



Clanfield Bowls & Sports Club Newsletter

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Chairman's Message

The new season of bowling is almost upon us and, as I write this, there is a definite feeling of spring in the air, and the rinks are calling out to be used. I hope you've all had a healthy and restful winter and are raring to get going. Michael has got a full programme of friendlies arranged so don't be shy about putting your name down to play—ability (good or 'not-so-good') is no hindrance—they really are friendlies. The knockout competitions and roll ups are also a great way to meet other members and coaching is available for new members and for regular members to brush up your skills, if needs be.

Over the winter we've had one of the rink walls replaced as it was in danger of collapsing. This was funded by the Parish Council for which we are most grateful. Another maintenance job was to replace the Bowls Shed doors which were vandalised for a second time, this time beyond our repair capabilities. Thanks go to Clive Dawson who has kept the rinks in pristine condition ready for the new season.

Once again, I urge members to volunteer for steward duties, if not already trained up. This is essential to ensure we can keep the Club open for play. A lot of hard work by our Rota Team (Sue Restell, Ruth Newton and Mike Smith) has kept closures to a minimum but they rely heavily on a band of regular volunteers.

That said, I look forward to seeing you in the Pavilion, and on the rinks.

Brian Foster

Summer Opening Hours starting on Tuesday, 1 April 2025

Bowling

Tue-Fri—10:00-18:30.

Sat-Sun—10:00-13:00 OR 16:30 (*to be confirmed—see below*)

Regular Evening Events

Wednesday Evening—18:00-20:00

Friday Evening—18:00-20:00

Weekend Opening Hours—SUMMER MONTHS

We would love to keep the Club open on Saturday and Sunday afternoons during the summer months BUT, in previous years, very few members have come to bowl then. TO HELP US DECIDE ON THE OPENING HOURS AT THE WEEKEND DURING THE COMING MONTHS WE'D LIKE TO KNOW:

- i) Would you like the Club to open for bowling on Saturday and Sunday afternoons?
- ii) If you are already a trained steward, would you be willing to volunteer to cover a session on Saturday or Sunday afternoon?
- iii) If you are NOT already a trained steward would you be willing to become a Steward so you can cover a session on Saturday or Sunday (or any other day)?

**PLEASE SEND YOUR COMMENTS TO admin@clanfieldbsc.com
ASAP to let us know what you think we should do?**

What a stalwart lot you are!!

The Men's Singles Competition went ahead on Thursday, 20 February 2025. Despite checking and rechecking the weather forecast every day for a week before the date of the competition the day itself proved to be the very opposite of the weather forecast—unfortunately.

Our bowlers arrived and after some discussion they decided to go ahead in the rain—which, unfortunately, got steadily heavier during the morning. After a break in round 1 most of our bowlers retreated to the Pavilion for a drink to let the rain subside



—although a couple decided to play on!!



With round 1 complete our bowlers were about to head out again for another soaking but the sideways rain was a little off putting so we decided to have lunch instead!!

With a slight (but short-lived) let up in the rain, our stirring bowlers and spotters headed out for round 2 and another soaking! Following this we took the decision not to play the final 'play off' rounds, as everyone was wet enough!!

I have to express many thanks to our spotters, Richard Boucher and Nel, who also braved the rain and played an important role spotting the jacks for all the rinks—many thanks to both for your help.

Finally, thank you to all those who braved the weather and (hopefully) enjoyed the day, thank you for your enthusiasm and laughter.

The competition was decided on points scored over the 2 rounds.

Final Results



Winner: Mike Richardson

Runner Up: Andy Gillard

3rd Place: Frank Laskey



Caroline Cahill

Hayling Island Floodlight Mixed and Men's Competitions, 2025

Having taken part in the Men's competition towards the end of last year Clanfield was invited to take part in that competition and a new Mixed Team's competition at the start of 2025. A squad of hardy members were keen to take part and we saw some great individual efforts making for brilliant team play. The accuracy and tactics of everyone are greatly Improving. We do suffer frustrations at times, when holding 4, 5 or even 6, the opposition take us out but learning to block and moving the mat can change play to our advantage!



Men's Team

We are joint 3rd with six other teams.

Mixed Team

We are joint top with five teams out of 10 (3rd on points difference).



The complete squad is members in the photos plus:

Mick Burgess, Carol Carter, Chris Upfield, Gwen Gough, John Stotter-Marden, Margaret Palmer, David Restell, Richard Purchase, Ted McGrath and Barry Carter.

Overall, the team camaraderie and coaxing of everyone has been truly amazing, great effort, with all stepping up to the spotlight below the floodlight 'give me the moonlight' at differing times. (Almost praise from Sinatra).

After the matches The *Barley Mow* has kept us fed and watered to aid harmony.

Thanks to everyone for their efforts and their evenings away from home to put Clanfield on the map!

Well done Clanfield Bowls Club.



Phil Malin

New Coaches

Our warmest congratulations go to **Nuala Atkey** and **Ted McGrath** who, after attending a number of online seminars and some practical sessions run by Coach Bowls, have recently qualified as

Level 1 Coaches.



If you would like to have a coaching session just send an email to coaching-01@clanfieldbsc.com and one of our coaches will be in touch.

Friendly Match Season 2025 so Far...

I think it is fair to say that, at the time of writing, we have got off to a perfectly symmetrical start in that we have Won 1, Lost 1 and had one cancelled due to bad weather. Having played Waterlooville at their home ground on Saturday, 15 February we moved on to host a new visiting Club in the form of Fordingbridge on Wednesday, 19 February and that was a superb, fun afternoon. Apart from the fact that we won the match overall, our visitors were great company and well up for a few laughs. They accepted the presentation of our mascot, *Chalkie*, most enthusiastically and have invited us to their special celebration event to commemorate their 100th Anniversary!!

In due course we will playing many quality clubs like Lockwood, Arundel, Winchester etc and wherever possible I have tried to choose nice locations, in great settings that make for a good afternoon out in the fresh air. May I please take this opportunity to encourage new members to try out this programme.



You do not need any special kit. Fresh clean Club loan shirts are available and transport will be arranged for those who need it.



Also, I know I bang on a bit about how wonderful our Catering Teams are, but it is true and that is one reason why Clanfield is quite rightly considered to be a very special Club so a HUGE thank you ladies. If anyone else wants to volunteer to help from time to time just let Helen or me know and you will be very popular!

Finally, may take this opportunity to say a big thank you to Clive and Ted who work tirelessly as volunteers to keep our playing surface Immaculate–Superb Guys–thank you!

Michael Trippick

Fun-Themed Roll Ups

Nuala Atkey has been organising some themed roll ups during the last few months, e.g., Bonfire Night, St Andrews Day, Burns Night, Valentines Day, and has more planned. These are proving to be very popular and are great fun so do come along when you can o join in the fun! **Thank you Nuala.**

TREASURER'S NOTES

A NEW DISHWASHER

A £1000 grant from EHDC Community Chest has enabled us to replace our inefficient dishwasher with a new one and to buy a glass washer to make life much easier, especially on fundraising evenings. Thanks go to Teresa Attlee for her continued efforts to gain grants for the Club.

FUNDRAISING

Thanks to all those who have supported members of the Fundraising Team at the events since our last newsletter:

Friday, 10 January 2025 – Music Night with Andrea (upbeat music for listening and dancing)

Saturday, 25 January and 22 February 2025 – Quizzes with Tony Glover

Saturday, 1 February and Friday, 7 March 2025 – Bingo with Yvonne

Friday, 14 February 2025 – DISCO with DJ Keith

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday, 29 March 2025 – Quiz

Saturday, 5 April 2025 – Wine Tasting

Saturday, 12 April 2025 – Bingo

AND

Coming as soon as possible – RACE NIGHT

BONUS BALL COMPETITION

We have been running this fundraiser since April 2024. Bonus ball numbers can be purchased for £1 and, if your number matches the Lottery Bonus Ball drawn on the last Saturday of the month of play, you can win £47 and CBSC gains £12. Our latest winner for February is JOHN WYATT – congratulations John.

Numbers are on sale (£1) at Games/Social night on a Wednesday and Social night on a Friday. YOU MAY BE LUCKY!! So far this year CBSC has gained £200.50 from this little bit of fun.

These events couldn't go ahead without those members who have given their valuable time to organise and run them, run the bar, do the catering, set up the room and clear up afterwards.

Please give them your full support.

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[easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) is a free website and App that allows users to donate to charities when they shop online. CBSC is a registered charity and, to date, 26 of our members have created an account and selected CBSC as their charity.

Since April 2024 these 26 members have raised **£82.48** by going to their favourite retailers website through *easyfundraising*. We would be very grateful if you'd **consider joining *easyfundraising***—and going to your favourite retailers to make your purchases through this site. Many companies can be accessed this way, e.g., Amazon, John Lewis, Waitrose, M&S, Boots, Currys, B&Q...

EAST HANTS COMMUNITY LOTTERY

CBSC is one of the good causes supported by the **East Hants Community Lottery** so, if you buy tickets (just £1 per ticket) and select the Club you have a chance to win a prize each week and raise some money for the Club. In addition to the weekly prizes, there's a bumper prize each month, drawn on the last Saturday. On Saturday, 29 March 2025 there's a chance to win a **Home Robot Bundle** so why not [CLICK HERE](#) to go to their website and buy some tickets. We've received **£1008** since April 2024.

YOUR SUPPORT TO RAISE FUNDS HELPS TO KEEP OUR MEMBERSHIP FEES LOW.

How to Mitigate Inheritance Tax Seminar

Monday 12th May

10am - 12.30pm

Clanfield Bowls & Sports Club (CBSC)
7 Columbine Way, Waterlooville PO8 0WJ

Following recent proposed changes in the Autumn budget to include pensions as part of your estate for Inheritance Tax, we are delighted to invite you to join us for a seminar on estate planning focusing on how to mitigate IHT.

Normally the people who benefit most from our seminars are those who are interested in being financially secure and passing their hard-earned assets on to the people that they care about most, rather than HMRC!

Following the seminar, it is normal for attendees to take advantage of the opportunity to arrange a no obligation meeting, during which their personal situation can be assessed, and proposals put in place for you to consider.

Our advice is suitable for anybody who is concerned about paying Inheritance Tax on their estate and passing their wealth on to the next generation. As a result, places for these sessions go quickly so to secure your place, please email websterassociates@sjpp.co.uk or send the RSVP at your earliest convenience.

You are welcome to invite your spouse/partner or friend to attend with you (if applicable).

To confirm your place, please email Lauren.Angell@sjpp.co.uk

We look forward to seeing you there.

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Getting Ready for Planting

You may have noticed our existing wooden planters are falling apart. The Club has now purchased some new ones which are made by a British Company from recycled plastics.



I'm looking forward to the Spring when I can plant up the new planters with some beautiful pollinating flowers but, in the meantime...



Sandra Dawson

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](#) so do check it regularly for the latest information.



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