

Essex County Carpet Bowls Association

Singles Competition - Sunday 8th February 2026



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

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Rules for the Singles

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

All sixty entries have been put into six groups of ten. Each player will play a minimum of **four 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 Rule 6.3 to be observed: (i) Only the player 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. (ii) Under no circumstances should the player 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 20 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 player will bowl black. Toss for jack before each game.

Measuring and scoring in each game will be undertaken by the players or by the independent 'Marker' for the game. A 'Marker' should not be from the same Club as either of the Players. If this occurs, then please swap with the 'Marker' on the adjacent carpet. Markers should be physically able to remove 'dead' woods before they disturb the head. Please read carefully the 'Guidance Notes for Markers' sheet which accompanies this programme (see after the Playing Order). All winners of games must stay on the carpet where they have just won their game to 'Mark' the next game. If for any reason you are physically unable to be a Marker, please ask the bowler you have just beaten to be the Marker.

At the end of each game both players should **check** and sign the score sheet. The winning player should take the score sheet to the control table. Once the score sheet has been handed in, no changes will be made, unless both players 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 player with the most shots for, then the player with the least shots against. If still a tie then a one end playoff will be arranged.

Should a player 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 15 minutes the game and a total of 7 shots for and 0 shots against will be awarded to the non-offending team.

The winning player 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 this year.

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 (or set to silent) 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. Shalford Phil Squib	11. Finchingfield Pauline Godfrey	21. Finchingfield Pauline Smith	31. High Easter Peter Marchant	41. Braintree R.C. Joe Hull	51. Chignals & Mashbury John Manning
2. Prettygate Martina Robinson	12. West Bergholt Pat McCarthy	22. West Bergholt Catherine Kelly	32. Tipps Cross Pat Ramsay	42. Elmstead Market Peter Dunnett	52. West Bergholt David Foley
3. Paxman Colin Spriggs	13. Chignals & Mashbury Paul Perkins	23. Chignals & Mashbury Ashley Perkins	33. Paxman Andrew Whitney	43. Highwoods Greg King	53. Hunters Val Kidd
4. Braintree R.C. Chris Dayer	14. Paxman Terry Marsh	24. Elmstead Market Paul Youngs	34. Shalford Derrick Marriott	44. Helions Bumpstead Darren Wrenn	54. Langham Abbie Westwood
5. Elmstead Market Tom Reeves	15. Sewards End Mike Rushmer	25. Shalford Carol Sainsbury	35. Braintree R.C. Paul Young	45. Finchingfield Don Poulter	55. Prettygate Ian Reeves
6. Hunters Trevor Kidd	16. Tipps Cross Mick Ramsay	26. High Easter Colin Day	36. Hunters Wendy Gillman	46. Gosfield Peter Larbalestier	56. Boreham Ann MacLean
7. Finchingfield John Smith	17. Boreham Bill Martin	27. Hunters Robert Myall	37. Chignals & Mashbury Jim McLintock	47. West Bergholt Kevin Francis	57. Gosfield Hilda Larbalestier
8. Stock Ken Dowsett	18. Hunters Maxine Poulter	28. Stock John Snell	38. Sewards End Colin Lord	48. Hunters Sue Parrish	58. Stock Neil Jarvis
9. Langham Mervyn Bushe	19. Paxman Maggie Walton	29. Paxman Trevor Walton	39. Langham Marc Westwood	49. Chignals & Mashbury Angela Flynn	59. Sewards End Michelle Lord
10. Highwoods Peter Orrin	20. Jaywick Terry Wright	30. Gosfield Michael Widdick	40. Great Bromley Alistair Kermath	50. Paxman Peggy Alstone	60. Lawford Stephen Woodley

Times and Carpets (Group Playing Order)

Time	Mat 1	Mat 2	Mat 3	Mat 4	Mat 5	Mat 6
09:00	1 v 5	2 v 3	4 v 6	7 v 9	8 v 10	11 v 15
09:25	12 v 13	14 v 16	17 v 19	18 v 20	22 v 23	21 v 25
09:50	27 v 29	31 v 35	28 v 30	32 v 33	34 v 36	24 v 26
10:15	37 v 39	38 v 40	41 v 45	42 v 43	44 v 46	48 v 50
10:40	47 v 49	52 v 53	51 v 55	54 v 56	57 v 59	58 v 60
11:05	11 v 18	1 v 8	3 v 5	6 v 10	4 v 9	2 v 7
11:30	21 v 28	13 v 15	16 v 20	22 v 27	14 v 19	12 v 17
11:55	33 v 35	24 v 29	23 v 25	26 v 30	31 v 38	32 v 37
12:20	36 v 40	34 v 39	42 v 47	41 v 48	43 v 45	44 v 49
12:45	52 v 57	56 v 60	46 v 50	51 v 58	53 v 55	54 v 59
13:10	3 v 4	5 v 9	2 v 10	11 v 17	1 v 7	6 v 8
13:35	15 v 19	22 v 30	21 v 27	12 v 20	16 v 18	13 v 14
14:00	23 v 24	26 v 28	31 v 37	32 v 40	25 v 29	33 v 34
14:25	46 v 48	45 v 49	36 v 38	42 v 50	35 v 39	41 v 47
14:50	43 v 44	51 v 57	53 v 54	55 v 59	52 v 60	56 v 58
15:15	5 v 7	11 v 16	1 v 6	2 v 9	3 v 8	4 v 10
15:40	14 v 20	12 v 19	15 v 17	13 v 18	21 v 26	22 v 29
16:05	25 v 27	33 v 38	32 v 39	31 v 36	23 v 28	24 v 30
16:30	42 v 49	41 v 46	34 v 40	35 v 37	44 v 50	43 v 48
16:55	53 v 58	52 v 59	51 v 56	54 v 60	45 v 47	55 v 57

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Approximately 17:20 - Raffle

Times and Carpets (Knockout Stages)

Time	Mat 1	Mat 2	Mat 3	Mat 4	Mat 5
17:30 - QF	G3 v G4	G5 v G6		G2 V RU1	G1 v RU2
17:55 - SF		C1 v C4		C2 v C5	
18:20 - F	C2 v C4 on random, repositioned mat				

G= Group Winner

RU= Best Runners Up

C=Previous Carpet Winner

GUIDANCE NOTES FOR MARKERS OF SINGLE MATCHES

Although there are no official directives, the following notes are offered as guidance for those who act as “Markers” in singles matches.

- Markers are NOT referees.
- Their job is to act on behalf of the Players and to perform those tasks which would assist them in playing the game.
- They are advised to maintain strict NEUTRALITY by not commenting on any shot – good or bad.
- They must NEVER give advice on any shot to be made.
- They should NOT comment on the head unless asked – and then confine information only to that which is requested (e.g. if asked, it is in order to say which wood holds shot but, unless asked, NOT which are 2nd, 3rd, etc.). In short, only answer the question and not give any further information.
- At the completion of an end, the Marker must stand clear at the end of the carpet to allow the Players to agree the number of shots, and MUST NOT remove any wood(s) until agreement has been reached by the Players to the score for the end. The Marker should only assist in clearing the woods at the completion of an end if one or both of the Players is incapable of doing so.
- If asked to measure, the Marker should only measure the woods that the Players have agreed should be measured. The Players MUST stand well clear of the head and at the end of the carpet while the Marker carries out the measure. The Marker’s decision on the measure is final.
- Markers are, of course, required to collect foul woods hitting the middle, or coming off the carpet, or when a Player touches a block while delivering a wood. When circumstances allow, Markers are advised to ask for agreement that a wood has touched the middle, or the Player has touched a block.
- The decision on whether or not a final wood needs to be bowled is one for the individual Player alone, and no advice should be offered.