

Green Open

We are pleased to announce the opening of the green on **Monday 12th April**.

Organised Bowls Events

During this first week we will be organising 2 bowls events.

Both at 2.30pm on Monday 12th and Wednesday 14th April.

To play in these events please contact Steve Lee stevealee@blueyonder.co.uk or tel. 01173 306417 and leave a message.

Under the current guidelines 'Organised Sport' can only use 3 rinks and are **limited to 24 players**.

Please arrive by 2.00pm to give us time to allocate players to the rinks.

Organised Weekend League

This season we are introducing an organised Weekend League to provide internal competition between teams of either triples or 4s depending on the numbers who register.

These matches will be held on Sundays when we have no friendly fixtures. The first Weekend League match will be on Sunday 18th April.

If you wish to play in this league please contact Steve Lee stevealee@blueyonder.co.uk or tel. 01173 306417 and leave a message.

The teams will play each other over the season. The other Weekend League dates are:-

Sunday 30th May, Sunday 13th June, Sunday 4th July, Sunday 11th July.

Fixtures

Because of the uncertainties about bowls we will not be issuing a Fixtures booklet this year.

However, attached is a list of all the planned fixtures with two columns on the right 'ND' and 'Play' which you can use to record whether you have put your name down and if you have been selected to play.

We will be regularly updating the Fixtures List on the Club's website so please keep checking to see what is happening.

As mentioned above, we can only play three rinks of either triples or fours **but if we have more members wishing to play** on a given fixture, the CoDs will speak to the opposition to see if we can play additional rinks either home or away.

For example, say we are playing Olveston away and we have enough players to fill 5 rinks then the CoD would see if 2 rinks from Olveston could come to Bradley Stoke on that day and we play 5 rinks (3 away and 2 at home).

Therefore, please put your name down if you would like to play and we will do our very best to try and get you a game.

Availability Cards

If you are available for any of the fixtures, the Availability Cards will be put on the Club's notice board as usual and you can also register a monthly availability by going to the Club's new website www.bradleystokebowls.com

At the top of the first page click on 'Contact us' and a pop-up 'Get In Touch' page will appear.

Enter the required details in each box and in the final box type your message (i.e. I will be available in May for all league matches and Friendlies on 5th, 9th, 15th and 29th).

Then when you have finished your message just click on the blue Submit button. This message will then be sent to the Selection Committee.

Dress Code

Please note that because all changing rooms are closed until further notice, we have assumed that the dress code for all fixtures will be GREYS.

We will let you know if any club still wants to play in whites..

Tea Break

We are unlikely to be able to offer our usual tea and biscuit break until 21st June.

Therefore, can you please bring your own drinks and snacks to consume during the match.

The CoD's rink will take a 10-minute break after an hour's play, then the second rink will break when they return and similarly the third when the second returns to the green.

This way you will be able to have a covid-safe, socially-distanced break.

Green Maintenance

This season green maintenance will take place around midday on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday**. Therefore, the green will be unavailable between 11.00am and 1.00pm.

Booking Non-organised Roll-ups

From the 12th April you will be able to book a roll-up by telephoning Steve Lee 01173 306417 and leave a message with your request and contact number and Steve will get back to you.

The following time slots are bookable if there are no other bowls matches/events taking place.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:30 – 11:00, 13.30 – 15:00, 15:30 – 17:00, 17:30 – 19:00 & 19:30 – 21:00

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday

9:30 – 11:00, 11:30 – 13:00 13.30 – 15:00, 15:30 – 17:00, 17:30 – 19:00 & 19:30 – 21:00

The 30mins between sessions should be sufficient time for you to sanitise the used equipment, put everything back and leave the site before the next group arrives.

Please note that non-organised roll-ups do not count as an “organised sport” therefore, the ‘rule of 6’ applies (i.e. max per rink = 6).

Reminders

Gate

If there are no bowlers on the green when you leave please ensure that the gate is securely locked before you depart.

You may have to pull the gate towards you so that the bolt comes across, as the gate is warped.

Padlocks

The security lock to the Office should be unlocked each day by the Leisure Assistant so that you only have to twist the number barrels on the padlocks.

When locking up please ensure that you don’t leave the barrels showing the code but instead rotate the barrels to lock the padlocks.

Organised Monday Evening Club Night

We obviously can’t start the Club night with fish and chip supper but we will start as usual on **Monday 17th May**.

Again this will be limited to 6 teams of either 4s or triples depending upon the demand.

At present we are holding the final night on **Monday 23rd August** but if there is a demand or we have lost some games due to adverse weather, we could extend the Club night into September and have the fish and chip supper say on **20th September**.

This will be agreed with those playing during the season.

A form has been put up on the Club’s noticeboard for you to register that you wish to play. You can also register via the ‘Contact us’ page on the Club’s website.

Organised Friday Afternoon Club

We can’t run the Friday morning club because of the changed green maintenance days and times.

Therefore, we could run an afternoon Club starting on **Friday 21st May** and finishing on say **Friday 3rd September**.

Again the final date to be agreed during the season.

A form has also been put up on the Club's noticeboard for you to register that you wish to play or via the 'Contact us' page on the Club's website.

Bring a Friend Bowls Taster Days

With fewer members this year than we had in 2019. We are hoping to hold two 'Bring a friend / bowls taster days'. One on **Tuesday 27th April** and possibly another on **Wednesday 9th June** to try and recruit new members.

Club Internal Competitions

We are again hoping to run our usual internal club competitions for both ladies and men members (singles, pairs and triples) plus mixed pairs.

The early rounds will run from **Monday 21st June** with a possible Round 1 day on **Tuesday 22nd June**.

Hopefully by then the booking system will no longer be required and the players can agree a time and play as they have done in the past.

Depending upon the number of entries we have the option of holding other internal competitions days on say **Wednesday 11th August** and **Saturday 28th August**.

The finals are planned for the weekend of **4th & 5th September**.

A form will put up on the Club's noticeboard for you to register which competitions that you wish to play.

The Novice Cup

Will be held on **Monday 30th August** or **Wednesday 15th September** if we have sufficient members who qualify to enter.

A form will be put up on the Club's noticeboard for you to register that you wish to play.

Fun Day

We are proposing to hold a Fun day on **Wednesday 1st September**. Further details to follow in due course.

All monies raised will go to help the Club's reduced funds.

We look forward to welcoming you back on the green.