

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 2024](#)

ROLL UPS	
<p>Casual roll-up - not organised</p> <p>Ladies Practice Session – Tuesday Afternoon 2pm. Rinks, <i>triples, pairs or singles depending on numbers.</i> <i>Ladies only.</i></p> <p>Club night – Thursday evening 5.30pm <i>Rinks, Triples or pairs. Food is available usually burgers, hot dogs or toasties.</i></p> <p>Afternoon Club – Friday afternoon 2pm <i>Again, triples or pairs</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 roll-ups are open to all members. They are non-competitive and an opportunity to learn the important etiquette of the game.</p> <p>Newer members will be playing with experienced players which should 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>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 2024 season).</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>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>

LEAGUES. Played at home and away in Club Colours Sign up sheets to be considered for league squads circulated prior to season commencing	
Guildford, Woking & District Triples (aka Old Codgers league) Men only Tuesday Afternoon – 2pm <i>Managed by Men's Vice 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.
Ladies Surrey Advertiser League Usually Friday Afternoon/Evening – Time TBA <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 rinks (4 players).
Ladies West Surrey League (WSL) Monday Evening – 6.15pm <i>Managed by Ladies Captain</i>	A step up from the Surrey Advertiser League. The format is triples.
Knaphill Triples League Thursday Afternoons – 2.30pm <i>Managed by:</i> <i>Alan & Catherine Hughes – Burpham A</i> <i>Alan Mogg – Burpham B</i> <i>John Kershaw – Burpham C</i>	Minimum age 55 on 1 May each season. Team of 3. We normally enter 3 mixed squads A, B & C. Matches played home and away. The second most competitive West Surrey League.
WSL Friday Evening League Friday Evening – 6.15 pm <i>One mixed rink (fours) to play almost every Friday evening until August.</i> <i>Managed by Men's Vice Captain</i>	Standard is close to WSL/Sapphire. Matches are in a local qualifying league home and away playing in club colours.
West Surrey League (WSL)/Sapphire <i>Run by the West Surrey Bowling Association the WSL is a men only rinks (fours) league. The Sapphire league is separate but runs alongside and is mixed triples.</i> <i>Managed by Club Captain / Ladies Captain</i>	This is the top league in our area. The WSL is men only 12 players. The Sapphire is mixed triples of 9 players.

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 currently (reviewed annually).</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 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 – Sign up sheets (apart from One Day comps) are circulated prior to the season commencing</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 knockout bowls competition (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.
Whicher Cup	Played most Monday's during the season, 'roll-up' and then teams drawn on the day. Final for top 6 league finishers on Monday afternoon immediately after finals weekend.
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

EXTERNAL COMPETITIONS

These competitions are organised at National (Bowls England), County (Bowls Surrey) and Regional levels (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.

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. 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>West Surrey Bowling Association (WSBA) http://www.westsurreyba.org.uk/page14a.html</p> <p>Harry Mills Triples (club v club) Managed by Men's Captain</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>Bowls Surrey County Top Four competition Managed by Club, Men's & Ladies Captains</p>	<p>Men & Ladies teams, 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 Managed by Club Captain</p> <p>Ladies Top Club Managed by Ladies Captain</p> <p>Mens Club Two Fours Managed by Club / Men's Captain</p> <p>Tony Allcock Trophy Managed by Men's and Ladies Captains</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) – Ladies Committee decided not to enter in 2024</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</p> <p>Simon Fillary - Club Captain Geoff Sheldon - Club Vice-Captain John Kershaw - Men's Captain Rex Thorpe Men's - Vice-Captain</p>	<p>on any of the above, please contact:</p> <p>Ade Hughes - Ladies Captain Catherine Hughes - Ladies Vice-Captain Colin Colbrook - President</p>

**PLEASE NOTE Green available - Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 2pm,
 Tuesday & Thursday from 11am, Saturday & Sunday from 10am
 The Green is not available any other time. Rinks should always be booked**