

Welcome to

HASLEMERE BOWLING CLUB

*This booklet introduces you to all that the Club offers.
We hope that you will spare a minute to read it and
that you will then decide to join us as a new Member.*



The team who won
The prestigious Holbrook
Cup in 2017

PLAYBOWLS4FUN



Everyone will be welcome at yearly open days

WHO'S WHO IN OUR CLUB 2020

President	Judy Rix	642612
Vice-President		
Captain	Gary Clark	643025
Vice-Captain	Michael Metcalfe	654056
Hon. Secretary	Saandra Clark	643025
Hon. Treasurer	Dick Carn	653557
Membership Sec	Peter Wallace	602938
Match Secretary	Errol Poultney	606438
Competitions Sec	Brian Archbold	648940
Committee	John Mockridge	653447
	John Phillips	482370
Three Counties Rep.	Gary Clark	643025

All telephone numbers are 01428 unless otherwise shown

Our website is: www.haslemere-bowling.org.uk

Here you can download a list of our fixtures, an application form to join the Club and lots of other useful information.

Our green is located at -

Haslemere Recreation Ground, Old Haslemere Road, Haslemere, GU27 2NN

Sir Francis Drake 'set the ball rolling' in 1588



Club History

In 1660, Thomas Mayne, a butcher by trade, laid out and levelled a bowling green at the top of Shepherd's Hill in Haslemere.

Our present Club was founded 250 years later in 1911 and has been located on the Recreation Ground since 1921. In 1994 we built our new pavilion.



Judy Rix
Club President

About Us

The Club celebrated its Centenary in 2011. We are delighted to welcome new members, whether beginners or experienced players. We play to a good standard. In 2017 we were successful in winning both the Holbrook Cup and the Three Counties Presidents Cup.

We play matches from the end of April until the end of September. There is a club roll-up every Thursday afternoon starting at 2.30 and players may stay on for an informal social.

We like to keep our membership numbers around 40 to 50. You can join as a full playing member or as a Social Member. For the first year there is a reduced subscription.

We do not at present have a Junior Section but welcome players from teenage upwards. We are always on the look-out for new members and each year we have a special open day when anyone can come and have a go.

Social Event

We like to organise a number of social events for you to join in, and we have a well-stocked bar. The Club has a reputation for laying on very good teas for our home matches with other clubs.

Our website and the Application form

Full details about how to join the Club can be found on our Application Form. This can be downloaded from the website or found in the our Clubhouse.

Our website is full of useful and interesting information. The website is particularly useful once you are a member as it provides maps and directions for all the Clubs that we play against. Some of these are hidden down small side-roads and you really do need help to find them.

Club Etiquette

Unsurprisingly, the Club exists to play bowls well. There is a certain etiquette about playing bowls, and the main thing is to be friendly and courteous to other players. We always shake hands with opponents whether we win or lose. A few other do's and don'ts are listed on the final page of this booklet. Some Clubs have a list twice as long which sounds quite daunting! We don't.

Dress Code

It does not cost a lot to play bowls. Your biggest outlay may be for clothes and a set of bowls. In Haslemere Bowling Club we like to look smart when we play, but not overly so.

Some bowling terms

Shot bowl. The bowl closest to the jack.

'We're holding shot'. 'Our team currently holds the shot bowl.'

Wick. When a bowl bounces off another.

Draw shot. A shot aimed at a particular place in the head.

Drive. A bowl delivered with force to disturb the head.

Promoting a bowl. Pushing one of your team's bowls to a better position.

Touchers. Bowls that touch the Jack. They remain live even in the Ditch.

Jack high. Level with the jack.

Our fixture card

Once you have joined the Club you will be given a Fixture Card for matches with other clubs. This information can also be found on our website. The fixture card lists all our matches and club events and gives you useful telephone numbers.

We play about 40 so-called 'Friendly' matches against other local clubs. Taking part in these is one of the best ways to make friends with other members and to gain experience.



At our Club events we start off by bowling towards a spider in the centre of the green. The winner is presented with a bottle of wine.

For matches and competitions we wear either grey tailored trousers, shorts or skirts, together with a white and blue Club shirt with your name embroidered on it. The shirts can be ordered direct, or you can purchase one via a committee member. When on occasions Whites are specified for a particular match, our trousers and skirts are white. You must always wear flat- soled shoes on the green.

Our Thursday roll-up and social is less formal. You should still wear grey but a club shirt is not necessary.

We do not often play when it is raining heavily, but League matches do tend to keep going. Wet weather gear is available from bowls shops and internet sites. Don't forget a cap or hat to protect your head.

In the Clubhouse there is a large notice board. This is where you can sign up for matches and events which interest you. Here you will see half a dozen blue clipboards. These contain sheets a month ahead for all our inter-club matches, some 40 in all. These are open to all members.

The Captain selects the teams ensuring everyone has a fair opportunity to play in these home or away matches during the clubs season.

Please note that even if your name is first on the list, it does not guarantee you a place, but there is a good chance that it will do so. Please sign up for a dozen or more friendlies during the season. Have a word with the Captain if you are unsure.

Club Competitions

On a board in the pavilion you will also find information about Club competitions which start in May and go on until August. The closing date for entries is shortly after the years enrollment day. You may find yourself drawn against a previous Club champion and will get knocked out in the first round! But in the handicap you may well start with a handicap of 10, so you are already half way to the finish score of 21. You will have been given an entry form – so give it a go if you join the Club in April or May.

Three Counties League

On the far right of the notice-board you will find information on two teams which we enter in the Three Counties League. These teams play 14 matches on Tuesday evenings against strong competition. Only our best players are invited on to the Club teams. In 2017 our teams in the third and fourth divisions were both promoted.



Club Annual Barbecue

Getting to know you

We want you to make friends and feel welcome in the Club. Immediately inside the Club entrance is a list of all current members with addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses. There should be a spare copy for you to take away. If you have given us an email address, this list will be emailed to you to print out. We are a friendly club so other members will welcome your call.

When can you play?

Members can play on weekdays from noon until dusk. On Saturdays and Sundays you can play from sunrise to sunset providing that the greens are not all occupied by a inter club match. Or club competition.

You can come alone for practice or you can play another member. It's up to you. If you are first to arrive at the Club you will need to use your key to open the pavilion and the equipment shed. You should always use a mat on the green even for a roll-up on your own.

There are instructions in the pavilion and the equipment shed telling you which way to play, along or across the green. Please try to get this right.

Club events for all

There are several events at the Club each season which are open to all members. First is Green Opening Day at the end of April. Second is 'Memorial Charity Day', typically at the end of June.

In July there is what we call a Spoon Drive followed by hot BBQ food in the pavilion.

To end the season there is a Captain vs President match for members on the day that the green closes in September which is followed by a fish and chip supper.

These events are all fun because you will play in different positions including Skip. It is not mandatory to join in, but most members like to take part.

Other playing opportunities

Haslemere Bowling Club is affiliated to Surrey Bowls Association, Bowls England, and the Three Counties Bowls Fellowship, Surrey County Bowls Association and Bowls England.

This is the upwards route to good quality bowls. Our men's Club Champion is automatically entered into the Surrey Bowls competitions in November each year. If he wins, he will become 'Badged'.

Each year there are competitions of a high standard and you do not need to be Badged to enter. The Club Captain can assist you in entering. Lady members can participate in the Surrey Women's County Bowls Association.

In similar vein, **Bowls England** also organises matches which are open to all good players. However, these are extremely competitive and are only for the talented who might be chosen to play for England.

The Three Counties League is well known to most members. Playing is by invitation of the Club's Selection Committee. There is a programme of League competitions which any club team may enter. Information is on the pavilion notice board.

Winter activities

What do you do during the winter? Some members only thrive on fresh air and sunshine and do not play during the winter. But here are some ideas as to where you can play and keep fit.

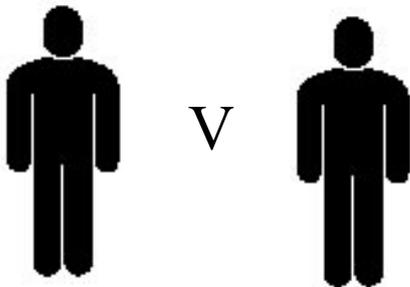
Haslemere U3A runs a weekly short -mat bowls session at the Edge Leisure Centre. Brian Archbold leads this group and he can give you more information (01428 648940).

Chawton Park Indoor Bowls Club in Alton play bowls all year round. So too does the **Wey Valley Indoor Bowls Club** in Guildford. Both play to a good level. See their websites for more information.

A winter club popular with Haslemere bowlers is the **Midhurst Indoor Bowling Club**. MIDC plays at the Grange Leisure Centre in Midhurst. MIDC organises matches against other bowling clubs.

How matches are played and who does what

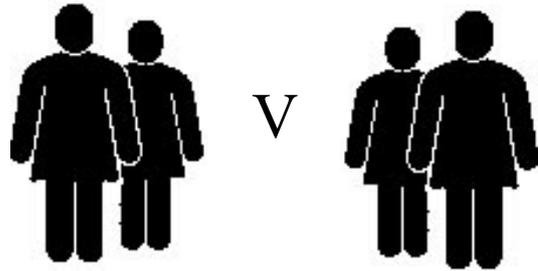
SINGLES



**FIRST PLAYER TO
REACH 21 SHOTS
WINS MATCH**

*A Marker
is needed to keep the score
and places the 'jack'*

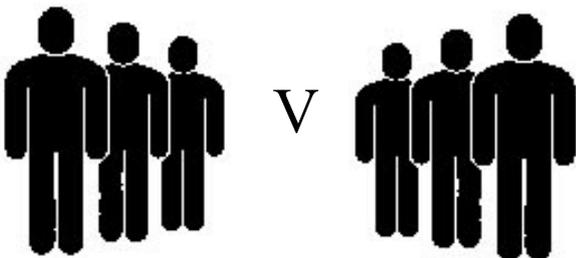
PAIRS



**HIGHEST SCORE AFTER
21 ENDS
WINS MATCH**

*Lead
Places mat & Delivers 'jack'
Measures if necessary
Confirms score for the end
Skip keeps score and
places the 'jack'*

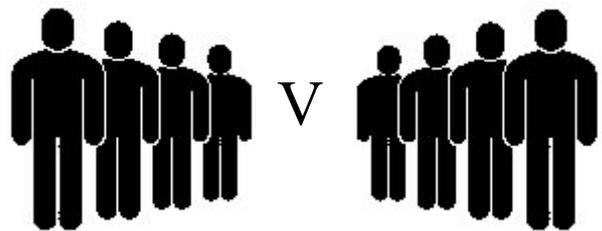
TRIPLES



**HIGHEST SCORE
AFTER 18 ENDS
WINS MATCH**

*Lead
Places mat & Delivers 'jack'
Number Two
Measures if necessary
Confirms score for the end
Skip
Places 'jack' & Keeps score*

RINKS (or Fours)



**HIGHEST SCORE
AFTER 21 ENDS
WINS MATCH**

*Lead
Places mat
Delivers
"Jack"
Two if in
Home team*

*Assists Skip
Measures if
needed Confirms
scores
Skip Control
game*

Social events

As well as the Thursday roll-ups and Special Events, the Club holds a Christmas party in December and a winter social in February. This year it was a Valentines Day Party. Please come to these and join in.

Privacy Policy

The Club has a strict Privacy Policy and when you apply to join or re-join the Club you are asked to sign-up to receive communications from us. Normally these are by mail or email.

The policy allows you to opt out of having your name listed in the Clubhouse and only to be sent communications by blind copy.

Communications

Please note that the **Club expects all members to stay in touch.**

First, please visit the Pavilion regularly and look at the notice- board.

Second, look at your emails daily as this is the primary way of keeping contact with members.

Third, make use of the website. Just Google 'Haslemere Bowling'. It has a news page and is very useful if you need directions when planning a visit to another club for a match.

FINALLY

Bowling etiquette

Bowling etiquette just means being considerate to other players but here are a few very important points.

1. **Do not talk** when another player is about to bowl.
2. Always **stand behind the mat** when waiting to bowl.
3. **Do not move about** when a player is bowling towards you.
4. **Do not rush up to the head** whilst the last bowl is still moving.
5. Always **stand behind the head** when you are at the head end.
6. In sunshine, be careful that **your shadow is not near the jack.**
7. When playing lead, '**roll-up and shut-up**' is good advice which you will soon get used to and appreciate.
8. In triples, remember that the skip determines his first shot.
If the head is displaced, he may then seek the help of the number 2 to decide his next shot. The skip is entitled to visit the head to look for himself before bowling.
9. **Do not argue** with the skip. Try to make the shots which he/she asks for.
10. If you are playing lead and you lose an end, remember that it is your job to **round up the bowls with a pusher.**