

COACHING

Like all sports, Bowling skill develops through constant practice and the help and guidance of trained Coaches. Clear pathways now exist for the development of Bowlers from unskilled novice all the way to international elite status (should they so wish).

A common perception is that once a Bowler has received initial training then there is no further need for a coach. But why should Bowling be any different from football or cricket for example. Ask any Premiership footballer whether he needs a coach and the answer is always yes. Bowling coaches can work with established bowlers to iron out bad or limiting habits, to deal with disabilities, but further to develop the mental skills necessary to win games consistently.

Behind every bowler at Leatherhead, there is a qualified coaching team

At Club Level – Jill Hopkins, Terry Dickenson and David Lokkerbol

At County Level – through the County Team

At Elite Level – through the BDA.

On Tuesday nights (6:30 pm) the Club's coaching team are ready to work with you as an individual or in your competitive team to develop a strategy to get the best possible performance. Book your session NOW!

MARKING

Leatherhead Bowling Club encourages members to learn the rules of the game thoroughly and to attend MARKING courses. The following people have successfully attended a County Marking course and are available to mark your singles match.

Derek Webb

Dennis Snow

David Lokkerbol

Terry Dickenson

Richard Hodgkinson

Sue Lokkerbol

Val Collinson

Linda Dawson

**LEATHERHEAD BOWLING CLUB: founded
1908**

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**Welcome to the
LEATHERHEAD
BOWLING CLUB**

YOUR MEMBERS HANDBOOK

Leatherhead is a very friendly club where new members are warmly welcomed and given every encouragement to join this fascinating game.



WELCOME

In this HANDBOOK you will find

- ✓ Information about the Club
- ✓ Contact Information
- ✓ Details of the matches and competitions we play
- ✓ Ways in which you can help your club
- ✓ Bowls etiquette and dress code
- ✓ Coaching opportunities

From our
President

Brenda
Houston

Dear Members

As the current President of Leatherhead Bowling Club may I offer a very warm welcome to you.

I hope you will find this first edition of your members handbook both informative and useful and thank you to your Club Secretary for producing it.

With our new lease imminent we look forward to implementing improvements to our facilities.

Whether, like me, you have been at our Club for over thirty years or are just joining us, you can be assured we have something for everyone, be it playing on our excellent green or enjoying varied social events.

May I wish Leatherhead Bowling Club every success for the future

Brenda Houston

Not in this handbook.....

In a few pages it is not possible to cover everything you may need to know, so if you do need more, then you can find information

- ✓ In the CLUBMARK manual or HOW TO book in red folders by the printer
- ✓ In the COUNTY and/or BOWLS ENGLAND YEAR BOOKS stored under the competition boards
- ✓ On the Noticeboards – e.g. details of other competitions
- ✓ IF ALL ELSE FAILS – **ASK** – the captains, committee member

DUTIES and VOLUNTEERING

Apart from Maintenance of the Green the Club employs no paid help, members freely giving of their time to do all work. All playing members are asked, as part of their membership obligations, to assist in a variety of duties:

CLEANING DUTY: Two members are required to clean the clubhouse, toilets and changing rooms at a time and day of their own choice within a specified week. The **Cleaning rota** for this duty is posted on the notice board in the entrance to the Changing Rooms together with a description of the tasks. If the dates are inconvenient, the designated person(s) is required to arrange a swap with another member. On completion the cleaners are asked to initial the Rota to show completion.

TEA ROTA: Two members are required to provide and layout teas and the raffle for Home Matches according to a Rota displayed on the Clubhouse entrance door. Generally the tea consists of sandwiches but this can vary. Guidance on quantities etc are shown beside the rota. The Cost of the tea is recovered from the catering fund.

GROUNDINGS: a Maintenance team assemble every Wednesday morning throughout the year. The tasks involve every skill necessary to keep the buildings in good repair, the gardens looking great, the grass and hedges cut. Volunteers are always sought, no matter how infrequently they can attend.

OTHER: There are a number of other tasks that require volunteers, members are asked to help where their time, abilities and inclinations allow. In no priority order some of the roles include

- Bar keeping
- Helping with Social events
- Running BBQs
- Committee work
- Helping with special events
- Coaching

Descriptions of Volunteering roles are given in one or other of the 2 RED BOOKS (HOW TO and CLUBMARK MANUAL) kept near the printer. If in doubt ask one of the committee.

PLEASE HELP AND DO NOT LEAVE IT TO THE NOBLE FEW.

ETIQUETTE

Etiquette refers to those little extras that give the game of bowls its great charm. Friendly sporting acts towards team mates and opponents are appreciated and reciprocated. Such acts include:-

- ✓ Respecting the Green
- ✓ Keeping still and quiet whilst others are delivering their bowls
- ✓ Standing behind the jack and away from the head
- ✓ Not crossing into another rink and not walking across the end of a rink while others are bowling/about to bowl
- ✓ Helping to put equipment out before the beginning of a match and helping to clear up afterwards whilst respecting games in progress on other rinks.
- ✓ (if Hosting/ Victor) offering your opponent refreshments after a game
- ✓ Not waving an opponents bowl through the head nor to give thanks if the opponent's bowl promotes one of your own.
- ✓ Congratulate an opponent on a particularly good bowl
- ✓ Not walking through a head while changing ends
- ✓ Respecting the rights of the delegated team member ONLY to measure and agree the shot count (the delegate is appointed by the skip and is normal the person who plays immediately before the skip)
- ✓ Helping to put the bowls in a good position for collection AFTER an end has been declared
- ✓ To always be positive within your own team, show interest in team members' bowls and provide praise. Never to condemn

ROLES

Lead: to play first, lead should place the mat and deliver the Jack and make sure it is centred before delivering the first bowl. Losing lead clears a completed head

Second: (home team) put up scores on board: (Option if asked and agreed by skips) Keeps the scorecard

Third: Assesses and, where necessary, measures to agree the shot count with opponent at the completion of an end

Skip: Has ultimate responsibility for all of above: WITH THE REST OF THE TEAM, provides direction to bowlers to build head

DRESS CODE

EVERYDAY : Neat white or plain coloured T Shirt, or white shirt, worn with grey trousers/skirt or culottes and bowling shoes.

DRESS FOR MATCHES

MEN: Blazer or Club Jacket and Club Shirt, or white shirt with Club tie. White trousers for daytime matches, Grey trouser for evening. Appropriate bowling shoes.

LADIES: Blazer or Club Jacket and club or white shirt or blouse with sleeves. White skirt/ trousers/ culottes for daytime matches, Grey skirt/ trousers/ culottes for evening. Appropriate bowling shoes

THE CLUB was founded in 1908 in Queen Anne's Terrace, but moved to its present site in 1928.

The ground is owned by Mole Valley District Council (MVDC) but all the facilities are maintained by the Club and its members.

The Club is a Communities Amateur Sports Club (CASC) and is CLUBMARK accredited which means we are totally committed to playing a full part in the community irrespective of age, ability, gender or race.

We have both a Child Protection and a Welfare Officer. These, together with the Coaches are all DBS checked.

The Club is managed by a committee of 10 members with Ladies and Men's sub committees. The Club is run on a volunteer basis and new volunteers are always welcome.

Special Days in the Club's calendar include **PRESIDENT'S DAY, INVITATION DAY, FINALS DAYS**. In 2016 the ladies celebrate 50 years of affiliation to Surrey County Women's Bowling Association at the Club's **LADIES DAY**.

OPENING TIMES: The Green opens at 10am every day except Wednesday when it opens at 12 noon. **OPENING PROCEDURE** is explained to all members. **LOCK UP** process simply reverses this. Please make sure all lights are off, shutters down and doors locked before leaving.

ACCESSABILITY: The Green is equipped with posts to help the less able get on and off the green. Wheel chair ramps to Clubhouse and Green are available

PARKING: Cars may be parked in the Recreation Ground car park. If full, parking is legal on the opposite side of Fortyfoot road except during the hours 12noon until 1:30pm. The only cars that may be brought up to the Green entrance are those carrying heavy goods (e.g. for maintenance or supply) or to drop off disabled persons. We are currently negotiating with MVDC to allow Blue Badge holders to park outside the Green.

RINK BOOKING: Please book a rink, or check to see if a rink is free before starting a game, in the Rink Book. Priority is given to Surrey competitions, then Leagues, then Internal Competitions and Matches

LOCKERS: Are available for the season at a cost of £2. Allocation is made by the Ladies Secretary

EQUIPMENT: All equipment is stored in the back room between Men and Ladies changing rooms. All equipment is free to use including coaching bowls, but must not be removed from the premises

PIGEON HOLES: Please check the pigeon holes in clubhouse for post.

SOCIAL LIFE: A gathering in the bar after a match is always a good idea. More formally the Club holds an Annual Dinner and Presentation Night in November. During the winter months, a Quiz is held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month with Cards (Crib or Whist) on the alternate weeks. Occasional Evening socials are held in the Clubhouse, watch the notice boards for details.

CLUB PROGRAMME

The Club's season is laid out in detail in the fixture card issued to each member. Given below is a summary of the various ways in which you can play our wonderful game. In addition Members are encouraged to play in National, County and Area competitions. For Leagues and matches, teams are selected by the captains, vice captains and advisors. Everyone is encouraged to put their names down and for friendly matches selection will be as equal as possible. In External Leagues, where the Club remains in contention, the strongest team available will be selected

External leagues:

MEN

AREA TOP FOUR – 1 rink K/O competition played against teams from Area 3

CHRISTIE LEAGUE – Round Robin League against 5 other local Clubs played on Monday evenings : 2 Rinks

PAST TIMES – Area K/O competition with 1 team Home, 1 Away simultaneously

MOLE VALLEY CUP – Triples K/O competition against teams in Mole Valley 1 team Home, 1 Away simultaneously

WEST SURREY MID WEEK LEAGUE - Round Robin League against Clubs in West Surrey played on a Friday Evening: 1 Rink

WEST SURREY LEAGUE - Round Robin League against Clubs in West Surrey divided into 2 divisions based on skill, played on a Saturday afternoon: 3 Rinks

LADIES

SURREY ADVERTISER – League versus local teams: 1 Rink

PAST TIMES – Area K/O competition with 1 team Home, 1 Away simultaneously

MOLE VALLEY CUP – Triples K/O competition against teams in Mole Valley 1 team Home, 1 Away simultaneously

SAPPHIRE LEAGUE - Round Robin League played along side the Men's West Surrey Saturday League: Team can contain men. 3 Triples

Internal leagues and Drives:

EARLY SEASON LEAGUE – Runs from the beginning of the season until late June on Monday evenings. This league has taken several forms but current is a **100 UP** competition where the nearest 5 bowls to the Jack all count irrespective of to which team they belong.

SPOON DRIVES – Tuesday afternoons (May), Wednesday afternoons June to September. Bowlers are placed into drawn teams for 7 ends, then redrawn twice more. The Bowler with the highest aggregate score wins. The 2 bowlers with the best aggregated scores over the season play for the **HEADLEY COURT CUP**.

IVAN FOOTE CUP – Played as per SPOON drives but on selected weekend afternoons. The 2 bowlers with the highest aggregate score over these weekend drives (usually 4) play for this cup under singles rules.

BARHAM TRIPLES LEAGUE – Runs from late July until the end of the season twice a week – generally Tuesdays and Friday evenings, under floodlights as the evenings draw in. 5 or 6 teams play against teams from local clubs. Points for Win or Draw determining the overall winning team.

FRIENDLY MATCHES

The Club plays matches against other clubs in Surrey. LADIES matches tend to be played Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Men's Matches tend to be played either in the evening or at the weekends. Mixed matches are played on a number of days with only rarely a match on a Wednesday. Details over all matches are displayed on the noticeboards up towards the bar. Members are encouraged to enter their names and tick to confirm when selected. Car sharing is often arranged for away matches.

INTERNAL CLUB COMPETITIONS

Competitions are played in rounds throughout the season, except for 1 Day competitions where all rounds are played on one day, culminating in a final on FINALS DAY. It is important that rounds are completed by the scheduled round date.

All playing members are eligible to enter all competitions unless otherwise stated

Competitions in Rounds

1. Unrestricted singles competitions
 - MIXED CHAMPIONSHIP
 - LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP
 - MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP
 - LADIES HANDICAPPED CHAMPIONSHIP
 - MEN'S HANDICAPPED CHAMPIONSHIP
2. Restricted singles competitions
 - VI SMITH CUP_For Ladies who have not won any of the competitions above
 - ALLEN CUP for Men who have not won any of the competitions above
 - SENIORS CUP for Ladies and Men over the age of 70
3. Two Wood Competitions
 - MIXED 2 WOOD CUP – for Ladies and Men
 - LADIES 2 WOOD CUP
4. Pairs Competitions
 - LADIES DRAWN PAIRS CUP
 - MEN'S DRAWN PAIRS CUP
 - NOMINATED PAIRS CUP – One Lady, one Man
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One Day Internal Competitions (with a final on finals day)

1. BEGINNERS TROPHY –_For Ladies and Men, in their first 3 years of Bowling, Singles Handicapped competition according to years experience
2. NOMINATED TWO WOOD PAIRS CUP –_Pairs may be single sex or mixed
3. DRAWN TRIPLES CUP - mixed teams are drawn from an entrants list
4. DRAWN FOURS CUP - mixed teams are drawn from an entrants list