



ALLOWAY BOWLING CLUB

Part of CAMBUSDOON SPORTS CLUB

Season 2024

New Members Information

Welcome to what I am sure will be the start of an exciting adventure. At Alloway we pride ourselves in being a friendly, inclusive and fun club. With the opportunity to meet a host of new friends whilst enjoying the game of Lawn Bowls.

We are the recipient of BOWLS SCOTLAND-SILVER AWARD. The only one in Ayrshire and one of a handful in Scotland. This demonstrates our commitment to an open, inclusive, integrated, community approach.

Equipment

If you are new to the sport, we have a range of equipment which you are welcome to use. We can advise which is a suitable bowl for you. We ask that you wear appropriate footwear on the green at all times. That is a flat soled shoe with no ridges.

We have no specific dress code but ask that you are appropriately dressed.

Club apparel is available for purchase and may be used when inter club matches take place.

Coaching

We have a range of options. Tuesday afternoons 2-4pm are set aside for group coaching, but we can arrange for individual tuition. These are totally free and should take you to a level where you are capable of joining our sweeps and competitions.

Competitions

We are a club that has no segregation between men, women, experienced bowlers and beginners. Everyone is welcome to join our competitions. We consider ourselves unique in this way.

A full Annual Programme and competition entries are displayed on the Notice Boards. You are welcome to join any or all of these competitions.

Additional to those we have weekly sweeps, as follows.

Monday Evening 6.30pm early and late season, 7.00pm rest of season.
Wednesday Evening 6.30pm early and late season, 7.00pm rest of season.
Thursday Afternoon 2.00pm until 4.00pm.
Friday Evening 6.30 pm early and late season, 7.00 pm rest of season.
Sunday Afternoon 3.00pm until 5.30pm (with break for coffee and socialising)

These sweeps are organised, in a fully inclusive way, with an open draw for teams and opponents.

You will need a scorer for single competitions, a list is available on the notice board of people who are willing to carry out these duties.

Please enter the date, time and details of any competition tie on the sheet on the front door of the Locker room, so that your slot is reserved.

There are opportunities to participate in National Competitions if you wish. Where formal attire must be worn.

We have other events in the year including charity days and cup competitions which we ask you to support.

Modes of Communication

We like to keep our members up to date, this is done by notices on the board but also by email and WhatsApp. It would be appreciated if you could let the Club Secretary know your details.

Access to club

There are access codes for the locker room and equipment shed. Please ask for the details and do not share with anyone. Keys for outer doors are hung near the desk. Please ensure all equipment used is clean and stored neatly. Please ensure the Locker room door is locked when leaving by checking after closing the door.

Booking of Rink

You are welcome to use the green at any time after 11am. You should book preferably in advance on the sheet which is pinned to the front door of the locker room. Although you can come along at any time should rinks be free. You should then check the RINK BOOK and play on the next rink shown. Normally from 11.00am to 4.00pm you play EAST-WEST, 4.00pm onwards NORTH-SOUTH.

Social Events

There is an opportunity to meet your fellow bowlers and tell tales of your bowling prowess at our social events. A list will be displayed on the club notice board.

We have a fund-raising event in March, which we ask you to support by selling tickets and donating raffle prizes.

Committee

Your committee members for 2024 are.

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SOCIAL CONVENER	Vida Cotton	EMAIL bernardandvida@gmail.com	TEL 01292441283

There are other members who give their time to make us the successful club we are.

Use of Cambusdoon Clubhouse

As a member you can use the clubhouse and its facilities at any time. Guests must be accompanied by a member.

Annual General Meeting

This is normally held in early February. You are asked to attend to show your appreciation and support for the club.

Friends and Family

You are welcome to let your friends and family try bowls, but we ask that they have appropriate footwear and meet the appropriate etiquette standards. They are allowed to visit no more than 3 times after which they would be expected to join the club. A nominal charge of £2 is requested if not part of formal training sessions. You should speak to the club President to arrange.

We do have Try Bowls days early in the season at which all are welcome.

Etiquette

Common courtesy, good manners, and sportsmanship must abound.

Never applaud a poor or unlucky shot from the opposition. On fun days a certain amount of leniency is allowed.

Players always shake hands before and after a game.

Say or do nothing that will upset others around you.

When there is another person on the mat and you are next, stand quietly and well behind the player. If at the jack end and it is the oppositions turn, stand behind the jack and not in line.

The person whose turn it is to bowl has the 'honour on the mat', this honour transfers to the next player IMMEDIATELY the previous bowl has come to rest. Then the person on the mat has the right to address his team members, for instructions and /or information about the state of play. Only if you have control of the mat can you request information.

Rules of the Game

The basic rules are not complicated. We are trying to arrange a short course on the rules and etiquette. Basic rules are given at the coaching sessions.

Parking

There are parking spaces available at the sports club which is shared with the football and cricket sections. This is limited at busy times and we ask that you use the alternative parking is on Monument Road – access to the club is then gained by crossing over the style.

Disabled parking spaces are available at the front of the building.

Bowls Scotland

We are affiliated to Bowls Scotland which gives us wider access to bowling events, training and competitions out with our own club.

Club Policies and Procedures

Published on the Cambusdoon Sports Club Website under the playing section of Alloway Bowling Club you will find reference to our Policies, Procedures and our commitment under the Silver and Bronze awards. You should familiarise yourself with these to fully understand the requirements of the club. As a member you have to adhere these requirements.