



# Fareham Bowling Club

## New Member Information

### Welcome

Fareham Bowling Club welcomes all its new members and hope you enjoy a long and happy association with the club.

We were formed in 1974 and have a membership of active bowlers and non playing associates.

You will receive a full induction briefing and be provided with details on how to access the club, equipment and members area of the website.

The Members' Information section of the website includes a contact list for arranging matches, club rules, galleries and more...

### Club Officials

The elected Club Officials details are provided on the website. Collectively they form the GPC (General Purpose Committee). The positions are re-elected annually.

Their roles and responsibilities include:

**President**, Overall responsibility for club affairs & conduct on and off green.

**Vice President**, assists President and becomes President in following year.

**Safeguarding Officers**, responsible for protecting children and vulnerable adults from harm, abuse, or neglect.

**Club Captain**, responsible for the green and all club domestic matches and friendlies.

**Treasurer**, responsible for all club finance with exception of bar account.

**Club Secretary**, responsible for all club correspondence except ladies' section.

**Ladies' Secretary**, responsible for ladies' section correspondence.

**Membership Secretary**, responsible for all club membership aspects.

**Club Competitions Secretary**, responsible for internal club competitions.

**Men's P&D Captain**, responsible for men's league teams.

**Ladies' Captain**, responsible for ladies' league teams.

**Safety Officer**, responsible for club H&S requirements.

**Bar Manager**, responsible for management of the bar.

## **Fixtures, Matches & Rollups**

Details are provided in your issued fixtures booklet and also available on the calendar section of the website.

There is a rink booking folder in the club house showing reserved rinks/matches and where you can book rinks for competitions. Rinks cannot be reserved for rollups.

## **Organised Rollups**

Organised club rollups occur on Monday mornings and Friday afternoons. These are social events and an opportunity to meet other club members. Everyone is welcome to join in.

You are able to organise your own rollups at any other times but not before 11am on Monday, Wednesday & Friday to allow maintenance of the green.

Special events are also held during the season. Members will be notified of these by email and also via the notice boards in the clubhouse.

## **Coaching**

The club has a number of active qualified Coaches, if you are a new player or have attended a come and try day you are most likely to have already met them.

## **Dress Code**

For rollups dress code is optional although appropriate approved flat soled shoes must be worn.

For official matches, leagues, friendlies, competitions etc, club shirts, black bottoms must be worn. Over garments can be white or red. White headgear is recommended (some league rule specifically dictate this).

Details of how to acquire club shirts, embroidered waterproof jackets are available in the clubhouse. Stickers and spray chalks are available from the bar.

## **Leagues and Competitions**

Internal Club Competitions are free to enter. An “opt in” system is used before the season commences and you will be notified of the details. Some of the competitions are held on fixed dates and all culminate in a finals weekend.

For new bowlers, there is an annual singles competition, The Eunice Macartney Memorial Trophy that is open to any bowler with less than three years bowling experience, if you have not previously won a competition you are encouraged to give this a go. This is an ideal competition for novices and can be entered in your first year.

The competitions will be run under the terms of the relevant club rules which can be found on the club house notice boards and the website.

Draws for all the competitions are available on the website and are displayed at the club, mens competitions in the mens changing room, ladies in the ladies and mixed competitions in the main club house.

Presentation of trophies is at the Presentation Dinner Dance held at the end of the year.

Friendly matches are played throughout the season, details are displayed in the clubhouse, anyone is eligible to play, if you wish to be considered put your name on the match list and selections will be published in the same location.

## **Leagues**

If you are new, this area may be confusing if not overwhelming so if you are in any doubt please ask and if necessary you may have to ask again. But..

Each of the league teams has its own Captain (details on the website).

Mens. We have mens rinks leagues in P&D (Portsmouth & District) (evenings), also mid week triples (afternoons). Interested members will be allocated to one of the teams.

Ladies. We have ladies rinks leagues in P&DWBA (Portsmouth & District Womens Bowling Association) (mornings/afternoons), also mid week triples (afternoons). Interested members will be allocated to one of the teams.

Selection sheets are located in the respective changing rooms.

## **Mixed Leagues**

Mixed leagues teams are entered in G&F (Gosport & Fareham) Mixed Triples league.

This is often referred to as the colours league as we have five teams, Black, Green, Red, White and Yellow. Matches are predominately played on midweek evenings.

New members will be allocated a colour. Your colour may change from year to year.

It is recommended that you chase out your colour captain, introduce yourself and get involved in this, the friendliest of leagues.

Selection sheets, as for any mixed matches are located in the main club house. If you wish to be considered for selection put your name up for the specific game.

## **Checking Team Sheets**

Check team sheets regularly to see if you have been selected and if you are tick your name off to indicate you are aware or indicate otherwise if you are not available. External Competitions

There are opportunities to enter external competitions, National, County P&D, G&F. Entry is open to all bowlers, regardless of ability.

Ask for details and guidance in the club.

## **Club Rules**

Club rules and regulations to be particularly aware of:

The rules are available in the club house and on the website.

All footwear on the green to be flat soled.

Greens to be protected at all times by not taking divots (speak to coach if a problem).

Protection ground sheets to be placed when instructed via notice board or when practicing if green is soft or if damage appears/occurs.

Bowls bags to be kept in changing rooms and not in main area of clubhouse.

Smoking and vaping is only permitted in designated area off the green.

All players are responsible for putting equipment out before and after a game.

**Security**, all members are responsible for club security. The last member to leave is to ensure the clubhouse (including rear fire exit door and windows), changing rooms and gates are secure and the alarm has been set. Failure to lock the clubhouse securely invalidates the insurance and may set the alarm off. Please do not assume that others playing on the green know how to lock up correctly so check before you leave.

### **Club Health & Safety**

In case of fire, sound fire horn (located opposite the entrance to kitchen), evacuate the building by the nearest exit and move to the Fire Assembly Point by the main gate.

There are three fire extinguishers and a fire blanket in the clubhouse. There is one for tackling electrical fires (opposite the kitchen door) and two for tackling non-electrical fires (by each exit door). The fire blanket is also opposite the entrance to kitchen.

### **Defibrillator**

The club has invested in a lifesaving Defibrillator for use in any cardiac arrest situation. This can increase a casualties' chance of survival dramatically, so it is vital that as many members as possible know how to use it. Practical demonstrations for club members are held.

### **Bar Opening**

Members of the bar committee will open the bar, Normally for all evening league games, friendlies, club special match days, social events and other times when a member of Bar Committee is in attendance.

### **Social Events**

Various social events are held in the Clubhouse throughout the season and over the winter months.

These include a games afternoons through the winter, quiz nights, horse racing and skittles.

Members will be notified of these by email and by notices in the Clubhouse.

### **Membership & Other Fees**

Membership fees are payable annually by or at the Spring Registration Session in March.

Other payments are for league games and to cover tea for you and your opponent (where appropriate).

Rollups and internal club competitions are free.

Tea or coffee and a biscuit are available (cost displayed) from the small kitchen.

## **Practical Help**

### **Cleaning Roster, Garden and other Maintenance Chores**

The lady members (supported usually by their husbands/partners) have a rota system for cleaning and vacuuming the clubhouse and ladies' changing room (list in Kitchen).

The male members are responsible men's toilets and changing room. A rota is displayed the mens changing room.

Members are encouraged to assist with garden maintenance and other such chores required to maintain the clubhouse and grounds.

### **Car Parking**

Please display your car parking permit in your car if it is likely to be parked in the car park for longer than the permitted time. Permits can be obtained from the bar.

### **GDPR and Personal Data**

In order to comply with current Government legislation, personal data ie your name, address, email (if applicable) and contact details are only held by the Membership Secretary and Secretary.

The members email address and contact details will be made available for the purpose of arranging matches.

If you do not wish your details to be made available, please let the Secretary know.

### **Getting Involved**

A club is only as good as its members and the more you put in the more you get out so, please get involved and help make the events that others put so much time and effort into a success.

## **Ask**

Don't be afraid to ask, everyone was new to the club and bowls at some time and understand how daunting and confusing it can be.

Asking and understanding will enhance your enjoyment of the sport and the club.

### **Good Bowling**