New Bowlers Guide

Bridgman Bowls Club is an all year round club and has an outdoor green with four rinks (May to September) and an indoor green with three rinks open daily throughout the winter season (October to April) and on demand during the summer.

New bowlers are welcome and after an initial introduction to bowling are encouraged to come along to join in casual games, "roll-ups", which are played when there are no matches being played. During the outdoor season these take place on Tuesday and Friday afternoons commencing at 2:30 pm. For the Indoor season roll ups are held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons, also starting at 2:30 pm.

Currently Tuesday and Thursday evenings for 3 weeks at the beginning of the season are generally kept for the initial introduction sessions but at any time when there are no club games the rinks are available. Once you have gained a little confidence you are welcome and encouraged to join in friendly matches with other clubs and within the club.

As you get to know people you can arrange games to suit yourselves and the rinks are booked by putting your name into the rink booking system. In the event of a rink you have booked being required for a competition you will be contacted beforehand.

All members are issued with an electronic fob (£10 deposit required) which gives access to the clubhouse. The club is owned and run by the members who are trusted to turn the lights on and off, ensure that the clubhouse is secure, and serve themselves from the bar when it is unattended.

Lockers are available each indoor season at a cost of £3.

The club has some bowls which you can start with, but you will need a pair of flat soled bowls shoes to prevent damage to the greens. When you first try bowling indoors it is acceptable to play in socks for a couple of weeks at your own risk

Qualified coaches will give free coaching sessions - please ask or see the notice boards for dates.

Membership

After a few weeks if you decide to join the club, the current fees are:-

Indoor season	£60 (Juniors no fee)
Outdoor season	£50 (Juniors no fee)
Social Membership	£10 per year

In addition, you pay a rink fee each time you play:

Indoors £3.50 per player for a 2 hour session

Outdoors £1 per session

Etiquette

This is generally common sense and courtesy. You should always be considerate of other players both on your rink and other rinks and particularly towards any player who is about to deliver a bowl.

Always be aware of bowls on the rink, static or moving. Smoking, eating or drinking on both the indoor and outdoor green is not acceptable.

Dress

Most bowling clubs have a dress code which takes account of the requirements of the National Associations.

The Club's dress code is:-
Club shirt.
Grey trousers or shorts for men.
Grey trousers, shorts or skirts for ladies.
Flat soled bowling shoes.

Social Rollups – no dress code except bowls shoes.

For some matches with other clubs, "whites" are required, and when this applies white trousers with a White belt are required for men and white trousers or Skirt for ladies.

Club shirts can be ordered : contact Pauline Turner 01234 782034

Social Events

Social Events are held occasionally to help raise money for the club.

Useful contact names.

President: Norman Kitchener 07860 793542

Secretary: Pat Asbery 01234 720594

Membership Secretary: Val Coles 01234 721182

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