



Temple Fortune Club

Tennis Bowls & Squash

Bowls Information April 2018

Visitors £3 per visit Please sign in and pay before play

Resignations: If you resign from the club please return your keyfob.

Keyfobs: You are given a keyfob on joining the club. If you lose the fob you will be charged £10.00 for a replacement. If your Keyfob is faulty or broken it will be replaced free of charge – the broken fob must be returned to the club. ***Under no circumstances should you give your fob to another person to allow entry to the club.***

Newsletters are issued via email, monthly by the Manager, these inform of results and special events in all sections, and will give information on Social events in the coming month. If you are not on email please pick a printed copy up at the club or read the one on the notice board. Sorry but because of the cost we do not post these out to members.

Information and help: You should have been handed the Rules of the Club booklet, relevant section information, a fixtures booklet and a keyfob on joining. Please contact the Manager, Vikki Solomon, if you have not received these. You can look up other members using the online system. A members' list is available if you prefer a printed version, please collect from the manager or the bowls pavilion, *remember the printed members' list may not be completely up-to-date.*

All members of the bowls committee will assist you with any queries. Refer to the relevant notice board or your fixtures brochure for a list of committee members and coaches, they will be happy to listen to any problems or ideas.

Coaching is available free of charge, the Bowls coach will be happy to assist you to get started with the rules of the game. Refer to the relevant notice board or your fixtures brochure for coach contact details.

Notice Boards: Bowls events are displayed on the notice boards in the Bowls Pavilion, and there is a board in the main clubhouse. Don't forget the general notice board in the bar area for news and social events open to all members.

Dress: for fixtures and competitions against other clubs you will need to wear white or grey trousers/skirts and a white shirt/top/sweater. For internal rollups and matches the dress is casual, no need for greys or whites. Don't forget if you intend playing in matches you will need the appropriate dress, and may want to purchase white waterproofs! We have been known to play in the rain!!

Shoes: Please wear the correct shoes, flat unridged soles, so as not to damage the green. Shoes can be white, grey or brown. There is a selection for loan, especially for ladies.

Lockers are available at a small annual charge (£3), so you can leave bowls, shoes, waterproofs etc. at the club. Please ask a committee member to help you if you require a locker.

Bowls: there are a number of sets available for loan, try several sizes to help you determine what size to purchase, bowls coaches will advise. We sometimes have second hand bowls that can be purchased at a small charge please ask.

Organised Play: please refer to Matches and Sessions Notice for the current year where Social, Friendly and Tournament fixtures are detailed

General Play: Members may arrange to play at any time subject to the 'Use of the Green'.

Use of the Green: The green is available for play from 10:30am during the bowls season (mid April to Mid September, refer to the fixtures booklet) except when:

- the groundsman is working on the green
- the green ranger, or a committee member decides that the green is unsuitable for play.
- the green is required for a match

Please look out for notices in the clubhouse.

Please take care of the green:

- don't step on the edges of the green or banks
- don't drop your bowls on the green – this will damage the Cumberland turf.
- please replace all club equipment in the bowls shed after play

Security: At the close of play the last member to leave is required to ensure that all equipment has been put inside, PLEASE help with putting things away, if everyone helps it's not an onerous task. Check the lights and any heaters are switched off, the door locked and the keys for shed and clubhouse are returned to the key safe. PLEASE don't take the key home and leave the next people no means of accessing the clubhouse!

Code of Etiquette: Bowls is one of the most sociable games you can play, its very pace allows for enduring friendships to be quickly established. To many it is what gives bowls its special charm. The code of etiquette observed by bowlers ensures that in no circumstances does one bowler have an obvious unfair advantage over another. On the green, as indeed in national competitions, all players are regarded as equals.

Here are a few points to observe.

- Be on time for matches
- Respect the other players
 - stand still and remain quiet when players are about to deliver
 - when it isn't your turn to play stand behind and to the side of the mat and head (2 metres),
 - stay on your own rink
 - avoid obscuring rink-markers or boundary pegs
- Pay attention to what is going on during a game and particularly to your skip's instructions. Its great to chat but choose time and place carefully so as not to upset others.

Annual General Meeting's are held before the Club's AGM usually in November. Please refer to the fixtures lists and/or notice boards for dates.

Most of all enjoy yourselves!!

The Bowls Committee