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# Ash Bowling Club News



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[www.ashbowlsclub.org.uk](http://www.ashbowlsclub.org.uk)

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## Home Game Duties

Please arrive at least 30mins before the game is scheduled to start so as to be able to greet and welcome our visiting team.

**Leads** - will lay their rink table with rink number, 6 cups, tea pot mat, sugar, teaspoons and plate of biscuits (6 packs).

**Number 2's** - Set out a jack, 2 mats, 2 trollies, 2-yard sticks, score board and jack/bowl markers.

**Skips** - Put out 3 chairs for opponents and take the equipment to the far end of the green. After tea, take the tea trays back to the kitchen and stack neatly (ready for washing).

After play - put away all bowling equipment, washup tea things, collect and serve visitors drinks.

**We are on Facebook** - find us by clicking on the link below, like and share our posts with your family and friends to keep updated.



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# Club chair's Update

The Outdoor Season is now well underway and we have been busy with League and Friendly Matches and Club Competitions. Please sign up for club matches as soon as you can. Be aware, there are some re-arranged friendlies on dates that do not appear in your club handbook.

Two other new events are:

**Sunday 3rd August at 2.00pm** Ash Bowling Club Verses Chequers Bat and Trap Team. This is the first leg of a 2 way challenge. They play us at bowls and we will take them on at Bat and Trap. We will need at least 9 people to bowl.

**Sunday 10th August** ABC Indoor / Outdoor Challenge followed by a barbeque. This will be a fun event where everyone will play both formats. Guests and supporters will be very welcome.

The committee along with some other members have been working tirelessly in running the club. Owing to some health issues we are looking for some members to step into temporary interim roles. Please speak to one of them if you are willing to help. A notice will be put up in the club.

Thank you to most members who have been conscientious over pre and post match duties. It has been noted that a few people have been reluctant to help expecting others to do their share. This is unfair and should stop. The Home Game Duties sheet is up at the club and features on this newsletter - please strictly adhere to it, therefore ensuring everyone is treated fairly. On occasions our opponents do arrive early, if this is the case please do acknowledge them and get them some chairs to sit on.

Members are also reminded that the Club Captain will complete all team selections. They should not be changed unless there are compelling exceptional reasons and with the full agreement of the Captain. If you are developing areas of your game speak to the Club Captain and make them aware - they will then consider this when making the selections.

We are indebted to some members who have helped with the tea, washing up and bar turn around for home games and events. Please consider taking a turn at this if you are available but not playing or are an associate member who would like to come and spectate.

Members are invited to participate in a refresher session with one of our coaches. This can be at a Friday roll up from 5pm or 6pm or by arrangement with a coach at a mutually convenient time. Please find attached a reminder about bowls etiquette. We would like to be known as a polite, friendly and beautiful village club.

There will be a Members' Forum on Tuesday 29th July at 4.00pm. You are warmly invited to attend to seek information or clarity and offer ideas for improving our club.

All for now.  
Shirley



## **Bowling Etiquette on and off the Green.**

Be on time (at least 30mins prior to the start) for the game and follow our local protocols for the tasks each team member should complete.

Ensure your mobile phone is on silent or left in your locker – do not take or make calls while your game is in progress.

Ensure no inappropriate or offensive language is used.

Introduce yourself and other teammates and wish everyone a good game.

While playing do not wonder around the end of the rink while woods are being bowled.

While playing do not take any items onto the green i.e. drinks refreshments.

Stay in front or on the mat until your wood comes to rest.

Do not criticize wicks or lucky woods and congratulate opponent on good woods.

The Number two player is in charge of counting the shots with the No2 opponent. Any other players do not interfere or offer opinions.

Any measuring of woods is done by the No2 unless they have mobility problems and the No 1 on consultation with opponents beforehand.

Do not call the head shots until agreed with opponent.

Scorer will at intervals check the score card with the opponent's scorer.

Any query re length of Jack of called by the skip, measured by the umpire or the calling Skip, scrutinised by the sending Skip. Mat placement is checked by both skips before the Jack is sent.

Any call on foul or foot placement is pointed out to the opposing Skip on the first occasion. Any further discretion is then dealt with by the wood being removed by the players Skip.

The last wood of the skip should be left in front of the mat, to inspect the head. Although it is not a foul to carry the wood to the head, it must not touch the ground at the head end.

Congratulate all players at the end of the game.

If tea is taken during the game, after a number of ends. The team do not leave the refreshment area until the captain's table has risen.

Drinks will be purchased for your opposite opponent.

Silence while the captains are making their address. Applause and general cheering is acceptable.



## Ash Bowling Club Internal Competition Rules & Information.

1. All games will be played under the laws of Bowls England as amended by the competition rules and conditions.
2. Please ensure that, barring unforeseen circumstances, you are available to play on finals weekend before starting the competition.
3. Competition game fees will be paid to the Treasurer prior to the beginning of the Tournament, in person or in the Treasurer's cash box.
4. The Player named in the top box of the draw is responsible for arranging the game and marker.
5. All singles games must have a marker.
6. Multi-player games will be marked by the skip's.
7. All games must be entered into the club diary as soon as they are arranged.
8. All available rinks must be drawn.
  - a. A player must not play another game on the same rink on the same day.
  - b. If a player has already played on the day of the game, the opponent must be allowed to warm up on another rink.
9. The rink and its surroundings must be clear of all personal effects, the marker/umpire will not encroach on the head unless required to do so in the course of the game or is called upon by the player on the mat.
10. In the event of a player in a group game i.e. pairs, being unable to attend for reasons of health or work commitments, in a first round only, a substitute can be co-opted onto the team. The substitute cannot have entered the competition or played in the first round of that particular competition to be eligible. This will only be possible by contacting the competition organiser for approval.
11. All completed score cards to be placed in the pouch provided.
12. All games must be completed by 'Played by' dates shown.
  - a. Bottom name goes through to next round if game is not played by cut-off date.
  - b. A player may claim the game if an opponent fails to arrive, without notice, after waiting 30 minutes, The club would prefer games to be played if possible.
  - c. Contact competition organisers, before cut off date, if unable to agree a time to play.
  - d. Please arrange games early to avoid problems.
13. Handicaps will be applied as a positive score.  
e.g. Player A (7) Player B (2) Player A Starts with +5

14. Green Keepers' instructions must be followed.

15. Competition organiser's decision will be final.

All games are played over 18 ends unless a shots game which is the first to 21 points, or a stated 21 ends game.

All singles games must have an independent marker.

Dress code is casual or club shirts until the final.

**Any problems please contact the Fixtures/Competitions Secretary – Judy Martin**



As we continue driving our club toward a brighter future, we'll soon be reaching out to form our active working groups. This is about more than just sharing the load, it's about coming together to create a cleaner, more organised, and more vibrant club environment for everyone.

We're not asking for big time commitments, just your energy, your support, and your willingness to pitch in. Every small effort adds up, and together, we can make a big impact.

**Many hands make light work, and the rewards—a club we're all proud of.**

**The Executive Committee are here for you....**

**If you have any ideas, comments or feedback you'd like to give, then we would love to hear from you.**

**You can drop a note into the suggestions box or email [secretary.ashbowlsclub@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.ashbowlsclub@gmail.com)**

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT**