

PLAY BOWLS

New to Bowling

If you want to have a go at bowls then we supply you with all the equipment you need and have registered coaches to help you learn the game. All you will need to do is to wear flat soled shoes or trainers with no heels.

Every year, in April we advertise an ***'Introductory Coaching Session'*** for the second weekend in May. The banner will be put on the railings opposite Waitrose. This is a great way to meet other people new to bowling. However if you are unable to make that date you are very welcome to get in contact with us at anytime (*please see our contact details on the home page*) and we will arrange for you to have an introductory coaching session as soon as we can.

If you enjoy the experience and would like to continue we will ask you to take out a Trial Membership. The Trial Membership will cost you £20 and gives you access to our three qualified coaches who have an organised programme of four sessions for your coaching. If you then decide to become a 'Full Playing Member' your £20 is deducted from the first year reduced membership subscription of £50. Your annual subscription also includes an (Associate Membership) for your wife or partner.

Once you become a 'Full Playing Member' this will enable you to access the green to practise your newly learnt skills. We will also encourage you to attend our Monday Club Nights to join in the bowling and socialise with the club members. When you feel ready the next step would be to join us in our friendly weekend and mid-week games against the other local bowls clubs. This is a great way to socialise and meet new people.

The outdoor season runs from the end of April to the middle of September. However over the close season we also hold social functions in the Clubhouse.

A 'Buddy' System for all New Members

This scheme is in place to assist all new members in their first season of bowling. The aim is to give you a smooth transition into the world of 'West Byfleet Bowls Club'.

Your assigned 'Buddy' will be your initial member to contact if you have any problems.

They will help you through your first season by:

- 1) Creating a welcoming environment.
- 2) Introducing you to other members and the club officers.
- 3) Explaining club procedures and where to find the relevant information.
- 4) Ensuring your safety on the green.
- 5) Explaining the protocol and bowling etiquette of being a club member.