

Essex County Carpet Bowls Association

Pairs Competition - Sunday 4th January 2026



At
Great Bentley Village Hall,
Plough Road,
Great Bentley,
Essex,
CO7 8LW

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Rules for the Pairs

Players and Pairs are asked to book in at the control table upon arrival, if applicable, and pay for any outstanding entry fees.

All thirty-six entries have been put into six groups of six. Each pair will play five games. The group winners and two best runners up will go forward to the quarter-final of the competition.

All games consist of seven ends with each bowler playing **three** woods, and will be played to English Carpet Bowls Association Rules, with no trial ends.

Please note of Rule 6.3 to be observed:

- **Only the Skip or designated player of the team conceding the shot(s) should remove the counting wood(s) from the head. These woods should be placed in a blank area of the carpet to avoid possible confusion later.**
- **Under no circumstances should members of the team claiming the shot(s) touch or move any wood until after the final score is agreed.**

A whistle will be blown to signify the start of each session, this will then be followed by a **second whistle after 25 minutes**. Once the second whistle has been blown no further ends may be started. An end is deemed to have started once the jack has been placed.

The first named team will bowl black.

At the end of each game both skips should **check** and sign the score sheet. The winning skip should take the score sheet to the control table. Once the score sheet has been handed in, no changes will be made, unless both skips agree that an error has been made.

Scoring will be 2 points for a win and 1 point for a draw. The group winners will be decided firstly by points, then the pair with the most shots for, then the pair with the least shots against. If still a tie then a one end play-off will be arranged.

Should a pair arrive late then for every three minutes they are late the opposition will be awarded 1 shot and 1 end will be deemed to have been played. After twenty-one minutes the game and a total of 7 shots for and 0 shots against will be awarded to the non-offending pair.

Should you require an independent person to carry out a measure, then please stand well clear whilst that measure is taking place. That person's decision will be final.

The winning club of this competition will be invited to represent Essex in the Eastern Counties and National Champion of Champions, which will take place in May and June 2026

Refreshments, Teas and Coffees will be available. Please note that you will need to bring your own packed lunches.

All Mobile Phones to be turned off/silenced whilst you are in the hall where the games are being played.

The raffle will be drawn after completion of the group matches.

In case of any query or problem, please contact Ashley Perkins on 07453-293998 or Paul Perkins on 07776-921211.

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Groups for Today

| Group 1 | Group 2 | Group 3 | Group 4 | Group 5 | Group 6 |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| 1. West Bergholt 3 | 7. Tipps Cross | 13. Finchingfield 2 | 19. Paxman 3 | 25. Hunters 1 | 31. Gosfield 2 |
| 2. Elmstead Market | 8. Sewards End | 14. Paxman 2 | 20. Highwoods 2 | 26. Highwoods 3 | 32. Highwoods 1 |
| 3. Lawford 2 | 9. Hunters 2 | 15. Chignals & Mashbury 1 | 21. Finchingfield 1 | 27. Gosfield 1 | 33. Lawford 1 |
| 4. Stock 3 | 10. Paxman 1 | 16. Stock 2 | 22. Chignals & Mashbury 2 | 28. Jaywick | 34. Hunters 3 |
| 5. Braintree Bowling Club | 11. Shalford 2 | 17. West Bergholt 2 | 23. West Bergholt 1 | 29. Langham | 35. Finchingfield 3 |
| 6. Shalford 1 | 12. Chignals & Mashbury 3 | 18. Shalford 3 | 24. Helions Bumpstead | 30. Stock 1 | 36. Great Bromley |

Times and Carpets (Group Playing Order)

| Time | Mat 1 | Mat 2 | Mat 3 | Mat 4 | Mat 5 | Mat 6 |
|-------|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 09:00 | 1 v 2 | 7 v 8 | 13 v 14 | 19 v 20 | 25 v 26 | 31 v 32 |
| 09:30 | 3 v 6 | 9 v 12 | 15 v 18 | 21 v 24 | 27 v 30 | 33 v 36 |
| 10:00 | 4 v 5 | 10 v 11 | 16 v 17 | 22 v 23 | 28 v 29 | 34 v 35 |
| 10:30 | 1 v 6 | 7 v 12 | 13 v 18 | 19 v 24 | 25 v 30 | 31 v 36 |
| 11:00 | 2 v 5 | 8 v 11 | 14 v 17 | 20 v 23 | 26 v 29 | 32 v 35 |
| 11:30 | 3 v 4 | 9 v 10 | 15 v 16 | 21 v 22 | 27 v 28 | 33 v 34 |
| 12:00 | 1 v 5 | 7 v 11 | 13 v 17 | 19 v 23 | 25 v 29 | 31 v 35 |
| 12:30 | 4 v 6 | 10 v 12 | 16 v 18 | 22 v 24 | 28 v 30 | 34 v 36 |
| 13:00 | 2 v 3 | 8 v 9 | 14 v 15 | 20 v 21 | 26 v 27 | 32 v 33 |
| 13:30 | 1 v 4 | 7 v 10 | 13 v 16 | 19 v 22 | 25 v 28 | 31 v 34 |
| 14:00 | 3 v 5 | 9 v 11 | 15 v 17 | 21 v 23 | 27 v 29 | 33 v 35 |
| 14:30 | 2 v 6 | 8 v 12 | 14 v 18 | 20 v 24 | 26 v 30 | 32 v 36 |
| 15:00 | 1 v 3 | 7 v 9 | 13 v 15 | 19 v 21 | 25 v 27 | 31 v 33 |
| 15:30 | 2 v 4 | 8 v 10 | 14 v 16 | 20 v 22 | 26 v 28 | 32 v 34 |
| 16:00 | 5 v 6 | 11 v 12 | 17 v 18 | 23 v 24 | 29 v 30 | 35 v 36 |

Approximately 16:30 - Raffle

Times and Carpets (Knockout Stages)

| Time | Mat 1 | Mat 2 | Mat 3 | Mat 4 | Mat 5 |
|------------|-----------------------------------|---------|-------|----------|----------|
| 16:45 - QF | G3 v G4 | G5 v G6 | | RU1 v G2 | G1 v RU2 |
| 17:15 - SF | | | | C2 v C5 | C1 v C4 |
| 17:45 - F | Random repositioned Mat - untimed | | | | |

G= Group Winner

RU= Best Runners Up

C=Previous Carpet Winner