



Clanfield Bowls & Sports Club

Newsletter

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

I hate to be an alarmist but you may have noticed that the nights will soon be starting to draw in. However, I hope you have had a great summer and been able to enjoy the fine weather. Thankfully we play on a carpet and don't rely on rain to keep our green in good condition.

As most of you will know, our Bowls Club is a registered Charity run entirely by volunteers and has been since the doors first opened in 2019. Now 6 years on, after years of invaluable caring service to our village community, two of those volunteers, Glenda and Mike Smith, have decided to step down from your Committee and give someone else the chance to put their stamp on this award winning facility.

At the same time, two of our other stalwarts, Karen Eaton and Helen Glover, are also stepping back from the Committee and taking more of a back seat.

This has led us to reshape the Committee and we have been fortunate in finding several additions to the Committee and support roles.

Chris Stray has been co-opted onto the Committee as the Events Coordinator and, in support roles, we have Richard Stray as Catering Lead and Ken Moon will advise on Health and Safety. Each of these three have a wealth of experience in their respective roles. I will lead on Facilities Maintenance in addition to my role as Chairman.

The AGM will be held on Thursday, 25 September 2025 and anyone who would like to put their names forward to be considered for the Management Committee should complete one of the forms on the notice board in the changing rooms corridor.

I have previously requested members to contact me directly with any complaints, issues or suggestions but you may choose the AGM to have a more open discussion on any area of any concerns you have.

As always, we totally rely on stewards to keep the Pavilion open for play so please contact the rota team if you have availability and, if not already a steward, please come forward as a volunteer.

Your Club needs you!

Brian Foster

AGM – Thursday, 25 September 2025 – 18:30 start

Please arrive any time after 18:00 so we are ready to start the meeting at 18:30.

Please send any questions you'd like answered at the AGM to admin@clanfieldbsc.com before the meeting.

If you are planning to attend please send an email to admin@clanfieldbsc.com so your name can be added to the *Attendees List* before the meeting. If you are unable to attend, please let us know if you'd like your name to be included on the *Apologies Received* list.

BOWLING EVENTS

Summer Tournament 2025 (Sponsored by Webster Associates)

Between May and August 2025, we ran the Summer Tournament which saw 34 players sign up to take part, although we lost a few during the first round. It was a tournament of all weathers with the bowlers playing through torrential rain, wind and heatwaves. Well done to all who took part and either got a suntan or rust!

During the tournament there were 114 games of bowls played – that's almost 11,000 bowls bowled!!

A few statistics from **Round 1**:

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| Player with the most accumulated winning points | – | Vin Thayanukulvat | – | 57 points |
| Round 1 group with the most accumulated winning points | – | Group 4 | – | 163 Points |
| Lady with the most accumulated winning points | – | Geeti Granger | | |

At the end of Round 1 the players who won their group or scored 15 points progressed to the Round 2 Winners Group. There were 6 bowlers in this group among which would be the tournament winner and runner-up.

While the Round 2 Runners Up Group, which was made up of Round 1 group runners up and bowlers who scored 12 points played to decide the winner of the Honours Shield. This group produced a nail-biting finale to the tournament where every game played changed the leader of the group, until the last game was played!

Our Summer Tournament winner won every game during the whole tournament – quite an achievement. Congratulations to our Summer Tournament winners:

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| Summer Tournament Winner | – | Victor Lejasmeiers |
| Runner Up | – | Mike Richardson |
| Honours Shield Winner | – | Rob Smith |



Caroline Cahill

Bowls/Football Special Roll Up — Thursday, 21 August 2025

Twenty members turned up for the fun **Bowls/Football Special Roll Up** to celebrate the Lionesses' win.

There was a happy, fun atmosphere throughout the afternoon during which we played 2 halves of 45 minutes, finishing with penalties. I was the referee for the afternoon and only showed my red card twice

(not naming any names but the name *Phil* springs to mind!!).

At full time penalties, i.e., a drive shot at the jack, were taken!! These created an electric atmosphere so the four spectators were on the edge of their seats!

Mike Masson and **Paul Salter** were the winners of the main competition — well done to both.

Most impressive with her Lioness outfit was **Teresa**.

Most yellow and red cards were issued to **Phil** — in his defence, I did instigate some of the fouls!!!

Thank you to **Jo Lougher** for playing and organising the teas.

Nuala Atkey

BOWLING EVENTS cont.

Autumn Knockout Challenge, Saturday, 30 August 2025

After a gorgeous summer this year, the day arrived for our Autumn Knockout Challenge with heavy grey skies and the threat of heavy rain later in the day!!

Unfortunately, this year we weren't able to get the required 32 bowlers to run the event as a Knockout competition so I devised an alternative format that would allow the 24 bowlers who had signed up the opportunity to play an event. It proved to be a very successful alternative and was enjoyed by all those who took part.

The randomly selected pairs all played 2 rounds of 6 ends before a break for lunch. After lunch all pairs then headed back to the rinks for the third round of 6 ends hoping to get as much bowling in before the threatened rain!!

Following tea and cakes, the four pairs with the highest scores played (after 3 rounds) in the 2 semi-final matches. Unfortunately, these proved to be a rather wet affair! The semi-final losers decided

they had had enough of a soaking and chose not to play the third place playoff match. As both pairs scored the same points in their semi-final matches the result was decided on points scored in the first rounds!

However, the semi-final winners chose to play the final match of 4 ends to determine the Autumn Knockout winner. This proved to be an extremely wet match but with many spectators sheltering on the terrace, under the awning, to provide encouragement and cheers, after an exciting game, they produced a drenched winning pair!!

Well done to everyone for taking part and surviving the rain. As always thanks must go to the ladies in the kitchen, Glenda, Anna and Janet, who provided lunch and refreshments for all.



Autumn Knockout 2025 Results

- Winning Pair** – **Vin Thayanukulvat and Geeti Granger**
Runners Up – **Richard Stray and Lucky Lucking**
Third Place – **Neil and Brenda Morgan**



Caroline Cahill



One Day Competition at Liphook, 12 August 2025

CBSC was one of seventeen clubs invited to take part in this one-day competition at Liphook. **Phil Malin, John Stotter-Marden** and **Vin Thayanukulvat** went to represent us. They won 3 games and lost 1 and missed out on reaching the semi-finals by only 1 point. At the end of a very enjoyable day they came joint 5th out of 17 which was a great achievement.

TREASURER'S THANK YOU

As we approach the 2025 AGM I thought it a good opportunity to say a huge **THANK YOU** to all those members who support the Club's fundraising activities. This support means we have been able to maintain our 2019 membership fees for 6 years.

EVENTS: From April 24-March 25 we held 11 Quizzes, 3 Discos, 2 Music Nights, 6 Bingos, 3 Football screenings, 2 Wine tastings, a monthly Craft & Chat morning, a cream tea, card afternoons, and a speaker evening. In the first 5 months of this year we have had 4 quizzes, 1 wine tasting, 1 cream tea with bingo, Bingo, Disco, our first Race Night, a Music Night and an Internet Security Seminar. Most of these bring in money to the Club, either from ticket sales and/or bar and food sales. **THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE MEMBER VOLUNTEERS WHOSE HARD WORK HAS MADE THESE EVENTS POSSIBLE – TONY GLOVER, MIKE EATON, DJ KEITH, TONY CARTER, KAREN EATON, HELEN GLOVER, YVONNE COONAN, ANNA RICHARDSON, PHILL HUMPHRIES, RUTH NEWTON, MIKE SMITH** and to **GEETI** for sending out the posters etc. (If I have forgotten anyone, please accept my apologies.) There is so much that goes into each event — planning, preparation, running and clearing up afterwards.

KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS AND BOWLS COMPETITIONS: Fees for these are kept to a minimum but I am always happy to receive any surplus. **THANK YOU TO CAROLINE & IVOR, NUALA, MIKE R, PHIL MALIN** and others who volunteer to run these.

BONUS BALL: This has been introduced and run by Yvonne Coonan who sells National Lottery Bonus Ball numbers for £1 each. The person with the Bonus Ball drawn on the last Saturday of each month wins £47 and the Club receives £12. If the winning number is unsold the Club receives all the money. This is a rare occurrence since most months all numbers are sold. **THANK YOU YVONNE**

EAST HANTS LOTTERY: In 2024-25 we received £1090 and £479.50 so far this year – **THANK YOU TO ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE BOUGHT TICKETS**

EASYFUNDRAISING: This is an easy way to earn money for the Club. Please consider joining if you have not already done so and then, when you want to shop online log onto www.easyfundraising.org.uk and link to the website you want to visit from there – for holidays, goods from Amazon and many other online companies. If you follow this route we receive a donation. In 2024-2025 we received £82.48 and so far this year another £45. All these at no cost to the person donating. **THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE MEMBERS SUPPORTING US THIS WAY**

WEDNESDAY GAMES NIGHTS run by Mike Richardson and **FRIDAY SOCIAL EVENINGS:** There is no charge for this event but we make a small surplus on food and drinks served during the evening. **THANK YOU TO MIKE R AND TO YVONNE, KAREN, HELEN, TONY CARTER, ANNA and MIKE SMITH** for all your hard work.

BAR AND KITCHEN STOCK: **THANK YOU TO KAREN [AND ME(!)] FOR SOURCING THE BEST PRICES, SHOPPING AND DELIVERING STOCK TO KEEP OUR BAR AND PRICES STEADY SINCE OPENING IN 2019.**

GENERAL PAYMENTS: **THANK YOU TO ALL STEWARDS FOR DEALING WITH PAYMENTS FOR GREEN FEES, EVENTS AND MEMBERSHIP FEES.**

And **FINALLY:** **Thank you to all members who continue to support all the above.** *Although I am stepping down from the Committee and arranging events, I shall still be looking after the finances and be available for practical tasks. Please continue to support those volunteers taking over.*

Glenda Smith

Reminder to Sign the Sheet in the Pavilion

Webster Associates Free Seminar 11 September starting at 18:00 in the Pavilion

- ❖ Are you interested in finding out how to be more financially secure?
- ❖ Are you concerned about paying Inheritance Tax?
- ❖ Need financial advice but don't know where to start?

These questions and more can be answered by **Jonathan Harris** of **Webster Associates** (our sponsors) who are holding another free seminar at the Bowls Club between **18:00** and **19:00** on

Thursday, 11 September 2025.

After the seminar, you'll be able to have an informal chat with Jonathan.

More details about the seminar and Webster Associates can be found on the poster which is on the noticeboard in the Pavilion (on the right-hand side as you walk in), where Websters have requested that those who are interested ***please sign their names***. This will help Websters to get some idea of numbers.

The bar will be open so please try to come along and make it a bit of a social occasion.

If you can't make it on **Thursday, 11 September 2025** but would like to discuss any financial matters with Jonathan please feel free to contact him at Jonathan.Harris@sjpp.co.uk or on **07968 396341**.

Teresa Attlee
Trustee

IT SECURITY & PRIVACY SEMINAR

On Monday, 1 September 2025 more than 20 members attended a presentation given by Mr Hugh Cull who is a Digital Privacy Expert, a Lecturer at City of Portsmouth College and the owner of his own specialist IT Company. In summary, I think it's safe to say that the whole session was very well received and extremely informative.

Hugh had been recommended to the Committee by one of our members who recently decided to invest time in making his whole home IT system more secure and protected from the data gathering activities of large IT Corporations.

The presentation covered Email, Browsers, Social Media platforms, Operating systems and much, much more. In each case Hugh was able to suggest a much more secure open source product that has been tried and tested.

I have to say, much of the presentation was very thought provoking and well worth attending – for example, *'Alexa' is really listening to you...*

If you are interested in finding out more, Hugh and his team run more detailed courses and can also provide home installation support so just contact Geeti who will provide you with further information.

Michael Trippick

There's a lot going on at the Club as well as the regular roll ups, internal competitions and friendly matches against local clubs. These include:

- **Weekly Ukulele Group**—Monday evening starting at 19:00.
- **Weekly Games Evening**—Wednesday evening starting at 18:00.
- **Social Gathering for Drinks**—Friday evening starting at 18:00—unless an event is being held.
- **Monthly 'Craft and Chat' Open Morning**—Last Monday of the month starting at 10:00 (*unless it's a Public Holiday when it will take place the Monday before*).
- **Monthly Quiz**—Last Saturday of the month (usually).

In addition, we organise events such as **music evenings** with a **group** or a **disco, bingo, wine tasting, fish & chip supper** and more... There's also a **Garden Group** who work hard to keep the outside of the Pavilion looking very attractive.

Details of our activities, both bowls and leisure, are available on our [website](#) so do check it regularly for the latest information.

***** FREE COACHING for members!! *****

Don't forget we have coaches available to help you
improve your game of bowls.

To request a session please send an
email to
coaching-01@clanfieldbsc.com



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