

# WINSLOW BOWLS CLUB

## NEW MEMBERS

### **Welcome to Winslow Bowls Club.**

Winslow Bowls Club is fully committed to an Equal Opportunities Policy and will not allow discrimination of any kind.

As a new member, we hope this information sheet will assist you to join in the activities of the Club with ease.

The aim of the club is to promote and provide flat green bowling for the outdoor season and short mat bowling during the winter months.

The outside bowling season commences towards the end of April and concludes in mid - September, depending on the weather conditions.

Full membership – entitles you to all of the facilities provided by the club.

Non-playing membership – entitles you to the facilities provided in the clubhouse and to partake in all social events.

During the summer months friendly matches are played against other clubs from the north of the county, normally on a Saturday or Sunday. These fixtures are predominately mixed matches and are played during the afternoon. Following these matches it is usual for the players to retire to the clubhouse for refreshments. From late September until late March we play competitive and social Short Mat bowls in our clubhouse

The club participates in County and local league games throughout the season, mainly weekday evenings.

The club also runs internal competitions for all full members of the club and trophies are awarded to the winners.

A Tuesday evening and Thursday afternoon social bowling roll up session is run throughout the season for full members. The Tuesday session commences at 6pm and finishes at approximately 8pm. The Thursday session commences at 2.00pm and finishes at approximately 4.00pm.

A list of matches is available on the website and a copy is placed by the Captain on the notice board in the entrance to the changing rooms, approximately two weeks before the date of the matches, for you to indicate that you are available for selection to play in such matches.

You can also now put your name down for selection by going into the Winslow bowls club website [www.e-voice.org.uk/wbc](http://www.e-voice.org.uk/wbc) and click on “Fixtures and Results” and then on the ‘Link to Rink Diary’ You will need to register and log-on to Rink Diary. Instructions are provided for this process.

We recommend that if you are a new bowler to the sport, you put your names forward for selection for these games, as we find that it is the quickest and best way to progress and gain confidence. We can assure you that you will be given every encouragement and help to progress.

The indoor Short Mat season commences towards the end of September and the club participates in the Vale friendly league throughout the season. A regular practice evening is held in the clubhouse on a

Monday evening from 7pm. League matches are played on a home and away basis on an evening previously agreed. Team selection is made from application notices placed on the Short Mat notice board in the clubhouse.

Winslow bowls club has rules regarding dress code for bowling, and we request members to work with us to maintain the standards laid down in the Club rules. We are in the midst of change at the moment and the new regulations will be explained to you.

For Tuesday and Thursday roll-ups: - Smart casual, preferably with a club shirt, or a white shirt,

For Short Mat: For matches:-grey trousers and club shirts for men and grey skirts/trousers and club shirts for ladies.

After outdoor home matches Winslow bowls club provides light refreshments for the players involved. Members are expected to assist in the preparation of the refreshments on a rota basis. New members will be teamed with experienced members of the club.

Internal club competitions are arranged on an annual basis for full members. Entry forms will be available from the competitions secretary at the beginning of the outdoor season.

An annual presentation lunch is held in October each year. The club also runs a number of social events throughout the winter period.

Winslow bowls club is a small but growing organisation with limited resources. It is the expectation of the club that all members, whether 'flat green' or short mat', participate in some way in the maintenance of the premises, the Green and surround,catering, recruitment and fund raising. The more members that participate in these tasks, the less money that has to be raised to outsource services required by the club, and annual subscriptions can be kept at a reasonable level.

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