



Clanfield Bowls & Sports Club Newsletter

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Chairman's Report

It is nice to leave winter behind us and, at the time of writing, we have the semblance of spring on the horizon. The clocks changed last weekend so with the longer opening hours at the Club we look set for a great season's bowling. The matches are underway, the tournaments are not far away and I hope as many of you as are able will sign up for these very sociable events.

Once again, **Thank You** to all our volunteer stewards, and all other volunteers, inside and outside the Pavilion. These members are the backbone of the Club and we could not carry on without them.

I look forward to seeing you at the Club in due course.

Brian Foster
Chairman

Committee Approval before taking Action

Following a recent situation affecting one of our neighbours, all members should be aware that nothing should be erected or displayed within the Club premises or the rink area without the knowledge and approval of a member of the Management Committee. In some situations, the matter may need to be considered and approved by the Management Committee at their next meeting.

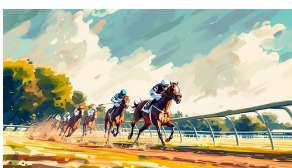
Brian Foster
Chairman

Plans for an Extension at the Bowls Club—Update

As I reported in the February newsletter, we would ideally like to extend the Pavilion. As many of you will know, we are very limited in what we can produce in the kitchen for larger events due to the cramped and hot conditions and we are also short of storage space more generally. Following considerable research, however, we have accepted that we are unable to raise sufficient funds to carry out the plans as currently envisaged. Instead, with an architect, we will look at options for a scaled down project.

Teresa Attlee
Trustee

STOP PRESS Grand National SHOWING IN THE PAVILION (Bar will be OPEN)



[Image by [Hellio42](https://www.pixabay.com/user/?from_view=profile) from [Pixabay](https://www.pixabay.com/)]

The race starts at 16:00 on Saturday, 13 April 2024
so come along anytime before then to cheer your horse on!
A sweepstake will be run so select your horse anytime before the race.
More details can be found on the noticeboard.



A message to all our members, but in particular to all the stewards who help and support the Club so we can be open as often as possible.

We can only open the Club premises if we have a trained steward on duty. At the start of the new club year, it is important for us to review our current group of stewards and to **ask all members to consider joining us.**

Training and guidance will be provided and the task is relatively easy. You will get to know most of the members and make new friends. Remember what you get out of a task is relative to what you put into it.

Our shifts are throughout the day in two and a quarter hour sessions. We are open Tuesday-Sunday starting at 10:00 and finishing at various times depending upon planned activities in the evenings. Now we have moved to Summer Opening Hours the rota shifts are:

09:45-11:55

11:55-14:10

14:10-16:30

16:30-18:30

18:30-20:00 (on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday subject to steward availability)

The team of volunteer stewards are a happy bunch, very friendly and aware of how much their contribution is needed to ensure the Club remains a viable venue. Your involvement in the team will be of benefit to both you and our excellent Club. The rota is maintained by Sue Restell and Ruth Newton and assisted by Mike Smith. The decision to close the Club when the weather is unkind is made by the Duty Steward, Mike Smith and the Club Chairman. If the Club closes a message is put on the website. We strive to keep the Club open as often as possible. Since we opened the Club in April 2019, we've only had to close a couple of times due to a lack of stewards so **please help the Steward Rota Team to maintain this excellent record.**

Mike Smith
Management Committee

Rink Bookings and Session Times for Summer Months

It's possible to make an **Advanced Rink Booking** by sending an email to the Rink Booking Team at bookings@clanfieldbsc.com or ringing them on **07434 652166**. Alternatively, if you are prepared to take a chance on availability a rink can be booked **on the day** by ringing the **Duty Steward** on **02392 358653** or by just turning up at the Pavilion. Links to the **Rink Available Sheets** for the current and following week can be found on the **website** in the Other Information Frame.

As starting on the hour is favoured by members the session times have changed to be:

Session 1: **10:00-12:00**; Session 2: **12:00-14:00**; Session 3: **14:00-16:00**; Session 4: **16:00-18:00**

Note: There is an **additional session 18:00-20:00 on a Tuesday evening** when Mike Richardson is organising an Evening Roll Up.

Geeti Granger

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Bowling Events Update

Congratulations to **Phil Malin** for winning the **Men's Knockout Competition** and **Caroline Cahill** who has won the **Women's Plate**.

The **Women's Knockout Competition** and **Men's Plate** will be completed now that David and Marilyn Charleton have returned from their holiday.

Changes for the Summer Months

With the switch to the Summer timetable, we have made some changes to the Roll Up schedule.

The rarely attended Wednesday afternoon session will be replaced by a Tuesday evening session starting at 18:00. This was introduced last summer for new members, particularly for those who are working during the day, but this year it's open to all.

On Friday the afternoon roll up will become the very popular Twilight Roll Up starting at the later time of 16:30, allowing bowlers to stay for the Friday evening social if they wish.



Mike Richardson

Friendly Match Programme 2024

Well at last the new programme of matches against other clubs across Hampshire has started and, hopefully, we will shortly have some comfortable weather to go with them.

Many congratulations to all those who braved the conditions to visit Totton & Eling (T & E) on 16 March 2024. T & E are a new club to us and I must say made CBSC very welcome. Next up were Gosport and it really was touch and go at one point as to whether the match was going to be played. However, in the end our players enjoyed 15 ends in very welcoming company so job done.

It is particularly pleasing to report that there has been a steady stream of new players now deciding to try their hand at a friendly match—and why not! These matches are designed to be more about fun than competition and serve as a great vehicle for visiting some new scenery and meeting new friends. If you fancy giving it a go, all you need to do is phone or email me and your name will be added to the circulation list for all future matches.

We have a very interesting schedule in front of us this year with visits to new clubs like Arundel (next to the Castle) and old 'faves' like Winchester Priory (next to the Cathedral). If you want to see all the dates just checkout the bowls noticeboard and the [Bowling Events](#) page on our website. If you see something you fancy then just let me know and give it a go...



Totton & Eling Match — Team Photo

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Men's Singles (in a day) Competition

Rain didn't stop Bowls!!

After a day's rain delay our 16 gentleman bowlers took to the rinks for our first Men's Singles (in a day) competition on Friday, 23 February 2024.



Our keen bowlers played 2 games each, one against a different player and on a different rink. Everyone was playing for their own points—there were no winners or losers of games—just points scored!

After these 2 rounds we stopped for a breather. During this time, while it hailed outside, the points were totalled to determine the 4 bowlers with the highest score.

Our semi-finalists headed back to the rinks where games were very close to play off for places in the final. The losers then played for 3rd place.

Well done on the stamina of the players who made it to the later round—playing a total of 28 ends during the day!

Congratulations to our winners—who were rewarded with prizes.

Caroline Cahill



Our Final Four

Spring Knockout Challenge

Thursday, 25 April 2024

All-day Mixed Pairs Challenge



Our All-day Knockout challenge gives everyone a chance to bowl (ability irrelevant)—you could be paired with any other bowler.

It's all about FUN, FUN, FUN.

If you lose in the 1st round there is the opportunity to try again in the Plate competition. Everyone will get at least 2 games of bowls.

Refreshments

The kitchen will be open for drinks and snacks throughout the day and pre-ordered food at lunchtime (after round 1).

There will be tea/coffee and cake for everyone at the end of the day and prizes for the winners and runners-up.

Enter via the sign-up sheets on the Bowls Noticeboard in the Pavilion.

Entry is £3 per bowler.

Come and give it a go!

Caroline Cahill

TREASURER'S THANKS

As we start the Club's new year, I would like to say a huge thank you to all those who have already renewed their membership (over 100) and those who are about to renew, and to extend a very warm welcome to our new members.

During the last year we held 11 Quiz Nights, 5 Music/Disco Nights, 3 Bingo Nights and a cream tea. Many thanks go to the hard-working team of volunteers who have organised them and those who have supported them. Events are a huge boost to our financial position and help us to maintain our membership fee. These are in addition to the bowling events/suppers so there is plenty for everyone to enjoy.

Over the next month look out for posters and signing up details for

Wine Tasting Evening – 'Surprising Wines' on FRIDAY, 26 APRIL 2024

and

Quiz Evening on SATURDAY, 27 APRIL 2024

(we do our best to accommodate everyone but sometimes have a waiting list)

HOW ELSE CAN YOU SUPPORT THE CLUB?

- ◆ Look at the poster for our **NEW BONUS BALL COMPETITION**. Squares can be bought on Friday evenings between 6:00pm & 8:00pm.
- ◆ Do your online shopping by joining **EASY FUNDRAISING** so that the Club benefits from any online shopping you do. If you haven't signed up yet it's easy and completely FREE. 8,100 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to do your everyday online shopping at no extra cost to you.
<https://join.easyfundrasing.org.uk/clanfieldbowlsandsportsclub>

In 2023-24 we received £45.09

- ◆ Buy tickets for **EAST HAMPSHIRE COMMUNITY LOTTERY** and nominate Clanfield Bowls & Sports Club as your preferred charity.
<https://www.easthantslottery.co.uk>

The special monthly prize for April is an **iPhone 15 Pro Titanium** so to have a chance to win make sure you have some tickets for the draw on **Saturday, 27 April 2024**.

In 2023-24 we received £1054.50

We also received **£32.97** from **Amazon Smile** but, unfortunately, it's no longer running.

Glenda Smith

FRIDAY NIGHT LOTTERY BONUS BALL

New for the Club—starting in April we will be selling numbered squares for the Lottery Bonus Ball.

Stake is £1 a square which can be purchased ONLY on Friday nights between 6:00pm and 8:00pm.

The Bonus ball that is drawn on the last Saturday of the month will determine the winner.



Funds are being raised for Club improvements—20% of the collected funds will go towards this and, if the bonus ball is an unpurchased square, all the proceeds will go towards Club funds.

This is also open to non-members, friends & family if they purchase in person. So please come to the Club on a Friday evening to purchase your square(s) and maybe stay for a drink, something to eat and a chat—looking forward to seeing you.

Yvonne Coonan

Another glorious view of a sunset from the patio!



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COMING SOON

Summer Tournament 2024



Sponsored by Webster Associates

Following on from my email about a possible competition over the summer—it seems you would like one! I have now designed a tournament to run over the summer months. If you expressed interest and would like to take part you will need to enter the tournament—see details below.

We are delighted to announce that **Webster Associates** will be sponsoring the Summer Tournament and have kindly donated prizes for the winner and runner-up.

Webster Associates is an appointed representative of St James's Place Wealth Management plc and advises on retirement and later life planning, investment planning and tax planning. Many of you will have seen Jonathan Harris in the Pavilion at some of our events last year. We will send out further details about how to book a free slot with him at the Autumn Knockout Challenge (Saturday, 31 August 2024). Otherwise simply take the opportunity to say 'Hello' and have a chat to Jonathan.

To find out more about **Webster Associates** follow the link below:

<https://www.webster-associates.co.uk/>

Summer Tournament—A Mixed Singles Tournament

Taking place between Wednesday, 1 May and Sunday, 25 August 2024.

All entrants will be randomly selected into groups and play all other players in their group. Each bowler will play approximately 5 games during the period **Wednesday, 1 May** and **Monday, 15 July 2024**.

The group winners will then play all the other group winners—approximately 3 games—between **Sunday, 21 July** and **Sunday, 18 August 2024**. If there is no clear winner and runner up a play-off will take place to be completed by **Sunday, 25 August 2024**.

The prizes will be presented by our sponsors **Webster Associates** during the Autumn Knockout Challenge Day on **Saturday, 31 August 2024**.

Watch out for full details in an email (coming soon) or see the poster in the Pavilion.

To enter send an email with your name and contact number to

bowls-events-01@clanfieldbsc.com by Thursday, 25 APRIL 2024.

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Caroline Cahill

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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 a 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 social, are available on our [website](http://clanfieldbsc.com) so do check it regularly for the latest information.

A Few Photos from Recent Events!



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