



ARGYLL BOWLING CLUB

<https://www.argyllbowlingclubbournemouth.co.uk>

1st January, 2023

Greens

We have two first class bowling greens at the club.

Café

We have a franchised café at the club which is open daily serving hot and cold meals, snacks and drinks.

Financial

The annual membership fee is £40.00. Lockers are available for £10.00 per year.

The season ticket from 1st April, 2023 is £150.00 per year and is valid until the end of the season (normally end of September). It enables you to bowl on our greens without further charge. If you wish to pay per game then the charge for 3 hours is £7.00 per session.

Opportunities to bowl

Roll ups – Arrive before 9.45am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, put your name in the diary in the club room opposite the men's changing room. Teams will be selected in consultation with the Duty Steward who is in control of available rinks. If you want, you can just turn up on your own or with a guest [the guest will need to pay a green fee]

Friendlies- We have many friendlies against visiting clubs throughout the season which are open to all members. Friendlies are a great introduction to the game for new bowlers. If you would like to play please add your name to the sheet on the notice board. If you play in a friendly there is a cost of £1.25 for tea and biscuits. It is traditional to offer a drink to your opponent at the end of the match.

League matches -We have 2 teams in the Men's leagues who play in the afternoon leagues (Division 2 and Division 4). We also have 3 teams in the mixed Triples leagues who play Saturday mornings and 2 Ladies teams who play Thursday afternoons. We are planning to enter another team in the Saturday triples league and another ladies team on a Thursday. There are also 5 mixed teams who play in the Tuesday evening triples leagues. If you would like to be considered for selection please tick the box in the renewals form or let the Team Captains know once the

season has started. Many members compete in Bournemouth and District competitions, County competitions and National Competitions.

Club competitions – We have many Club competitions. Members complete registration before the season begins. If you are a new bowler, it is better to wait until you have gained some experience before competing in these.

Dress code

Smart casual dress may be worn on the greens for all roll ups, apart from Club Competitions (Finals), League matches, and Friendlies where members are required to wear whites and club shirts. Members are required to wear club shirts and grey trousers for Tuesday evening triples matches.

Members are required to wear club shirts and greys whilst stewarding.

Stewarding (if volunteering)

You will be part of a stewarding team and allocated a minimum number of days or half days throughout the season. You will not be on your own and you will be shown what to do. It is not too onerous. There is a full list of instructions in the Stewards office. The most important thing is to arrive in plenty of time and to adhere to the Dress code as you are representing the Club to the General Public.

Stewarding is not compulsory, however if you do not wish to steward during the season, you will be required from 1st April, 2023 to pay an additional fee on top of your other costs. Stewarding sessions are in half day sessions from 09.30 – 2.00pm and from 2.00pm – 6.00pm. The additional fee for stewarding has been fixed at £70.00. Renewal Forms will be issued on 1st February, 2023.

Coaching and developing

We have 2 Coaches within the club who will provide coaching sessions free of charge to members. Roll ups for new bowlers are held on Monday mornings from 10.00am. If you wish to have coaching just ask one of the members organising the roll ups.

Club Website

The Club have set up a new website which is <https://www.argyllbowlingclubbournemouth.co.uk> All members are given a password to enable them to access the members area of the website.

Club Shirts

New Club shirts may be purchased from the Club through Mairead Holbrook at a cost of £25.00 per shirt. Good second hand, good quality club shirts are also available within the club from Mairead.

Woods

If you do not own woods or bowls shoes, you are welcome to make use of any sets of woods / shoes held within the steward's office until you decide to buy your own. This will give you the opportunity of finding the right size of woods and correct bias to suit you and new shoes. Members will always assist you. Occasionally members sell second hand sets of woods within the club.

Bowls Etiquette

An etiquette guide will be provided to all new members.

Club Constitution

A copy of our Constitution and Rules and Regulations will be available for access on our website.

Social

We have a Social Committee who plan a number of events throughout the year including the close season. We normally send out e - mails but information is also placed on the notice boards and on our website. You are welcome to bring guests to these. In the summer of 2022 we started a Friday night roll up of 12 ends of bowls followed by a social. This proved to be very popular and successful and will resume in the new season.

During the off season, we try to organise a bowling weekend away in Torquay or Bembridge (Isle of Wight) and also try to organise an overseas bowling holiday abroad. We have been to Spain, Portugal and Cyprus and are off to Cyprus in March, 2023. Both the Torquay visit in November 2023 and Cyprus are fully booked. We are hopeful of organising a weekend in Bembridge in 2024. Arrangements for the 2024 overseas bowling holiday will be organised later in 2023.

Open Days

We generally organise 2 Open Days at the beginning of the season to try to attract new members.

Helping the Club

The Club is run by volunteers. If you think you have a particular skill or interest that may be helpful to the Club please let one of the Committee members know during your informal interview.

If you require any further information please ask any member of the Committee and we will do our best to help you. Committee members names and contact numbers will be displayed within the club and on the website.