



BANISTER PARK BOWLING CLUB

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**INFORMATION FOR
NEW MEMBERS**

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Welcome to Banister Park Bowling Club

The information set out in the following pages will, we hope, answer any questions you may have about the way in which the Club runs. We are sure, however, that any member of the Club will be able to help you with any problems you may have, or at least point you to someone who will help you.

A Management Committee, Bowls Committee and various sub committees are responsible for the running of the club. The committee members are listed on the notice board opposite the office and all are available to help with queries or suggestions.

Will you be able to teach me to bowl? Yes

If you have not played bowls before, you will be asked to take tuition from one of our qualified club coaches on elements of the “Laws of the Game”, technique and etiquette.

Ensure you take advice before purchasing bowls. It is important that you play with the correct size and weight applicable to you and there are many manufacturers to choose from. There are club bowls for you to use during your coaching sessions.

A useful booklet, Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Crystal Mark Third Edition (cost £2.00) tells you everything you need to know about the game of bowls so you don't have to try to remember everything that the coach will tell you. It can be purchased from the Bowls England website. A copy is held in the office.

What should I wear?

When you first start to bowl you will only be required to wear “Greys”

Smart Casual wear, no jeans, can be worn for informal bowling but the dress code must be adhered to for all organised bowling. Regulation bowls shoes must be worn at all times.

There are two codes of dress, known as “Greys” or “Whites”.

“Greys” :- Grey trousers/skirts and white above the waist.

“Whites” :- White trousers/skirts and white above the waist.

Men may wear shirts, long or short sleeved or polo shirts long or short sleeved.

Ladies may wear blouses with collars, long or short sleeved, (not sleeveless) or polo shirts with long or short sleeves. Trousers or cropped trousers may be worn providing they are tailored as per bowls regulation trousers. Skirts must be bowls regulation skirts.

Regulation brown, grey or white bowling shoes must be worn at all times.

Note :- White shoes are worn when the dress code indicates “Whites” but they can be worn with “Greys” so it might be worth considering to purchase white shoes at the start. Brown or Grey shoes are worn with “Greys”. Members often own shoes for both dress codes.

White jumpers, fleeces etc can be worn by anyone indoors and out but for the indoor season **only**, ladies wear club navy waistcoats/jumpers/cardigans purchased from the club.

Club shirts are worn when members play matches representing Banister Park but they can be worn with “Greys” or “Whites” for any club bowling occasions and can be purchased from the club.

For the outdoor season :-

Cold/wet weather wear consists of white fleeces, jumpers, cardigans etc. or official bowls wet weather wear.

Regulation bowls wear can only be purchased from bowls suppliers. Bowls roadshows visit the club at regular intervals. Dates are posted in the entrance foyer.

When can I play ?

When you first start to bowl you may wish to practice on your own or with friends (referred to as “Roll Ups”) and subject to rink availability you may play in any session.

Indoor

You must make a reservation to bowl in the rink book located on the table just beyond the office.

Members reserve a rink by entering their name and reason for the booking i.e. Roll Up/Club Competition. If you find you will not need the booking the reservation must be cancelled asap to allow others to book the rink. A match booking priority order is listed in the front of the rink book.

You cannot reserve a rink for a Roll Up more than two weeks in advance.

There are two occasions when members can turn up for a half hour informal Roll Up without reserving a rink. 1.30pm - 2pm and 6pm - 6.30pm. Up to two members per rink may play.

Outdoor

You must make a reservation to bowl matches in the rink book located under the outdoor notice board by the Fire Door exit. The booking procedure is as per indoor and a priority order is listed in the front of the outdoor book.

Note :- Roll Ups cannot be booked. You turn up and play on any available rink. It is advisable to check availability in the rink book.

Do not take indoor mats and jacks outside. (Indoor and outdoor jacks are a different weight.)

The key to the outdoor equipment shed is located on a hook to the right of the Fire Door leading to the outside green. Please return immediately after unlocking. Do not leave in the padlock. Ensure all equipment is returned to the shed after you finish your game.

Are there organised games that new bowlers can take part in when they feel ready to bowl with other members? Yes

INDOOR SEASON September - April (Dress code “Greys”)

Indoor Organised Mixed Roll Ups

Sunday mornings 9.30am – 11.30am

Turn up approx. 20 minutes before the start of the game to be included in the draw (triples whenever possible) Finishing at 11.30 enables members to have Sunday lunch on selected Sundays at the club (must be pre-booked).

Tuesday and Friday mornings 11.30am -1.30pm

Turn up by 11am to be included in the draw.

Friday afternoons 2pm - 4pm

Turn up approx. 20 minutes before the start to be included in the draw.

Wednesday evenings 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Turn up approx. 20 minutes before the start to be included in the draw.

Indoor Organised Ladies Roll Up

Tuesday afternoons 2pm - 4pm, followed by a cup of tea (there is a small cost)

Turn up approx. 20 minutes before the start to be included in the draw.

OUTDOOR SEASON May - September (Dress code “Greys”)

Indoor Organised Mixed Roll Ups

Sunday mornings 10am - 12noon

Turn up approx. 20 minutes before the start to be included in the draw for Triples (whenever possible).

Tuesday and Friday mornings 10.30am -12.30pm

Turn up by 10.00am to be included in the draw.

Outdoor Organised Mixed Drive

Wednesday evenings 6pm - dusk

Turn up at 5.45pm to be included in the draw.

Outdoor “50+” Mixed Roll Ups

Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons

Turn up approx. 1pm. to be included in the draw.

Outdoor Organised Ladies Roll Up (Dress code “Whites”)

Tuesday afternoons 2pm - 4pm followed by a cup of tea (there is a small charge) Turn up approx. 20 minutes before the start to be included in the draw.

Am I ready to play in matches?

Friendlyies (Dress code “Whites” with club shirt)

These are mixed matches arranged against other clubs during the indoor and outdoor season and are generally played on weekend afternoons.

Sheets are posted on the board straight in front of you as you enter the club for you to enter your name if you want to be considered for selection. Team sheets will then be posted. There is a match fee for an after match meal.

You may feel that you are not ready to play in a match but you will be pleasantly surprised how well you do and they are an enjoyable way of meeting other club members and visiting players. Transport can be arranged between those members selected to play, so even if you do not drive you can still play an away game.

Mixed Senior Friendlyies (Dress code “Greys” with club shirts)

Matches are arranged with other local clubs during the outdoor season and these are played on Wednesday afternoons.

How do I play in an Indoor League?

There is a full programme of club leagues to suit members’ requirements.

Morning/afternoon/evening, triples and rinks, ladies, men, mixed and open. Teams are entered at the end of each indoor season ready for the following season. Entry forms will be outside the office. You can play in as many teams as you like and you can enter your own team or look to see if there are any vacancies in existing teams. A list will be on the league board for names to be entered for those looking for team members and those looking to join a team. You can post your own notice. League rules are in the league board wall folder adjacent to the ladies cloakroom entrance.

There is an entry fee per member. This funds a monetary prize awarded to the winners and finalists of each league at the end of the season.

Can I play indoors all year round? Yes

There are increasing numbers of members opting for the 12 month indoor membership option to play indoors during the summer season.

There is an indoor Mixed Summer league, Wednesday mornings 10am - 12pm and Roll Ups on Tuesday and Friday mornings 10.30am - 12.30am.

Can I progress to competitive bowling? Yes

Club knock out competitions are an excellent way to begin to play competitive matches and these take place during the indoor and outdoor seasons. Entry forms will be outside the office. There is an entry fee which pays for the finalists and winners prizes presented at the Indoor and Outdoor Presentation Evenings.

Indoor draws are posted on the men's and ladies notice boards near to the office. Outdoor draws are posted adjacent to the door leading to the outside green.

Indoor finals are played either during all sessions over an April weekend or in the evenings during the first week in April. Decided annually.

Outdoor finals are played during the day over the first weekend in September.

The club pays affiliation fees to the following associations in order that members can represent the club (entry fees paid by the club) and also compete as individuals (entry forms outside the office, fees paid at their own expense) in various leagues and competitions. You can obtain all information from their websites. Year books are held in the office for reference for those without internet access. Please do not remove from the club.

EIBA (English Indoor Bowling Association Ltd.) Unified.

HCWIBA (Hampshire County Women's Indoor Bowling Association)

HIBA (Hampshire Indoor Bowling Association) Men

LSC (London and Southern Counties Bowling Association) Men - Indoor/Outdoor.

Bowls England & Bowls Hampshire (Outdoor Associations) both Unified

SDWBA (Southampton & District Women's Bowling Association (Outdoor)

SDBA Southampton & District Bowling Association (Men Outdoor)

The club enters teams into the Southampton & District Leagues. Ladies play Thursday afternoons, men play Tuesday and Thursday evenings. There is a league match fee payable home and away.

Dress code varies and will be indicated on match sheets.

The club team selectors are always on the lookout for new talent to enhance the teams so you could be the next member to be considered for selection.

Is there a Junior Section? Yes

During the indoor season there is an organised Saturday morning session, 9.30am - 11.30am, run by qualified coaches. The starting age is around 8 years and juniors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Juniors can of course play at any time subject to rink availability. They compete in junior competitions but can also enter the main club competitions.

Can coaching continue after my initial sessions? Yes

Qualified club Coaches can be contacted for advice or further coaching sessions at mutually convenient times. A contact list is posted on the notice board.

Is there a contact for welfare matters? Yes

Members are asked to inform the club Care Liaison person concerning any unwell members to enable contact to be made by sending cards etc. Thank you letters are displayed on the welfare board.

A defibrillator is located in the club lobby. Its use is shared with Trojans Rugby Club.

First aid boxes are located behind the bar, adjacent to the bar and in the office.

What else is available?

There are many and varied events organised by the **Social Committee** throughout the indoor and outdoor seasons. These come at a cost to cover the event. Check for details on the Social notice board.

An annual President's outdoor bowling tour takes place during the outdoor season. Details will be posted for you to reserve your booking.

Club **“Drives”** are member matches played against each other, often on occasions such as Bank Holidays, Christmas etc. and are an enjoyable social event. Refer to the club notice board for details.

Sunday lunches are available on selected dates and must be pre booked. Details are posted in the bar area.

Bar opening times and prices are displayed in the bar area. Times vary according to season.

Can I bring a guest to bowl? Yes

You may introduce a maximum of three playing members on any day. The same guest may not be introduced as a playing member on more than five occasions in any one calendar year. Names and addresses should be entered in the visitors' book situated next to the rink book. A rink fee is payable per person. You are responsible for ensuring that payment is placed in one of the brown envelopes, suitably marked, and given to the bar staff or posted in the office post box if the bar is closed. Bowls shoes must be worn. There are club shoes to borrow if necessary.

General Information

During your initial coaching sessions you will be advised of various "Dos and Don'ts" but there are numerous things to remember so the following are a reminder.

Coats and bowls bags must be left in the changing room. Do not leave valuables.

Bowls carriers are the safest way to transport your bowls to the green.

Lockers are available to store bowls, shoes etc. from the membership secretary at an annual fee payable with the annual subscription due 1st October.

Be aware that if members are playing on rink 1 adjacent to the lockers do not proceed to or from your locker until the member on the mat has delivered his/her wood.

Do not walk behind a rink when a member is on the mat and about to bowl.

Be aware of the game on an adjoining rink. The member **already** on the mat has preference to bowl first.

Clear rink tables and take cups/glasses back to the bar at the end of your session.

Do not approach a rink until the previous members have vacated from their session.

Folders containing club information are located in the desk underneath the Social committee notice board.

A **FIRE DOOR** is located in each corner of the indoor Green.

Etiquette

1. Dress correctly at all times.
2. Stand still when a player is about to bowl.
3. Do not talk or make a noise behind the mat when a player is delivering his/her wood.
4. Remain behind the mat, or behind the head, when it is not your turn to play.
5. Remember, as soon as your bowl comes to rest, the possession of the rink passes to your opponent.
6. Keep to your own rink. Do not become a wanderer and distract others.
7. On a sunny day be aware of your shadow. Do not let it mask the jack or fall in front of the mat when your opponent is about to deliver his/her wood.
8. Try to avoid obscuring the boundary pegs, rink plates and markers.
9. Compliment your opponent for a good bowl.
10. Never criticise, only praise.
11. Pay attention to the game. Nothing is more frustrating to your partner than to feel that you are not giving of your best through lack of concentration.
12. Always appear to be enjoying the game, whatever the fortunes.
13. Stand well back from the head when firing shots are being played. If a jack or bowl makes contact with a player make sure it is not you. Unfortunate incidents could be avoided with a little common sense.

Keeping Score

Rinks game

Indoor: Player No.2 records the score on his/her team's scorecard. The home No.2 updates the scoreboard.

Outdoor: The skip records the score on his/her scorecard. The home skip updates the scoreboard when at the board end of the green and the home player No.2 updates when at the board end of the green. Skips can delegate the scorecard to another player but both must agree to nominate the player in the same position. (ie both No.2 or both skips etc.)

Triples game

Indoor and Outdoor as above. No.2 duties are carried out by the middle playing member.

No.1 (lead) and No.2 are referred to as front end bowlers.

No.3 and No.4 (skip) are referred to as back end bowlers.