



## Welcome to the LEATHERHEAD BOWLING CLUB

Affiliated to  
Bowls Surrey  
and  
Bowls England

Registered with HMRC as a  
CASC 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.



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## 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

Dear Members

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

From our President  
I hope you will find this first edition of your members handbook both informative and useful.

With our wonderful new Clubhouse we look forward to an exciting future.

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

Terry  
Dickenson

Terry

### 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 HOW TO book in red folders held in the club
- ✓ In COUNTY and/or BOWLS ENGLAND YEAR BOOKS
- ✓ On line at various websites.
- ✓ On the Noticeboards – e.g. details of other competitions
- ✓ IF ALL ELSE FAILS – **ASK** – the captains, committee member other members: everyone is here to help.



**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). We are totally committed to playing a full part in the community irrespective of age, ability, gender or race. We have both a Safeguarding and a Welfare Officer. These, together with the Coaches are all DBS checked.

The Club is managed by a committee of 10 members. 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**.

**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 (eg for maintenance or supply) or to drop off disabled persons. Two Blue Badge holder vehicles are allowed 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 members in the changing rooms.

**EQUIPMENT:** All equipment is stored in the equipment. 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.

**SHORT MAT BOWLING:** is available during the winter months.

**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, short mat bowling takes place in the clubhouse. Sessions are held on Monday and Wednesday afternoons, Friday night (with food) and Saturday mornings. Occasional Evening socials are held in the Clubhouse, watch the notice boards for details.

## 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 or criticise!**

## 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:** Club Jacket and Club Shirt. White trousers for daytime matches, Grey trouser for evening. Appropriate bowling shoes.

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



## CLUB PROGRAMME

The Club's season is laid out in detail on the website. 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

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

**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:

**100 UPI** – Runs from the beginning of the season until mid June on Monday evenings. This is where the nearest 5 bowls to the Jack all count irrespective of to which team they belong.

**PRIZE DRIVES** – Tuesday afternoons (May), Wednesday afternoons June to September. Bowlers are placed into drawn teams for 7 ends, then second session. 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 FOOTIE CUP** is awarded to the overall winner of the 100-Up competition.

**BARHAM TRIPLES LEAGUE** – Runs from late July until the end of the season twice a week – generally Tuesdays and Friday evenings. 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 of all matches are displayed on the noticeboards in the corridor to the toilets. 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 **FINAL'S DAY**. It is important that rounds are completed by the due 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

#### 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

#### SHORT MAT COMPETITIONS

1. BEGINNERS TROPHY – For Ladies and Men who have not bowled Short Mat before 2019 nor won a SM competition subsequently
2. SETS Trophy – For All Ladies and Men played in 2 sets of 9 ends with sudden death play off in the event of a draw.



## 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 normally posted on the notice board 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.

**MATCH TEAS AND CATERING:** We provide tea and biscuits for players at the end of the match. The captain of the day will make sure that our visitors are provided with refreshments. We do host important matches for various leagues in the county. Desta Dickenson co-ordinates teams to help with catering for these events

**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 which require volunteers, members are asked to help where their time, abilities and inclinations allow. In no priority order some of the roles include

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

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

## 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/she 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 Rob Corlett  
At County Level – through the County Team  
At Elite Level – through Coach Bowls

You can ask any of the Club's coaching team 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.

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|-----------------|---------------|
| Rob Corlett     | Sue Lokkerbol |
| Sarah Campbell  | Jill Hopkins  |
| Terry Dickenson | Carole Telfer |

**LEATHERHEAD BOWLING CLUB: founded 1908**

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