

# **SPIXWORTH BOWLS CLUB**

## **Introduction for New Members**

Now that you have become a member of Spixworth Bowls Club, there are a few things that you may need to know:

### **1. How to access the pavilion**

All members are able to obtain a key from our Treasurer which they can keep as long as required. A returnable deposit of £5 is required.

### **2. How to put your name down to play in afternoon and evening matches:**

Forms for Evening League matches are given out at 'Paying-in day' which usually takes place early March, and these show every game during the season. If you wish to play, you put your name on the sheet, put a cross in the square for any date you are not available to play and indicate the frequency you would like to play and return the sheet to John White. Once all forms are collated you will receive details of the dates throughout the season on which you have been selected to play. If circumstances change after this, please inform the relevant team captain as soon as possible so a replacement can be found.

Yare League Captain: Peter Heyes

NBA League Captain: Ron Butler

Business House Captain: Steve Blanch

Afternoon League Captain: George Atkinson

For both afternoon and evening matches, once teams are arranged a card will be displayed in the clubhouse. This will inform you who is in each playing block (although subject to change), and also gives a departure time for away matches; this time is for meeting at the Village Hall car park. If you are intending to travel directly to an away fixture, please inform the league captain to ensure they are not waiting for someone who is not going to turn up. Anyone whose name is on the list is expected to attend.

### **3. Weekend Competitions**

A Drive plus a fish and chip supper  
Curtis Cup  
Tom Turner Trophy  
Fun Bowls and BBQ  
Midsummer event including a hot meal  
Lee Trophy

These are open competitions on either a Saturday or Sunday on specific dates across the season,

which will be shown on the fixtures card you will receive on 'Paying-in day'.

Notices for these events will be shown on the large notice board in the clubhouse, so do keep an eye out for these. Full details will be included, if the form asks for a block of 3 players don't be put off as others may be looking for another member so just put your name down in an empty box. There are also chances for a reserve being needed and it will help the organiser if they know you are interested in playing. Sometimes a plate of food to share with others is required, so any food suitable for a finger buffet will be most appreciated. On others, food will be provided and needing to be paid for (eg fish & chips) so you will be asked to put your name down if you wish to partake.

#### **4. Roy Allen Pairs**

This competition takes place on Wednesday evenings (consecutive where possible) during August or late July. It is run on a round robin basis, so everyone plays all other pairs. Each evening there are two or three sessions of play concluding with sandwiches. One player of each pair should be available for all evenings if you wish to take part. An entry form will be posted in the clubhouse about a month before, and you need to enter as a named pair. One of the original pair must play in each game. It is the pair's responsibility to find a replacement if one is needed.

#### **5. Raffle Prizes**

For all afternoon home matches and weekend competitions, any raffle prizes you can spare would be most appreciated.

#### **6. Social calendar**

The fun of belonging to our club doesn't stop when the bowls season ends. During the winter months we meet fortnightly on Friday afternoons. A list of winter activities will be provided at the AGM in October, and details are available under 'News' on the website

<https://spixworthbowlsclub.co.uk/index.php/2022/10/30/closed-season-activities>

#### **/ 7. Levels of Membership**

- a) Full membership @ £60. All league and club activities
- b) Associate membership £20. All club activities apart from afternoon or evening league play. Activities include use of the green at all times; club competitions; weekend events and the Roy Allen Pairs competition.
- c) Junior membership for under 18s £20. As Full membership.

#### **8. Lottery**

The Club runs an optional lottery, half the proceeds of which goes to club funds and half for prizes. It costs £20 for the year and is drawn every month.