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- FLIP ON **SHORT** EDGE

## **What about moving on the rink, where and when?**

In fours the Leads and Number Twos start at the mat end and the Number Threes and Skips are at the head. At the mat end players stand well behind the mat until all woods have been bowled.

When you bowl it is advisable to watch the bowl until it stops, then vacate the mat. You may not seek positional information from a marker or teammate until you are about to deliver your next bowl.

After the Leads and Number Twos have bowled they go to the head, having only a cursory glance (NOT getting right in to have a look!) and stay well behind the head. Some recommend being behind the back wood.

Number Threes and Skips will be doing most moving in a game. Remember that the Number Three should leave the head as the Leads and Number Twos come up to the head. Skips will cross over with the Number Threes when they have bowled their woods. Skips can stay at the head if it is their opponent to bowl first, but make sure that this is acceptable in that particular match situation.

Whatever you do when you are at the head, keep still, no arm waving, moving or going into the head when you should not be there. It will be challenged from the mat.

**To help maintain the green, please do not sit on the sides with your feet on the edge of the grass.**

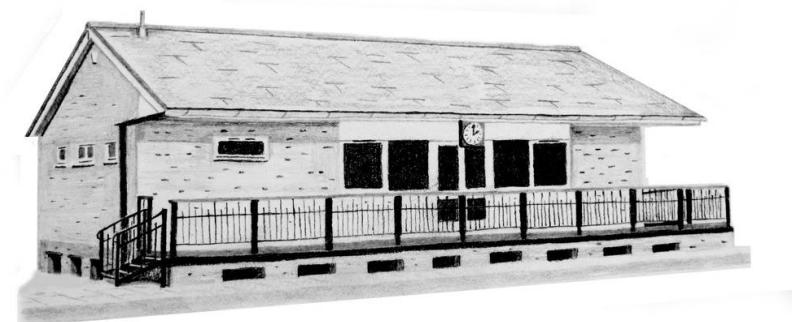
**Smoking, e-cigs and vaping are not allowed on or around the bowling green.**

## **An Introduction**

**To**



**2024**



<https://attenboroughvillagebowls.club>

## YOUR COMMITTEE

President	Ray Isherwood	0115 8549023
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<b><u>Committee Members</u></b>		
Maureen Rushton	Rob Guyler	
Linda Stewart	Peter Stewart	

The committee members take responsibility for the running of the club in its various aspects and meet monthly during the year. The AGM for all members is held in November.

Team selections are made by the captains of the teams.

## BN Midweek League

Ray Isherwood

## BN Mixed League

Heather Fairweather/Rob Guyler

BOI Attenbo

Peter Hubberstey

BOI AW

Graham Watson

## Ladies

Heather Fairweather

## Mixed Friendlies

## vacancy

The Green Committee, with the help of the groundsman, supervises the upkeep and maintenance of the green and surroundings. Social events are organised throughout the year.

## ETIQUETTE

Nobody told me that before!  
What to do, or what not to do, when I'm playing bowls.

## Where do I stand on the bowls rink?

## How close should I get to the head?

At the 'mat end' you should always be well behind the mat. This means you will be out of the eye line of the bowler on the mat. If you do go too far forward you may be asked to stand back.

At the head etiquette says that you should stand well back from the jack – six feet minimum, and it is better to be further back. To stand too close and block the view of the opposition's skip or three when it is their side's turn to bowl is to be avoided. Never go into the head 'just to have a look' when it is the opposition's turn to bowl.

## What can I say without upsetting anyone?

This is the most difficult thing any of us have to think about. It is considered 'bad form' to talk your opponent's woods through a gap, or to hit a short wood, while saying 'well bowled' if your team has a bit of luck. Between friends in a roll-up we say things that in matches, even between teams in an Attenborough competition, are regarded as against the spirit of the game. To will a wood out loud to 'wick in', if it's yours, or to 'wick out' if it is their wood can cause, and has caused, real problems on the green.

Too many players do not think about what they are saying. Rethink your phrases! Say, 'I think that's going through the gap', rather than 'go on get through the gap!' Always be aware that comments meant in fun can, and do, offend other people.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### CLUB DRESS CODE

#### Monday - Saturday Matches and Club Casual Play

Men	White Top/Club Shirt, Grey Trousers
Ladies	White Top/Club Shirt, Grey Skirt or Trousers
N. B.	White or Grey Shorts may be worn for <b>Casual</b> play

#### Sunday Matches and all Tournaments – unless otherwise stated

Men	White top/Club Shirt and trousers or <b>tailored</b> shorts
Ladies	White top/Club Shirt and skirt, trousers or <b>tailored</b> shorts

#### League Matches

Men	Club Shirt, Grey Trousers or <b>tailored</b> shorts
Ladies	Club Shirt, Grey Skirt, trousers or <b>tailored</b> shorts

Occasionally dress codes may differ from above but will be indicated on selection sheets.

Flat bowls shoes will be worn at all times when on the rink playing surface.

#### The Bowling Green

It has been said that our venue on the edge of the Attenborough Nature Reserve is one of the most picturesque in the County. First founded in 1908 Attenborough Village Bowls Club was reformed in 1981 and in 1991 moved to the present site on the outskirts of Nottingham, about halfway between Beeston and Long Eaton. During 2012 the local River Trent Flood Alleviation Scheme was installed, which means that a new bowling green was laid. This was opened by the Mayor of Broxtowe, Coun. Margaret Handley, on Saturday, April 20th 2013. Members also did work on the pavilion so providing a bigger space for teas and social occasions.

#### Members

Whether you are a beginner, an improver or an experienced player wanting to play at a good standard, or somewhere in between, you are very welcome as a member of the club. Members meet for casual play on Monday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons, and occasional Wednesday evenings, and these form an important part in helping the social interaction between members. They also provide a good opportunity to instruct new members about the game of bowls. Members are requested to avoid playing when the pavilion is booked for external activities e.g. Probus on second Thursdays. Playing during Tuesday morning maintenance should also be avoided

**If you are unsure of anything, just ask any club member.**

## GENERAL INFORMATION (Cont.)

### Fixture List

A fixture list will be provided for all members by the Treasurer on payment of their annual subscriptions.

### Notice Boards

Situated in the club house, the Notice Boards provide general information and game selection sheets for all matches.

### Honours Board

Situated in the club house, it displays all competition winners and club officials.

### Equipment Shed

This contains all ground maintenance equipment.

### Storage sheds

These contain bowls equipment – mats, jacks, club bowls etc.

### Newsletter

This is issued monthly to all members (by email where available) following each general committee meeting. It is used to pass on any relevant information on club matters from the committee to members.

### Safeguarding

We seek to safeguard all members of the bowls club and have a number of policies which are in a file in the clubhouse and can be accessed on the club website.

## INTERNAL TOURNAMENTS

### Arthur Carter Trophy

The President and Club Captain select teams.

### Thea Reid Competition

Entries should be in mixed pairs as far as possible. Pairs will be drawn at random to form fours. The competition will be played on a league basis with the first 2 games on a Saturday in May and the second 2 games on a Saturday in June.

### Harold Wardle Pairs Trophy

Pairs will consist of 1 man and 1 lady, each having 4 woods. The preliminary round will be played on a league basis, then semi-final and final.

### Club Trips Competition

Members enter individually and the trips' teams are drawn randomly. Arrangements as for Harold Wardle Pairs Trophy.

### End-of-Season Competition

This is organised to take place after most league games have ended.

### Gents v Ladies

Teams are selected by the Club Captain and the Ladies' Captain.

## INTERNAL COMPETITIONS

### **Men's and Ladies' Singles**

Four woods per player and the winner is the first to 21 shots.

### **Harold Bone Open 2-Woods Singles Trophy**

The winner is the highest scorer after 21 ends.

### **Mary Hazell Open Handicap Singles**

Each player has 4 woods and the game consists of a maximum of 3 sets. The handicap will be decided by the Competitions' Committee and this indicates the shots required by a player to win each set. If a third set is necessary the handicap does not apply and only 7 ends are played.

### **Percy Barsby Novice Singles Competition**

Entry is open to players who have not won a club competition. Each player has 4 woods and the winner is the first player to score 21 shots.

### **Bill and Mary Walker Veterans' Trophy**

Entry is open to any member who has reached the age of 75 by the first day of the season. Each player has 3 woods and 16 ends are played.

### **Leslie Lowndes Open Pairs**

Players enter individually with the pairs drawn at random. Each player has 4 woods and 16 ends are played.

## GENERAL DUTIES

### **Working Parties**

Tuesday mornings at 9.30, to maintain the green and surroundings – free tea/coffee

### **Cleaning Rota**

To clean the club house. A Rota will be on the Notice Board. Any member unable to fulfil their date must arrange a substitute

### **Tea Rota**

It is expected that all club members take their turn to provide teas on Match Days and Casual Play Days. Guidance will be given by the committee as to what is needed for games where tea is provided.

The Rota will be on the Notice Board. Any member unable to fulfil their date must arrange a substitute.

### **Rink Rota**

A member will be nominated by the team captain to set out rinks prior to home matches.

## **VISITORS**

We welcome visitors on Monday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons and they are invited to make a £5 donation when they play, subject to a limit of three occasions per season.

## CLUB COMPETITIONS

### League Matches

The three leagues are:

Bowls Nottinghamshire 3 x 4 Open League on Tuesday evenings.

Bowls Nottinghamshire 4 x 3 Mixed League on Thursday evenings.

Beeston Open League 3 x 3 played afternoons (mainly Wednesdays) by arrangement with the other clubs.

Games in all leagues are played home and away. Selection is open to all members who must be registered.

### Beeston Bowling Association

We are affiliated to the BBA (for clarity a separate organisation to the Beeston Open League). The BBA arranges inter club competitions for singles, pairs, trips, fours as well as a whole club knock out competition called The Malkinson Cup. We encourage members to participate with entries via AVBC. A small entry fee is charged.

### Friendly Matches

They are played as mixed teams. Selection is open to all club members.

### General Rules for Match Selection

Members wishing to play should enter their name on the appropriate availability sheet on the Notice Board. There is one sheet for every game. About 2 weeks before each game the captain of the team will post the selected team on the Notice Board. All members should check selection and tick their names on the sheet.

### Match Arrangements

For home games one player will be nominated to set out the rinks before the game, clear away and lock the gate.

For away games the captain will nominate drivers and list the passengers and the amount to be paid to the driver.

### Internal Competitions and Tournaments

Most of these will be arranged by the Competitions' Committee consisting of David Slee (club captain), Maureen Rushton (acting as secretary), Barbara Stratford (Vice-Captain) and Heather Fairweather (Ladies' Captain). In the event of a conflict of interest occurring, the assistance of ex-officio members may be sought temporarily.

### Internal Competitions

These are open to all members. Entry forms will be on the Notice Board during May and the first round will be played in June. Subsequent rounds follow at regular intervals leading to Finals Day, usually on the second Saturday in September.

### Internal Tournaments

These are explained on page 9 and appear on the fixture list.

Arthur Carter Trophy (arranged by President and Captain)

Thea Reid Competition      Harold Wardle Pairs Trophy

Club Trips Competition      End-of-Season Competition

Gents v Ladies (arranged by Captain and Ladies' Captain)