

NEW BOWLERS GUIDE

Bridgman Bowling 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.

Currently Tuesday and Thursday evenings are generally kept for this, but at any time when there are no club games the rinks are available. Once you have gained a little confidence you are welcome 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 in the rink booking book which is kept on the bar counter for indoors and in the pavilion for outdoors. 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 tab 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, leave their rink fees and serve themselves from the bar when it is unattended.

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 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 when you decide to join the club the current fees are:-

Indoor season £50(Juniors no fee)

Outdoor season £40(Juniors no fee)

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

Indoors £2.50 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 or drinking on the 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:-

Blue club shirt; white shirt is acceptable except for matches against other clubs.

Grey trousers for men.

Grey trousers or skirts for ladies.

Brown, white or grey bowling 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, jumpers, ties and badges are sold by the club.

Useful contact names.

Chairman: Norman Kitchener 01234 711942

Membership Sec: Val Coles 01234 721182