

# **WELCOME TO MEON VALLEY BOWLING CLUB**



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## INTRODUCTION

**The Meon Valley Bowling Club is open to anyone who wishes to participate in bowls, having paid their membership fee and completed the necessary administrative processes.**

**The club has six outdoor rinks and one short mat indoor rink available during the summer. In the winter there are two 60-foot indoor mats.**

**Access to the club is via the security gate and is always padlocked when there is no-one on the premises. Members and their guests must 'sign in', on the record sheets when they attend the premises to ensure fire safety compliance.**

**Prior to membership new bowlers will usually have four short evening sessions to learn the sport carried out by our qualified trainers. In addition, one mandatory induction session where you are provided with all necessary details about entering/exiting the club and accessing the website.**

**This document contains information about playing in competitions, entry costs and prizes, rules and our weekly schedule. It also covers casual bowls play known as a 'roll-up'.**

**We are a friendly social group of players and any one of us will be more than willing to help you find your feet, show you around and answer any questions that might arise.**

**We will assist in finding you a 'buddy' if you feel this would help you settle in.**

**Your first point of contact is our Membership Secretary.**

**A list of all our committee members with their photos and phone numbers is on the notice board in the pavilion, and on the website. Contact details are also in this document.**

**The website details are:     [Meonvalleybowlingclub.chessck.co.uk](http://Meonvalleybowlingclub.chessck.co.uk)**

**HAPPY BOWLING!**

## **THE PAVILION**

**The pavilion is accessed by a secure door code allocated to you once you have received the induction session.**

**On the front desk you will find emergency contact details, members details, various cupboards, pigeonholes for your post, completed scorecards, tokens (which can be purchased for cash and used during indoor games). Along with receipt books, envelopes etc.**

**At the current time all payments by cheque, cash or token must also have a completed white payment slip and should be placed in one of the small envelopes provided. For GAMES/MATCHES the envelope should then be posted into the GREEN letter box on the other side of the main entrance.**

**Monies etc for SOCIAL events go in the BLACK box by the door to the bar. Card payments can be taken at the bar for drinks. Card payments can also be taken for other such things as competition fees, clothing, etc but does requires someone to be in the bar where the till and card reader are held**

**Until our new computer system is installed there is a rink booking folder. You can book any form of play in this folder, but some games have a priority on the rinks for example friendly matches against other clubs would have priority over a casual roll up session.**

**We have a bar which is managed by Adie Booth and a number of volunteers who act as bar staff when events are arranged.**

**There are several notice boards within the building which hold details of competitions, charity events and tours etc.**

**The kitchen may be used by all. Members can purchase tea and biscuits for £1 (current as at June 2022). There is also a water cooler available. Please ensure you wash and clean up after yourselves if you use the kitchen.**

**A defibrillator is available on the wall closest to the green. A first aid box and Accident Record Book are also readily accessed in the building.**

**ALL MEDICAL ACCIDENTS SHOULD BE RECORDED HERE.**

**Paul Pritchard is our Health and Safety Officer. Our First Aiders are Chris Robinson and Chris Brett. Our Welfare Officer is Jen Flinter.**

**The Club also has a Safeguarding Officer. Every organisation that has contact with children or vulnerable persons requires a Safeguarding Officer. This ensures that necessary steps are taken to protect all parties. This role is fulfilled by Chris Brett.**

**Books and jigsaws are donated by members and a nominal charge is made for their resale. This is managed by our member Jeff Crate.**

**A clothing rail is available during the summer months, where members can purchase pre-loved clothing, bowls, and bags. This is managed by our member Jenny Armstrong.**

**For outside events there are also fleece blankets and cushions available free to use.**

**Lockers are available for hire for an initial fee of £7.50 with a renewal fee of £5 per annum. Contact Keith Waller if you wish to hire a locker. If you lose the key, you have to pay for a replacement key. If you lose both keys, you will be charged for a replacement lock.**

**When leaving the building please ensure the building is empty, all lights are switched off and the alarm is set.**

## **PLAYING CASUAL BOWLS (A ROLL UP)**

**Most new members will likely start by playing casual bowls with friends and other members. This is known as a roll up.**

**To enter a roll up during the summer there is no charge. You simply turn up at the pre-arranged times. Starting at 1100 hours and available throughout the day seven days a week.**

**When you arrive, you log your arrival, put your name on the outside chalk board and an 'organiser' will then offer you a playing card. This is the way that players are allocated to teams, i.e., Kings against Queens, Tens against fours etc. The form of play will be governed by the number of players turning up for the event. An 'organiser' is anyone who is willing to take on the roll.**

**You can choose to play a roll up with just the people you want to, i.e., all new members or a group of friends and any others that turn up for a roll up group. It would be advisable to 'book' in this instance if you only want to play with a certain group.**

**You can book a roll up rink via the rink booking folder. There is generally a rink available in the summer due to the number of outside rinks. In the winter it is essential to pre-book for a roll up. There is a priority booking for the rinks, i.e., Southampton and District matches and most other matches etc would take priority over a roll up.**

**In the winter, roll ups cost £2.50 to enter per match. An 'organiser' will collect the money or tokens and put the monies in an envelope and place in the letterbox with the white slip. This price includes a cup of tea or coffee. Players are again chosen by selecting a playing card. Play usually stops after an hour for a tea break in the winter.**

**Due to only two rinks being available during the winter season it is very advisable to book your time in advance. Indoor roll ups start from 1015 hours and are available seven days a week.**

## **PLAYING IN COMPETITIONS**

**Generally, once you have joined as a member of the Meon Valley Bowling Club you may play in competitions. Members must comply with the dress code. Club shirts are worn for internal and external competitions. Shirts can be purchased from Bill Bailey at a current cost of £24.50.**

**We play competitions throughout the year. We play outside from April to September and inside from September until April, depending on weather and green conditions.**

**In the future we are looking to use a system called Bowlr – an on-line portal - for entering competitions, booking matches etc. If members are unable to use Bowlr they can book to play via the touch screen in the pavilion or ask a friend to do it for you. You will be updated and shown how to use Bowlr once full implementation is carried out.**

**Guidance on Loading Bowlr to your smartphone, iPad or computer can be found at the following link:**

**YET TO BE INSTALLED**

**The Section plays over 154 organised events per year. These consist of a mix of leagues, triples, rinks, knockouts, and fun events. In addition, there are several annual trophy competitions in various formats.**

**We also play 20 “friendly” (social but hotly contested) summer matches each year. Also, during the summer there are 38 men’s matches, and 36 ladies matches. Each friendly match is usually finalised by coffee and cake or similar. On some occasions a meal is also available. All very sociable. In the winter/indoor season there are 29 mixed fixtures.**

**Teams are selected from volunteers and rotated ensuring everyone who wants to, gets the opportunity to play. Match fees are circa £3, not bad for a game at another club with coffee and a cake!**

**There are competitions throughout the year where the intention of the competition is to mix up players of all abilities and these games are great fun. We also enjoy a marvellous Christmas presentation event.**

**You may not be eligible for some 'trophy competitions' until you have sufficient experience. These competitors are picked by the various selection committees.**

**It is hoped that all playing members will have entered one competition during the year.**

**If you are totally confused, then please contact anyone on the Committee for help.**



## **MEMBERSHIP, ENTRY COSTS AND PRIZES**

**To join the competitions, you must be a member of Meon Valley Bowling Club. The fees for this are set annually.**

**As of March 2022 (valid until March 2023) membership of the Club costs £110 per annum for full playing rights both indoor and outdoor. This sum does not include the ‘one-off’ joining fee. To play only indoor bowls costs £55. You can also be a social member at a cost of only £10 but with no playing rights.**

**This is payable to the Treasurer who maintains a list of members. The Treasurer is Anne Simmons. Payment is due annually by the 31<sup>st</sup> of March.**

**You must pay in advance to play in a competition. The Organisers or Captains of the Day will administer the costs. Friendly games are usually payable on the day. Weekly/trophy/long term games cost £2.50 to enter. Payments for these can be made online:**

**The BACs account details are:**

**Co-operative Bank:**

<b>Sort Code</b>	<b>08 92 99</b>
<b>Account code</b>	<b>65279902</b>
<b>Account name -</b>	<b>Meon Valley Bowling Club</b>

**YOU MUST PUT YOUR SURNAME AS PART OF THE REFERENCE OTHERWISE THE MONIES YOU PAY IN WILL NOT BE ATTRIBUTABLE TO YOU.**

**This cost will be reviewed annually.**

**Competition prizes are usually a mix of trophies and medals dependant on the competition.**

## COMPETITION DAY

Having signed in online with Bowlr or at the clubhouse arrive at the club at least ten minutes before your start time and let your Captain/Skip know you have arrived.

If you are a 'Captain of the Day' or the 'Skip' collect your pre-printed score card:

- Enter your name clearly and preferably in capitals.
- Enter the date.
- Enter the name of the competition.
- Enter the name of your teammates/opponents. Listed in position order

There are usually five columns on the various types of scorecards, but this may vary from club to club. Each row represents a single end. After each end you write the shots scored for the winning team in the 'shots' column and a dash ('-') for the losing teams shots. You write the cumulative score for each team in the totals column. Once the game is completed the final score is written in the bottom section.

Remember to check your card thoroughly after the game to ensure that you have correctly recorded the number of points. Verbally check your scores with your opponents to ensure you are both happy. Sign your card. Errors are difficult to rectify after the event! Place your completed card in the appropriate wooden rack located in the pavilion.

Further instructions on how to enter scores and what to do with your card will change with the introduction of Bowlr but we will post links and updates when this is installed.

### Competition Results

With competitions the completed score cards will be reviewed by the organiser and results posted on either the website (or Bowlr).

With other competitions the cards should be placed in the wooden racks in the pavilion. Final results will be posted on the website and on the club notice board. Trophies are awarded usually at the Christmas presentation event.

## **RULES AND ETIQUETTE OF BOWLING**

**It is recommended that you carry your Rules book with you in your bag and use it whenever a query arises. Copies of the Rules book are generally available, and you will have received one when you were given your coaching or induction day. The comments below are designed to assist you in your bowling sessions.**

**Dress appropriately – Ensure that you know the dress code for the game to avoid looking confused! Remember not to arrive in your bowling shoes in case you carry harmful fungus to the greens.**

**Stand Still When Someone is About to Bowl - Lawn bowling is a game of concentration. Distractions are of importance when playing, and you should avoid moving around when someone else is playing. If you are at the head, wait until the person playing is done bowling, then move. If you are at the same end as the player delivering the bowl, stay away from the mat and the player's line of vision.**

**You are expected to stand at least one metre behind the mat. On sunny days, ensure that your shadow is not cast upon the jack. Likewise, if you are in white shoes, avoid standing behind a white jack because your shoes will interfere with the player's vision. If you are standing at the head, stay inside the rink markers but avoid obscuring the central rink number. Also, stay silent during the game. Being loud is equally distracting and unnecessary when you can communicate with signals.**

**Do Not Drop A Bowl - Bowling lawns are delicate and dropping bowls on them could damage the greens. You should not kick bowls or drop them. Pick them up and place them to one side if you do not need them.**

**Collecting Bowls - Despite the above, when gathering the bowls at the conclusion of each end you may 'nudge' with your foot all the bowls into the collection basket!**

**Enter and Leave the Mat on the Correct Side - Once it is your time to bowl, come into the mat from the left side and once you are done bowling, step off from the right side of the mat. It is customary to observe this rule to avoid bumping into other players as you exit the mat.**

**How to Handle Wrong-Doing - Unfortunately, even with the best of intentions breaches of the rules will arise occasionally. Whether deliberate or because of a mistake, a breach can be dealt with using the following framework. The club does have a more detailed disciple/rules booklet available in the pavilion and online.**

**Politely ask the player to stop breaking the rules. Explain which laws they are breaking through their behaviour. If the person is an opponent, be careful not to use insulting or vulgar language.**

**If your attempt to inform them fails, seek the help of a knowledgeable club member. A third party may be in a better position to resolve the dispute before it escalates to the Committee. The third party's opinion should be respected, and if necessary, they should be allowed to watch the game and note the relevant behaviour carefully.**

**If all efforts should fail and the resolution is unsatisfactory, parties in dispute should report the matter to the Committee. The Committee will do its best to gather evidence and deal with the issue appropriately. The consequences of a breach could lead to disqualification or the suspension of a member.**

**Please consult the club procedure on discipline and rules for more detailed guidance.**

**Please also note that CCTV operates in the clubhouse and within the wider premises.**

## CURRENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS – 2022 SEASON

<b>ROLE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>CONTACT DETAILS</b>
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<b>Immediate Past President</b>	<b>Sally Hurst</b>	<b>Details above</b>

## NOTES