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WELCOME TO THE ADELAIDE BOWLING CLUB

Induction for new members

Welcome to the Adelaide Bowling Club. We hope you enjoy your bowling here. The following notes are intended to assist you to find your way around the Club.

In a club our size you would expect to get to know everyone within a short period of time. Current members are encouraged to make new members welcome. All members are expected to wear name badges on the green.

Our Club

If you have not already done so please ask a member to show you around. Make sure you see the locker room, the members bar, the notice boards, the office, bowls equipment (umpires trolley, mats, and jacks) pennant selection board and social bowls outdoor room.

The current committee members are:

President	Bob Boorman	0419 863 751
Senior Vice President	Ron Kuczarski	0418 808 739
Junior Vice President	Graham Cass	0430 809 566
Secretary	Phil Smyth	0477 284 239
Treasurer	Mike McDonagh	0414 457 532
Immediate Past President	Steve Hicks	0413 054 028
Board Members	Steve Lockwood	0419 810 292
	Paul Young	0401 678 121
	Henry Higgins	0418 260 174
	Paul Zerella	0418 816 085
Adelaide Oval Board Representative	Ross Sweet (President of Adelaide Oval BC)	
Adelaide High Old Scholars Representative	Paul Zerella	

Our Club Manager is Phil Smyth (0477 284 239) who you should have already met and our full time Greenkeeper/Grounds Manager is Scott Thulborn (0423 415 486).

Phil is responsible for everything that happens within the Club boundary and Scott is responsible for everything that relates to the club's most precious asset, the three greens (A, B and C greens).

There are two other clubs that use Adelaide Bowling Club as their home base, Adelaide Oval Bowling Club and Adelaide High Old Scholars Bowling Club. Their members are also members of the Adelaide Bowling Club but they play for their own club in pennant competitions.

During the "Bowls Season" the club is open every day except for Monday although the Club Manager is in attendance should you need to gain access to the club on a Monday. During the "off season" the club is normally closed during the day and the greens are open subject to the weather conditions and the maintenance work being carried out by Scott. Again Phil is around the place during the off season and access to the club can be arranged with him.

The Bar is open most nights during the bowls season and every Friday night during the year for member's specials and raffles. This is a great night to catch up with members and enjoy the atmosphere of this great club.

The Club has a website that we encourage you to become familiar with as we post our pennant teams and member notices on the member's page. The website address is www.adelaidebowlingclub.com.au.

Getting Started

Make sure you order your name badge early as you should wear it on the green.

Obtain a club shirt and trousers/shorts for \$50 and a second shirt for \$50. Club colour trousers/shorts can be ordered through the Club Manager.

To play pennants for the club you must wear the correct club shirt and club coloured trousers. Most of our casual bowling and bowls practice is played in casual clothes. For club tournaments and club championships from the semi-final stage club colours must be worn. The rule of thumb is club colours should be worn from Opening Day (normally held late September and 4 weeks from the start of pennants) until after the last pennant game (usually around March each year).

A club hat is also available from the Club Manager at \$15 each (cap or bucket hat). Good etiquette requires hats not to be worn inside the Club House.

Bowls accessories – Grippo and spray chalk and other accessories are available for purchase at the bar.

The black board near the front gate provides information on which greens are available for practice and which greens have been closed. Please observe these instructions. If all the greens are closed then no practice is possible at all until the Greens Manager reopens the facilities.

Visitors to the Club

The Club has a lot of visitors that use our club and greens for corporate and private functions. We advertise extensively and encourage as many "visitors" to use our wonderful facilities.

We ask all members to be patient with our visitors many of who have never bowled before but are encouraged to try. If you see a visitor that could use some help please introduce yourself and offer some assistance with the basics of the game. If you observe a visitor behaving inappropriately or damaging club equipment or facilities please advise the bar staff or the club manager and let them deal with the issue. We do what we can to make our guests welcome but we request they respect our facilities in the meantime.

Inappropriate behaviour is not tolerated at any time, be it a visitor or a club member.

Bowling for Adelaide

Membership at Adelaide costs \$270 per year plus a \$30 building levy. If you are a first year bowler at Adelaide we offer a 50% discount on membership fees for the first year.

During the “Bowls Season” we enter teams in Pennant competitions on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Currently we have five teams entered on Saturdays and two teams entered on Wednesdays.

Selection for the teams is conducted on Wednesday nights by the side selectors for each division. The names of the players selected for each team are displayed on the Selection Board which is visible through the window from outside the Northern entrance to the Club house and on the Clubs website under the Members’ tab.

Practice for pennants can be undertaken on any night of the week except Mondays. The favourite nights for most players is Thursday or Friday when the majority of players will make an evening of it by having a practice and then enjoy one or two cold refreshments after practice. When you turn up for practice please don’t hesitate to ask to join into a group practicing. You don’t need to practice by yourself unless you choose to do so. You can still work on your game when practicing in a group.

Pennant games are played on a home and away basis and we do ask our members to return to the club after an away match to share in the spoils of the days play. Games usually finish around 5.00 to 5.30 pm which allows a bit of time to socialize before any functions that have been arranged for the evening.

When **Pennant games** are at Home \$5.00 per player is required to pay for the sandwiches or after game nibbles. The sandwiches each week are provided to us by our friends, the Taylor family.

Pennant Availability: there is a separate folder that provides for notification to the selectors of player’s availability or unavailability for pennant games in the future. Please ensure you enter your name for the correct pennant game you are not available for.

If it is possible players should meet at the Club rooms before travelling to Away games to minimize car parking problems at away venues.

Club Championships

We play two tournaments during the year where we expect all players to participate:

Jack Gerard Club Fours (played on Opening Day usually September each year) and **Les Luke Club triples** (played on Australia Day).

We hold other club tournament events:

Men’s Club Championship Singles (open to all players except opposite gender players)

Men’s Club Championship Pairs (open to all players except opposite gender players)

Ladies Club Championship Singles (open to all players except opposite gender players)

Ladies Club Championship Pairs (open to all players except opposite gender players)

B grade Singles Championship (open to all players playing more than three games in the last pennant season below Major league Division)

Handicap Singles (open to all players)

2 Bowls Singles (open to all players)

Drawn Pairs (open to all players)

Cost of entry to all club championship games is normally \$20 for the Club fours and Club Triples and \$5 for each of the individual (and pairs) tournaments.

The first two rounds of the Club Championship Singles and Pairs are normally played on a Sunday prior to Christmas. The other club singles events are played any day or under lights as arranged between the two opponents. The first named player on the Tournament sheet is responsible to organize the game with the opponent.

The Tournament Director must be kept apprised of games that are being arranged after the nominated date to be played by. The Tournament Director has the capacity to declare a game as being forfeited or no result and one or both players will have deemed to not comply with the tournament rules by playing the game within the timeframe provided.

Helping Around the Club

Please look out for opportunities to do small but important jobs around the club such as putting out and taking in the flags, unpacking and repacking the umbrellas on hot and wet days, distribute and bring in the chairs around the greens to assist some of our older members comfort during pennants put out the water container, the mats and jacks and the umpiring equipment. A little help from everyone is all that is needed to make things easier for all and things to work smoothly.

On Pennant days check to see if your rink is the duty rink and if it is please ensure all of the above has been done before the game and bring everything back in at the completion of the game.

Etiquette

The sport of lawn bowls has always been seen as a game for Gentlemen. It has a long tradition and our club is a leader in the game both on and off the green. Bowls is supposed to be played in the spirit of co-operation at all times and fortunately it is rare that this does not happen. Treat other bowlers and members as you feel you should be treated.

INFORMATION

The Club produces regular newsletter that are emailed to all members. Any other questions should be referred to Club Manager, Phil Smyth or any member of the Board.

Happy Bowling and Welcome to the Adelaide Bowling Club.