheets in the clubhouse for games you want to play in (online sign up planned for 2023 season).</i></p>	<p>Entry level introduction to competition against other clubs; usually triples. The ideal opportunity to play in a game against another club. 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	
<p>Tuesday Afternoon – 2.00pm <i>Sign up sheets are in the Ladies changing room. These matches are not every week.</i></p>	<p>As with the mixed friendlies these are home and away in club colours. No pressure, very relaxed and great fun.</p>

INTERNAL COMPETITIONS	
<i>Men's singles</i>	<p>The entry form for these competitions will be sent out with your membership form.</p> <p>No entry fee for 2023 (reviewed annually).</p> <p>We encourage everyone to enter all competitions. New members should consider the Novice's (as long as they have not won any bowls trophy), Handicap singles and put their names in for the drawn pairs 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>A condition of entry is that you must be available to play on Finals Weekend.</p>
<i>Ladies' singles</i>	
<i>2 wood singles</i>	
<i>Novice's 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 with your membership renewal.</i>	
Men's Singles	Open draw knockout singles competitions (no handicaps) (4 bowls each)
Ladies' Singles	
2 Wood Singles	As men's and ladies' singles played with 2 bowls each
Novices Singles	Open draw knockout singles competition for players who have not won any bowls trophy (4 bowls each)
Handicap Singles	Open draw knockout singles competition with individual handicaps decided in advance by Bowling Committee (4 bowls each)
Mixed Pairs	Drawn knockout competitions with seedings to pair experienced and inexperienced players (4 bowls each)
Men's Pairs	
Ladies' Pairs	
Crossman Plate	Open draw knockout singles competition for players who lose their first game in men's and ladies' singles (4 bowls each)
Aussie Pairs	League/knockout pairs competition by joint entry from male/female pairs i.e., find your own partner before entry. Rules of games on website (4 bowls each).
Chipchase Cup	A one day pairs competition. Entry by adding name to sheet posted in clubhouse in advance of competition date
Miller Triples	A one day triples competition. Entry by adding name to sheet posted in clubhouse in advance of competition date
Squibb Salver	A one day 2 wood singles competition. Entry by adding name to sheet posted in clubhouse in advance of competition date.
Cory Cup	A one day ladies v men competition. Entry by adding name to sheet posted in clubhouse in advance of competition date.
September Triples	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

LEAGUES	
<p>Guildford, Woking & District Triples (aka Old Codgers league) Men only Tuesday Afternoon – 2pm <i>Organised by the Men's Vice-captain. Sign up to be considered for selection to the squad of at least eight.</i></p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Ladies Surrey Advertiser League Usually Friday Afternoon/Evening – Time TBA <i>Organised by Linda Macbeth. Sign up to be considered for selection to the squad.</i></p>	<p>A stepping stone for Ladies after playing in the Friendlies who want a more competitive game.</p>
<p>Ladies West Surrey League (WSL) Monday Evening – 6.15pm <i>Organised by Linda Macbeth. Sign up to be considered for selection to the squad.</i></p>	<p>A step up from the Surrey Advertiser League.</p>
<p>Knaphill Triples League Thursday Afternoons – 2.30pm <i>Organised by John Kershaw and Alan / Catherine Hughes. Sign up to be considered for selection to one of the squads.</i></p>	<p>Minimum age 55 on 1 May each season. Team of 3. We normally enter 2 mixed squads A & B. Matches played home and away. The second most competitive West Surrey League</p>
<p>WSL Friday Evening League Friday Evening – 6.15 pm <i>One mixed rink (fours) to play almost every Friday evening until August.</i> Sign up to be considered for selection to the squad. Organised by Men's Vice-captain</p>	<p>Standard is close to WSL/Sapphire. A squad of at least eight players is sought. Matches are in a local qualifying league home and away playing in club colours.</p>
<p>West Surrey League (WSL)/Sapphire <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.</i> <i>WSL organised by Club Captain</i> <i>Sapphire organised by Ladies Captain</i> <i>Sign up to be considered for the squads</i></p>	<p>This is the top league in our area. The WSL is men only 12 players. The Sapphire is mixed triple of 9 players.</p>

EXTERNAL COMPETITIONS

These competitions are organised at National (Bowls England), County (Bowls Surrey) and Regional (West Surrey Bowling Association) levels. They include club v club events and individual knock-out competitions. The club takes care of entries into the club comp. entries. Each organisation has the same or similar individual comps. (Champion of champions, singles, pairs, triples, fours etc, and some other variations of these, e.g., senior, unbadged, open 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 but the club also facilitates entries. These are very competitive 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>Bowls Surrey & West Surrey Bowling Association (WSBA) http://www.westsurreyba.org.uk/page14a.html</p> <p>Harry Mills Triples (club v club)</p> <p>Organised by Men's Captain (and Club Captain if multiple teams)</p>	<p>Individual competitions including 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>County Top Four competition Organised by Men's Captain (and Club Captain if multiple teams)</p>	<p>Men only, rinks (4 players/ 2 bowls) knockout competition. Club may enter as many teams as it wishes.</p>
<p>National competitions - Bowls England</p> <p>Men's Top Club Organised by Club Captain</p> <p>Ladies Top Club Organised by Ladies Captain</p> <p>Men's Club Two Fours Organised by Men's Captain</p> <p>Tony Allcock Trophy Organised by Men's and Ladies Captain's</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 comp but played over 4 disciplines (excluding 2 wood singles)</p> <p>Two rinks of 4, 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 Simon Fillary (Club Captain) Margaret Liley (Club v/Captain) John Kershaw (Men's Captain) Rex Thorpe (Men's v/captain)</p>	<p>on any of the above, please contact: Linda Macbeth (Ladies Captain) Adrienne Hughes (Ladies v/Captain) Geoff Sheldon (President)</p>

**PLEASE NOTE Green available - Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 2pm,
 Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday from 11am
 The Green is not available any other time. Rinks should always be booked**