

CHALFONT ST GILES BOWLING CLUB

CLUB COMPETITIONS 2016



1. The competitions through the season, to the Finals Weekend on Sept 10-11, are as follows;

Weatherley	Club Championship	21 shots	All Club Members
Rosella	Ladies' Championship	21 shots	Ladies only
Saab	Men's Championship	21 shots	Gentlemen only
Jim West	2-wood Singles	21 shots	All Club Members
Cox	Novices Singles	21 shots	Any Club Member who has not won a singles competition at any club
R & N Clare	Mixed Aussie pairs	18 ends	All Club Members
Roff	Mixed Pairs	21 ends	All Club Members *
Punter	Ladies Drawn Pairs	21 ends	Ladies only #*
Wellings	Men's Drawn Pairs	21 ends	Gentlemen only #*
Joyce Souster	Mixed Triples	18 ends	All Club Members, inc' at least 1 Lady Member & 1 Gentleman Member*
Kernow	Ladies' Drawn Triples	18 ends	Ladies only # *
Tony Coombes	Men's Drawn Triples	18 ends	Gentlemen only # *

Mens & Ladies Pairs will each be drawn from 2 groups of players, seeded by experience.
Mens & Ladies Triples will each be drawn from 3 groups of players, seeded by experience

* In all Pairs & Triples,

- One substitute is allowed from a pool who have not played in that competition to date.
- A substitute cannot act as a substitute for more than one team in any particular competition.
- The team entered into the competition will be considered as the original team. Any subsequent player will be considered a substitute, to a maximum of two consecutive rounds, after which he/she will be considered to represent the team thereafter.
- Substitutes are only allowed for illness, and with consent of the Competitions sub-committee.
- Note the return to 21 ends for Pairs Competitions (except the new Aussie Rules Mixed pairs) as agreed at the 2015 AGM.

- All competitors must be full playing members of the club
- All entrants for competitions should ensure that they are available to play on Club Finals weekend.
- Competitions will be run on a knock-out basis and will be played under the rules of Bowls England.
- Competitions will be under the management of the Competition Sub-Committee for 2016, elected at the 2015 AGM, being Tim Baldwin & Graham Buchanan
- The entrance fee for each competition will be decided by the Club Committee each year, and for 2016, this has been held at £2 per person per entry.
- Other Competitions during the season are as follows;

Spring Plate	This will be a Seeded Triples competition, to be held in 2016 on 30 th May with a format to be advised on the day, subject to entries.
Jubilee Cup	This will be a Seeded Pairs competition to be held in 2016 on 29 th August with a format to be advised on the day, subject to entries
Fearnley Cup	This is played for at the Friday evening Drawn Triples, according to rules which will be set out separately.

8. Entries for the 2016 Club Competitions must be made not later than 25th April. Skips of Mixed Triples teams will name & pay for their full team. The draw will be made on 6th May 2016 and the lists will be displayed in the Clubhouse not later than 8th May 2016
9. The preliminary & first round of each competition will be drawn by the Competitions Sub-Committee, who will also draw partners where necessary. Details of the draw will be displayed prominently in the Clubhouse. Each round shall have a play-by date, which may only be changed or extended by the Competition Sub-Committee (in the event of a dispute, see Rule 12).
- 10. The first name shown in the draw for each match will be deemed 'The Challenger' and the second 'The Opponent'. In the pairs and triples competitions, the skips will act as Challenger and Opponent. The Challenger is responsible for arranging a marker in a singles competition.**
- 11. The Challenger is to offer the Opponent at least three dates** within the period allocated on which he/she is prepared to play the match. The Opponent should accept one of the dates offered unless some other date is mutually agreed. Any player/team failing to keep the mutually agreed date will be eliminated from the competition and give the other party or parties a walk-over. If Challenger and Opponent are unable to agree a date, reference shall be made to the Competition Sub-Committee whose decision shall be final.
12. In the event of a member disputing the decision of the Competition Sub-Committee, he/she must state the reason in writing to the Club Committee within seven days. The Club Committee shall then meet and their decision will be absolute.
13. Each competition match shall be designated (by mutual agreement of the Challenger and Opponent) as either an afternoon or an evening match. Afternoon matches shall be arranged with the expectation of being completed by 6pm. The agreed dates and times of competition matches must be entered in the booking diary in the Clubhouse in the correct session times.
14. Rinks shall be drawn prior to each session. If only one match is scheduled for the session, players in that match may select a rink by mutual agreement, or draw from an agreed selection of rinks. If opponents are unable to agree, a third party will draw a rink from all available playing rinks.
15. The result of each game shall be recorded on the Competition lists by the winner.
16. The final matches of the competitions shall be held on a common finals day or days. These will be fixed each year by the Club Committee after consultation with the Match Secretary and should be targeted on the second Saturday/Sunday in September. In 2016 these dates are Sept 10th & 11th.
17. The Finals weekend shall be kept free of fixtures so that should inclement weather affect the Saturday, un-finished matches should automatically take place on the Sunday. If inclement weather should prevent all or part play on the Sunday, any finals outstanding shall be played by the end of the season. In such circumstances, it is the responsibility of the finalists to agree a mutual date within 48 hours. The Competitions Sub-Committee will arrange a marker. Any competitor unable to play for whatever reason shall, before the end of the season, concede. All disputes concerning the arrangement of dates will be dealt with by the Competitions Sub-Committee.

18. The Sunday will be used as an extension of Finals Day, particularly if one or more players are in 4 or more finals or if a finalist is unable to play on the Saturday. If a player finds that, due to unforeseen circumstances, he or she will be unable to play on either or both Finals Days he/she must notify the Competitions Sub-Committee as soon as the situation is known. The Sub-Committee must be satisfied that the explanation is genuine, acceptable, and/or a deferment is in the interests of the Club. **Holidays are not classed as unforeseen circumstances.** Whilst Club Finals will be held whenever possible on Finals Day(s), when these clash with finals of National, County or other prestigious external competitions, dispensation may be given by the Club Committee to any members involved in such competitions to play Club Finals either before or after Finals Day(s) subject to them being played by the end of the season. The conditions of Rule 17 regarding re-arrangements for the match(es) to be applied.

19. To determine which matches take priority in Rule 18, the competitions are graded as follows:-
- a. Ladies' and Men's Singles to be played on Saturday afternoon
 - b. Ladies' and Men's Triples will be the first to be deferred to Sunday if necessary
 - c. The remaining competitions will be arranged around these two guiding principles, allowing for members reaching multiple finals.

Players should note the requirements of availability set out in Rules 3 & 18

20. A member of the Competitions Sub-Committee shall not be involved in any dispute or decision affecting a game in which they are to play or have played. In such circumstances, the Sub-Committee shall co-opt one or more members nominated by the Club Committee who are not involved in the particular dispute. A quorum for a decision shall be two

2016 Competitions Sub-committee ; Tim Baldwin & Graham Buchanan