

Glasshouse Country

Bowls Club



INFORMATION
for
NEW MEMBERS

GLASSHOUSE COUNTRY BOWLS CLUB

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ABOUT THE CLUB

The Club and Membership

The Club was founded in 1959 and has been operating continuously for over 60 years. As at February 2019, we have 31 lady and 68 men bowling members (Including 3 Junior girls and 3 Junior boy members). Our club has a strong desire to bring as many junior bowlers through as we can.

Operating Hours and Parking

The Club, now known as Club Glass House Inc., is open from 10.00am every day until 7.00pm or later most nights. Dinner is 6pm to 8pm Wednesday to Saturday and lunch is available 12pm to 2pm Wednesday to Sunday. A courtesy bus is available Wednesday to Saturday from 5pm. Ample parking is provided both at the front and rear of the Club House. Please ensure that you do not park in the space near the front entry gate, it is reserved for staff members. Bowlers are encouraged to park at the rear of the Club, particularly if you are going away to another club to play. Courtesy bus from 5pm Weds to Saturday and 11am to 4pm Sunday.

The Green

The grass on our green is "tift dwarf", the premium lawn turf for bowling surfaces in Queensland. The green is approximately 37.5 metres square and can accommodate eight (8) rinks. The green is mowed and rolled on most bowling days and is treated regularly for pests and disease. The green is "taken out" in early December each year for its annual maintenance and renovation. It can be out of play for up to six (6) weeks.

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

The Bowls Club Section operates under a set of "Constitution and Rules" and also "By-laws" which set the rules and operational arrangements for the running of the Club and the playing of bowls. You should make yourself aware of these rules and by-laws. Copies are available on request.

Management Committee

The Club bowling year operates on the calendar year and the Management Committee is elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) which is held by the second Saturday of September. All "ordinary" and "life" members of the Bowls Club are eligible to apply for positions on this Committee, on an annual basis. Nominations for these positions are called in the month prior to the AGM and members are encouraged to become involved in the running of their Club.

There are also numerous other jobs and positions in which members may wish to become involved or qualified.

These include:-

- Competition Games Committees
- Representative Games Committees and Selectors
- Social Games Committees and Selectors
- Umpiring or Coaching

New members are encouraged to help out around the Club. It is a great way for you to meet all the members and to get to know individual bowlers' skills and abilities.

Annual Fees

Annual subscriptions are due and payable after the AGM and are to be paid by 31 December. Please ensure that you pay your annual subscription promptly. **You must be a financial member** to legally play bowls and to enter Club competitions. If you wish to terminate your membership at any time, you must tender your resignation in writing, or you will still incur your annual subscription fee for the following year.

SOCIAL, COMPETITION & REPRESENTATIVE EVENTS

Social Bowls

Games of social bowls are played during the week. Many of the games are "self selected" teams which means you need to arrange your own partner/s or pick them up from the "spares" list at the bottom of the "booking-in sheets".

Please ensure that you register to play at least 2 hours before the event – don't just turn up expecting to play.

You must not enter your name in the top section of the booking-in sheet unless you have a complete team.

You are welcome to enter your name as a "spare" and in most cases you will get a game. You will be phoned when you are picked up for a game. If you pick up players from the "spares" list, make sure you:-

- (a) Phone them to let them know they have a game,
- (b) Enter their name/s and yours in the top section and
- (c) Cross their name/s off the "spares" list.

Please ensure that you arrive at least 15 minutes before the start of play, to pay your green fees, so that the Game Controllers have time to prepare the cards, balance the books and prepare for their own game.

If for some reason you are unable to play, please ensure that you provide the Club adequate notice, so that alternative arrangements can be made. If you can't play, and are dropping out of a team which has been booked-in, it is **your** responsibility to find a replacement player.

Competitions and Championships

Club Championships and Club Certified Competitions are run within the Club each year. The Club Competition calendar is drawn up at the end of the year and events are advertised on the Notice Board at the Bowls Office.

Nominations are called about 4 weeks before the start of each event. Nominations are to be lodged on the appropriate form and submitted to the Games Director.

A set of Competition Rules is available on request.

You must be prepared to play in these events on or before the dates the matches are called. A "play", "substitute" or "forfeit" rule generally applies. Details are provided under the Club Competition Rules.

Representative Games

The Club enters individual players and teams in representative games and events at District and State levels.

These events include:-

Moreton Bay District Pennant Competitions,

Moreton Bay District Championships,

Q 7's League.

GR 8's

OTHER BOWLING EVENTS

There are also a number of other bowling events on the calendar designed to promote the sport and provide additional outside income for the Club. These include:-

Visits In

We have a number of regular monthly events, and also some special events during the year, where other clubs enter teams to play at our Club.

We also visit other clubs to return the courtesy. Please feel welcome to participate in these types of events.

Business Bowls

Business Bowls is run for a period of eight (8) Wednesday nights in February/March (Summer Series), and September/October (Spring Series) each year. This provides local businesses and groups the opportunity to socialize while competing in a business bowling tournament.

Private Function Bowls

Groups and businesses are afforded the opportunity to run barefoot bowls days or evenings for their staff or members.

Barefoot Bowls

There is provision to run barefoot bowls and promotional days to encourage new membership.

The above bowling events require some assistance from Club members to help participants get started and to ensure our green is treated in the right manner. You may wish to help us out in running some of these events. Please watch the Notice Board for further information on up and coming events.

PLAY & PRACTICE DAYS

Play Days

Wednesday (*Ladies Day but men are welcome*)

9.00am Pairs or Triples Club selected

Thursday 1.00pm Open Pairs Self selected

Monday 10.30am Open Triples once a month April -September

When we can Saturday morning social is played open to all visitors, social and full members.

“Open Pairs” may be 2 men or 2 women or 1 man and 1 woman.

Other ‘Play’ days can be scheduled, depending upon demand.

Club uniform or whites/creams are the ‘*preferred dress*’ to be worn on Ladies Day, Club competitions and special days.

On other days for social play, “mufti dress” may be worn, which must be neat casual. The dress code is usually noted down on the day’s booking-in sheet.

Practice Days

Practice allowed only after 10am. Register with Reception in main Club on arrival and departure.

Please note, practice is not permitted on the green if a scheduled Club game, Championship or Competition event is being played. (*This applies to any game, whether it is in uniform or “mufti” dress.*) Sunday coaching / roll up runs from 10.30am to 12pm most Sunday permitting no club competition or bad weather. All welcome.

Sometimes the green may be taken out of play for spraying, maintenance etc and be closed for a day or period of time. The Green-keeper provides this information.

It is a member's responsibility to check the Notice Board for information and to list themselves for games.

ETIQUETTE IN BOWLS

Always arrive at bowls on time and correctly attired.

Pay attention when announcements are being made, particularly before the game when the cards are being called, so you know which rink you are playing on.

Get to know the "Laws of the Sport of Bowls" issued by Bowls Australia. This rule booklet can be ordered through the Bowls Secretary. Cost TBA.

Be supportive of your team members and offer them encouragement where necessary.

If a player is on the mat there should be no movement at or behind the head.

A player has possession of the mat until such time their bowl comes to rest. Don't head off up the green and obscure vision of their bowl in its running.

At the end of the game, it is the "lead's" responsibility to return the mats and jack to the storage area. It is the "skip's" job to zero the scoreboard and erase the names.

Remain in the Club House after the game, at least until such time as trophies are presented.

Always be polite to opponents and make visitors feel welcome to your Club. A good impression is a lasting one.

IN CLOSING

Welcome to Glasshouse Country Bowls Club.

We hope you enjoy our Club and bowling with us.

If you require any further help or information, do not hesitate to approach members of the Management Committee or other appointed officers of the Club for advice or assistance.

Dennis Hume
Secretary
31st January, 2019.