

Bowling Opportunities for Members of Little Bowden Bowling Club



A Guide to Help You Enjoy Bowls

Bowling Opportunities (March 2023)

This Leaflet is designed to help all members of Little Bowden Bowling Club (LBBC) understand the bowling opportunities available at the club, and which of these are appropriate to their experience and level, and how they can participate in the games.

Games can be broken down into two categories; Social and Competitive.

Social Games

These games are where participation is about enjoying playing in the company of fellow bowlers, endeavouring to master the skills, but not worrying too much about the end result. All games are played to win, but it is not so much the winning, but the taking part which is the most important. So all are welcome.

Casual Roll-ups

Any member of the club can play in a casual roll up, which will either be organised by the club or a session which you have to arrange yourself. It is essential that you check in the club diary (in reception) to ensure that a rink is available.

Introduction to bowling sessions

These sessions are to provide a basic understanding of the game of bowls, the rules of the games and etiquette when on the green. Any member can join the sessions, which also allow newer members to try out different sizes and makes of bowls in a friendly environment. The times/dates of these sessions are yet to be finalised.

Ladies Practice Sessions – Captain: Ruth Bridgeman

This is an opportunity for all Ladies to join others every Tuesday Morning at 11.00 until 13.00. This provides an opportunity for new members to gain confidence to bowl in the friendly games and opportunities to develop your game with support from more experienced bowlers including men.

Avian Cup – Organiser: Richard Hall

This is internal to LBBC and is a social league on Monday evenings with eight teams, each with squads of 8/9 bowlers. Each team will provide two Triples to play games of 14 ends. Matches start at 5.30pm and 7.15pm. Early and late fixtures to be played on the same rink. New Members to the club will be welcome to join this competition and it is open to all levels of experience.

Thursday Friendlies – Captain: Neil Hadkiss

Members have the opportunity to put their names up for selection for each game. Neil will select Triples (3's) or Rinks (4's) dependant on the numbers and preference by the opposition. Matches are played both home and away. These games may be arranged in the afternoon, or on an evening.

Saturday Friendlies – Captain: Alan Clements

Members have the opportunity to put their names up for selection for each game. Alan will select Triples (3's) or Rinks (4's) dependant on the numbers and preference by the opposition. Matches are played both home and away in the afternoon

Ladies' Friendly matches – Captain: Ruth Bridgeman

Ladies have the opportunity to put their names up for selection for each game. Ruth will select Triples (3's) or Rinks (4's) dependant on the numbers and preference by the opposition. Matches are played on Wednesdays both home and away in the afternoon.

Competitive Games

This is a step up from social bowls, because at this level results do count and as a club we wish to be competitive

Club Competitions

Club competitions i.e. Men's singles, Ladies' singles and Pairs (partner drawn from a hat) are organised by our competition Secretary; Bill Sneath. All members can enter these competitions no matter your level of experience.

Harborough League – Captain: John Santer

Members have the opportunity to put themselves forward to play in these games and John will select the players on a match by match basis. Most matches are played on a Tuesday, both home and away in the evenings. This league is a good starting opportunity for competitive bowling.

Leicester Bowls League – Captain: John Turnbull

This is a men only league and LBBC are in Division 2 (South) with 5 other clubs. This is a fairly competitive league, so a reasonable level of experience is necessary. The Games are played on Wednesday evening both home and away, with four rinks of four bowlers.

There is an end of season knockout competition involving all eighteen clubs. John is responsible for the selection and administration,

South Leicestershire Triples League

This competition involves teams from South Leicestershire and the City of Leicester. Currently there are 5 divisions, each with 8 teams. LBBC has three teams in these league's. The 'A' team currently play in Division 1 which is very competitive. The 'B' and 'C' teams are currently in Division 5 which is fairly competitive and a step up from the Harborough league and the friendly matches. With Little Bowden having three teams this enables players to develop and progress.

South Leicestershire Triples 'A' Team – Captain: Richard Hall

These games are played as three triples (mixed). Each week the team is selected by Richard from a pool of bowlers. These games are played on Tuesday evenings. Matches are played both home and away.

South Leicestershire Triples 'B' Team – Captain: Mel Ellis

These games are played as three triples (mixed). Each week the team is selected by Mel from a pool of bowlers. These games are played on Tuesday evenings. Matches are played both home and away.

South Leicestershire Triples 'C' Team – Captain: Ruth Bridgeman

These games are played as three triples (mixed). Each week the team is selected by Ruth from a pool of bowlers. These games are played on Tuesday evenings. Matches are played both home and away.

Selection for the County

This is open to players:

- Who have reached the semi-final or final of county competitions;
- Who have won their club singles competition;
- Who are deserving selection due to their experience and bowling standard;
- Who are a club delegate;
- Who are already a badged as county player.

County and National Competitions-Richard Hall

- Ladies' Top Club
- Men's Top Club
- Atkins Shield
- Greenwood Cup
- Tony Allcock Cup
- Unbadged Cup

Teams for the above competitions are selected.

- Hospital Cup

This is a local competition open to all members (pairs) with proceeds being donated to charity

All Members should note:

We encourage our members to offer their playing partner, on the opposing team, a drink after each organised game.

This is a courtesy made by the home team initially and will generally be returned with a similar offer by the away team player. The gesture is made in thanks for the sport and comradery appreciated in the enjoyment of the game.

Finally, all LBBC players should help the captains in the organisation of games. This might include;

- setting out the rinks, scoreboards, pushers, bowls mats, jacks and ditch markers
- offering to drive to away games
- helping to collect match fees
- preparing refreshments
- organising the raffle
- volunteering for bar duty