

Crondall Bowls Club



Members Booklet



Located at Hook Meadow, Crondall, GU15 5 QQ

Web site: www.crondallbowls.co.uk

A warm welcome to Crondall Bowls Club.

We are delighted that you have chosen to become a member and we look forward to enjoying the game of bowls with you.

This booklet is designed to help you settle in whether you are an experienced player or novice.

If you have any queries, at any time, please ask any committee member.

Happy bowling!

Jenny Keyte

Chair



The green is located in Hook Meadow in the village of Crondall in a lovely rural setting.

The Pavilion facilities are shared with the village cricket team. We are a self-help Club and members look after the green, the green's surroundings and the pavilion. All members are encouraged to help in whatever way they are able, however little it may be. Working together helps create a good club ethos and also helps to keep subscriptions as low as possible.

The outdoor season runs from the end of April until mid -September and we also have facilities to offer a short mat version of the game in the closed season.

We have a very varied social calendar with events throughout the year, including the closed season, which keeps our members in touch.

The administration of the Club is run by a committee with members drawn from the Club, elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

Playing the Game

Tuesday at 5.00 pm is 'roll up' or club night. This is an opportunity to practice, receive some coaching if required and keep up to date with social events.

We have 'Friendly' matches most weekends against local clubs; this is a good way to gain playing experience and meet other players.

For those wishing to play more competitively we have a team which plays in the Farnham & District League.

A variety of Internal Competitions are run throughout the summer and all members are encouraged to take part in these.



As a member of the Club the green may be used freely at any time. Exceptions being:

- * When it is being mown on Monday, Wednesday & Saturday mornings.
- * Tuesday mornings are reserved for a U3A session.
- * Wednesday evenings until the beginning of August, when two rinks are required for League matches.

Access to the green is via a coded lock which then gives access to keys in the equipment shed which open the pavilion and Bowlers' kitchen. If water is required for drinks or toilets there is a marked isolating water tap in the gent's toilet.

Members are required, when vacating the pavilion and green, to make sure the water is turned off, all doors, windows and gates are locked and keys returned to the shed.

Your availability for League and Friendly matches and rink bookings is to be made on the Club's electronic booking system.

The noticeboards in the Pavilion display all information connected with the club - names of Committee members, contact numbers, fixture lists, internal competitions, tea rota, League information and all social events.

A weekly Newsletter is sent by email to all members keeping them informed of match results and upcoming events during the season.

Short Mat

During the closed season (October to March) we run a full programme of short mat bowls in the Pavilion, including friendlies with other Clubs.

There are two mats enabling up to 16 players, maximum, to play at one time.

The rules of short mat bowls are similar to those of outdoor bowls with a few exceptions:

- * Block of wood is placed in the middle of the mat. To be bowled around!
- * The jack is heavier and placed in position, not bowled.
- * Feet have to be within the two white lines whilst bowling.

Throughout the closed season, roll ups, internal fun games, competitions and matches against other clubs are arranged.

Playing Notes

The numbers of players in a team may vary:

- * Singles: 1 player, 4 woods each
- * Pairs: 2 players, 4 woods each
- * Triples: 3 players. 3 woods each
- * Rinks: 4 players, 2 woods each



Rinks

Our green has 4 rinks and to even the wear on them, the rink markers or 'strings' are moved daily. Before playing these should be checked.

Monday - White markers

Tuesday - Blue markers

Wednesday - Yellow markers

Thursday - Green markers

Friday - Orange markers

Free choice at weekends.

Club wear *(for external matches and when called for at Club events)*

White polo shirts with club logo.

Grey trousers or shorts

Blue fleeces with club logo.

Teas

After home matches we provide our visitors with refreshments and have a small raffle. All members take it in turns to provide refreshments once a season via a 'Tea Rota' displayed on the noticeboard. When playing in a Friendly or League game a match fee is payable.

Etiquette

Do not talk, stand too close or move around when a player is about to deliver a wood.

Show good sportsmanship. Remember it is only a game. It does not mean you must not have the determination to win. If beaten, take it in a good sporting way and congratulate the winner and mean it!

Do not criticise another player for a bad bowl or for any other reason. A player will know he has played a bad bowl, it happens to all of us!

Give encouragement and commend good play.

Improper language is out of place on a bowling green.

Roles of Players in Triples & Rinks

LEAD (Number 1): The position of lead is vital to the team's success. The ability to draw a shot is of the utmost importance and will have a great influence on the outcome of the game.

What are the duties of the lead?

If the team has the mat:

- Place the mat ensuring that it is straight and centred. Your skip will tell you if any adjustment is necessary.
- Deliver the jack to the distance determined by the skip.
- Give the skip adequate direction to allow the jack to be centred.
- Deliver the first bowl.

If the team does not have the mat:

- Be ready with the pusher to gather the bowls as soon as the score has been agreed by the number twos of both teams. Do not attempt to do this before the teams have agreed as the head may be accidentally disturbed.
- Ensure that all the bowls are gathered and deposited in a safe manner, ready for the next game.

Where can you place the mat?

The mat is placed on the centre line with its front edge no less than 2 metres from the rear ditch or 25 metres from the front ditch. There are markers on the sides of the green showing these measurements.

What is the minimum length a jack must be delivered?

The jack must travel a minimum of 23 metres from the front of the mat.

What happens if the lead rolls the jack into the ditch, or out of the rink or doesn't cover 23 metres?

The jack will be returned and the opposing team will deliver it. They then have the option of moving the mat. Play will then resume as usual with the original lead delivering the first bowl.

What happens if the jack rolls into the ditch, or out of the rink or doesn't cover 23 metres for a second time?

The skips will position the jack 2 metres from the front ditch using the 2 metre rod. Play will then resume as mentioned above.

NUMBER 2

Number two's role under the skip's direction is to consolidate a good position or salvage a bad one. The number two's skill set differs from the lead's as they must be able to draw shots as well as vary length and line. They must be good communicators and work closely with their skips.

What are the duties of number two?

- The skip may ask you to keep the score card.
- If playing at home you will be responsible for updating the scoreboard.
- Advise the skip when the head changes or when they ask for advice.
- Remove dead bowls from the rink.
- Chalk the skips touchers.
- Place markers on the bank when a jack or toucher bowl enters the ditch.
- Measure the head.
- Inform the skip of the score after agreeing it with the opposing number 2.

Q and As

Should any other team members visit the head?

No, it is the sole responsibility of the number 2 to visit the head and advise the skip.

Should other team members assist with measuring and determining the outcome of the end?

No, other team members should concentrate on their own roles and stay back from the head whilst the number 2s are deciding who has won the end and what the score is.

How do you measure between a jack in the ditch and a bowl on the green?

The measuring string is reversed with the pointed end placed against the jack and the point of the casing placed against the bowl.

What is a dead end?

An end is declared dead if the Jack has been hit by another bowl beyond the boundaries of the rink. A dead end is usually replayed unless the skips decide not to replay it or the written tournament rules designate that it is not be replayed.

SKIP

The skip must have good leadership qualities, it is their job to give purposeful direction, motivate and encourage the team and ensure that a high morale is maintained. They must be able to read the head and give clear instructions to their team on how they would like the game to progress.

What are the duties of the skip?

- Assist with aligning the jack.
- Determine whether the jack has reached the required distance from the mat.
- Give directions to their team members throughout the game.
- Remove dead bowls from the rink.

- Place markers on the bank when a jack or toucher bowl enters the ditch
- Chalk touchers.

Q and As

Can team members question directions given by the skip?

Yes but the skips decision is final.

Player's roles in Rinks (4 players)

These are the same as in triples except the number 3 takes the place of number 2 in rinks and the skip would keep the score card.

General observations.

In order to ensure that the mat is placed centrally it is advised that the lead turns around and faces the rink number at the end from which they are bowling.

To ensure that the game progresses smoothly be ready with your bowl when it is your turn.

Take your time on the mat, you do not have to vacate it until your bowl comes to rest.

When a bowl is delivered one of your feet must be on or over the mat as the bowl leaves your hand.

Stand at least a metre behind the mat if you are not bowling.



A Short History of the Club

In 1947-48 Hook Meadow was leased to the village for recreational purposes as a memorial to village people who had served in the war by a Mr Beddington for the princely sum of 24 shillings per annum. Tennis courts, a cricket pitch and a bowling green were planned. Originally the bowling green consisted of a single rink to see if there was any interest in the game. The game of bowls began to flourish and a further two rinks were added in the following two years. As the game grew in popularity fixtures were arranged with surrounding clubs and Crondall Bowls Club was officially formed in 1950. The annual subscription at this time was 5 shillings (25 pence) with a match fee of 2 shillings and 6 pence. (12½ pence)

Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond the club's control the Club folded in 1970 and the green remained dormant for 4 or 5 years.

Enthusiasm for the game returned in 1978 and Crondall Bowls Club was reformed and has thrived ever since.

In more recent times a huge amount of work has been done to improve Club facilities. An automatic watering system has been installed and the bowling surface greatly improved by adopting organic methods. A team of volunteers work throughout the year producing a green of which we are justly proud. Gradually our aging machinery and equipment has or is being replaced and the sheds in which they are kept have been replaced.

Also, great attention has been paid to our surroundings, the gardens and fencing are well tended and the pavilion facilities updated.

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