

WELCOME TO CHEAM FIELDS CLUB BOWLS SECTION



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MEMBERS HANDBOOK SEASON 2024

This handbook has been created to enable you to settle into Cheam Fields Club Bowls Section quickly and make your time at Cheam Fields an enjoyable one. Included are some useful facts to help you along your way.

The Bowls section is part of a wider Club, which includes Tennis, Social and Bridge. The grounds and facilities are for the use of all Club members.

If there is anything you think that would be useful that hasn't already been included, please do not hesitate to inform the Bowls Committee so that it can be incorporated at the next revision.

HAPPY BOWLING!

Dress Code

There are basically four dress options that cover most games:

WHITES:

Club shirts and white trousers/shorts/skirts are to be worn.

Whites are to be worn for the East Surrey Leagues, Cristal League and Ladies friendly matches and on Club Finals Weekend.

GREYS:

Club shirts and grey trousers/shorts/skirts are to be worn.

Greys are to be worn for the Ton's League, New Surrey League, Racal Decca Mixed League, Smith Trophy, Men's Friendlies, some ESL games and Club Spoons and any Club Tournaments. Also the early rounds of both county, national and district competitions, as per their rules.

CASUAL WEAR:

Smart bowls casual wear of any colour. T-shirts with a collar are permitted but no singlets or jeans please.

Casual wear can be worn for Club roll-ups, ballots, internal competitions and any casual play.

THURSDAY EVENINGS

Smart, casual wear. Soft-soled shoes or trainers.

Note:

Always remember that you should only ever wear the correct bowls footwear when playing or walking on the green.

If in doubt about the correct clothing to wear either check the Club's Bowls Fixture List or the Match Day Sheets.

Club Fixtures

Ladies currently play in the Cristal league (various weekday afternoons),

Smith Trophy (Monday/Tuesday evenings) and the East Surrey League (Saturday afternoons).

Men currently play in the Ton's league (Monday afternoons), the New Surrey League (Wednesday afternoons), the midweek ESL Triples and the East Surrey League (Saturday afternoons).

Ladies and Men play together in the Racal Decca Mixed League. RDML games have no set day of the week. Always check the Match Sheets on the notice board

Information regarding the various leagues can be found on the notice boards.

Inter Club Friendlies

The club plays some inter club friendlies throughout the season which can be either single gender or mixed.

These games are either shown on the Fixtures List or will be advised by email or put on the bowls notice board in the clubhouse.

Understanding the codes shown in the Bowls Fixture List

H – Home	2R – 2 Rinks (2 teams of 4 players)
A – Away	2TR – 2 Triples (2 teams of 3 players)
W – Whites	3TR – 3 Triples (3 teams of 3 players)
G – Greys	4R – 4 Rinks (4 teams of 4 players)

Match Sheets

Match Sheets seeking players for our matches will be put on the notice board about four/six weeks prior to a match.

Match Day Selection Sheets

These are usually put onto the respective board as soon as possible (2-5 days prior to the game) If your name is on the sheet please either tick your name as playing or if you're unavailable please let the respective Captain or Selector know asap, to allow a substitute to be selected

Selection Notes

As the Club now plays in several Leagues, there should be sufficient opportunities for all club members to get involved playing competitive bowls.

All club members are encouraged to put themselves forward to play in any match that is appropriate to them. You may not always be selected either as a player or a substitute but the captains and/or match selectors will endeavor to be fair to all involved with their selections. If you wish to discuss team selections, please have a chat with the respective captain or selector.

Notes.

A: The RACAL DECCA MIXED LEAGUE, offers an ideal opportunity for novices and new bowlers to try their hand at competitive Bowls

B: Please see the 2024 Bowls Fixture List for the listing of ladies and men's fixtures.

Roll Ups/Ballots

These are currently played on Tuesday and Friday afternoons with a start time of 2:30pm. Games are played over 18 ends with a tea break half-way through the match.

Please arrive by 2:15pm and give your name to Stu Nicol (Tuesdays) or John Hewitt (Fridays).

Thursday Evening Sessions

Turn up when you can and join in with some fun, shorter, mix-in bowling activities. Sessions will start at 6pm and will predominantly be for new bowlers, although those with more experience are welcome to join in. Dates to be advised.

Club Championships

The club has a whole range of Ladies, Men's and Mixed cup knockout championship competitions. These are arranged by Irene Valentine and Bill Heyes who are the respective Ladies and Men's Tournament Secretaries.

They will be sending out the competition forms at the beginning of the season.

A small fee applies for each competition entered.

Short Mat Bowls (Social Club Lead)

The club offers short mat bowls during the winter played in the clubhouse on Monday evenings. This is open to all members for an additional small fee. For more information or to register for this competition please contact Chris Healey.

Match Fees

There are additional competition fees applicable for many of the above games which will vary dependent upon what, if any food/drink is included.

Bowls Equipment

The club's bowls equipment is stored in the back half of the shed. The code for the padlock is available to all members via your Captain.

All equipment that you use must be put away clean and tidy after play.

Please do not leave any equipment on the green or outside the equipment shed.

Jacks & Score Cards

Match Jacks and Match Score Cards are kept in the cupboard in the clubhouse, along with other items such as jacks, pencils, clipboards.

Cheam Fields Bowls Stickers

Both Captains will have a supply of these for distribution.

Rink Booking

The club uses Clubspark, an online booking system for rinks. Contact Felicity Alexander, Membership Secretary, to register for the system. Before arranging to play a match with your opponent(s) please ensure that you check rink availability on Clubspark. All club matches have been entered into the system. There are also paper rink booking sheets in the Clubhouse in case you are unable to book online.

When booking your rink please be aware of the times when green maintenance is being carried out, (currently Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings) and when **club matches plus representative matches are due to be played as these take priority as do the Tuesday and Friday afternoon Roll-ups.**

Food Booking Diary

Members are able to request sandwiches or tea and biscuits, following games with external opponents. The order should be made by booking the Clubhouse on the online system in advance. It is advisable to also have a word direct with John to ensure he is aware of your order. Payment should be made direct to John.

Club Coaching

The club can assist anybody with some coaching if required. Should you need some help or a few tips, have a chat with either Andrew Granat or Linda Hollands.

Green Maintenance

The club currently carries out its own maintenance of the green and surrounding areas, including the equipment shed. **This is done by club volunteers.** Dates and timings of this work will be advised via email and/or the bowls notice board.

We are always looking for additional club members to help with these activities. Anyone interested in helping please contact either Andrew Granat or Ron Harsum.

Club Facilities

Club House Bar

You will find the bar open throughout the year. It regularly opens on Wednesday and Friday evenings, and on Saturday match days when the East Surrey League games are played.

It is also open for any other club organised social functions that have been arranged.

Bar Staff/Volunteers

All bar staff are volunteers, so please always be polite and patient. The club are always looking for new volunteers to work behind the bar. If you are willing to help please contact the Bar Manager. **The more of us who get Bar trained, the more often the bar can be opened.**

Clubhouse Kitchen

The kitchen is usually open throughout the year on a Wednesday evening from 6:00pm to 9:00pm for cooked meals (except Easter and Christmas). You need to order by the previous Monday, either by filling in your name on the list in the Club house, or by phoning John (our resident chef).

Food is also supplied at other club events. These are usually advised in advance.

John will also supply food and hot drinks by special arrangement (for example after a match). Tea and biscuits are supplied during the Tuesday and Friday afternoon ballots. All food and drinks are competitively priced.

Clubhouse Phone No. 020 8642 1319

Safeguarding

Cheam Fields Club and its various sections is committed to prioritising the well being of all children and adults at risk and has a comprehensive Safeguarding Policy.

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY: NOT RESPONDING TO A SAFEGUARDING CONCERN IS NOT AN OPTION.

The Club's Welfare Officer is Sara Tresadern. Her contact details are 07712 081966 or saratresadern@hotmail.com In her absence please contact Jan Healey 07960 938759 or janmhealey@btinternet.com

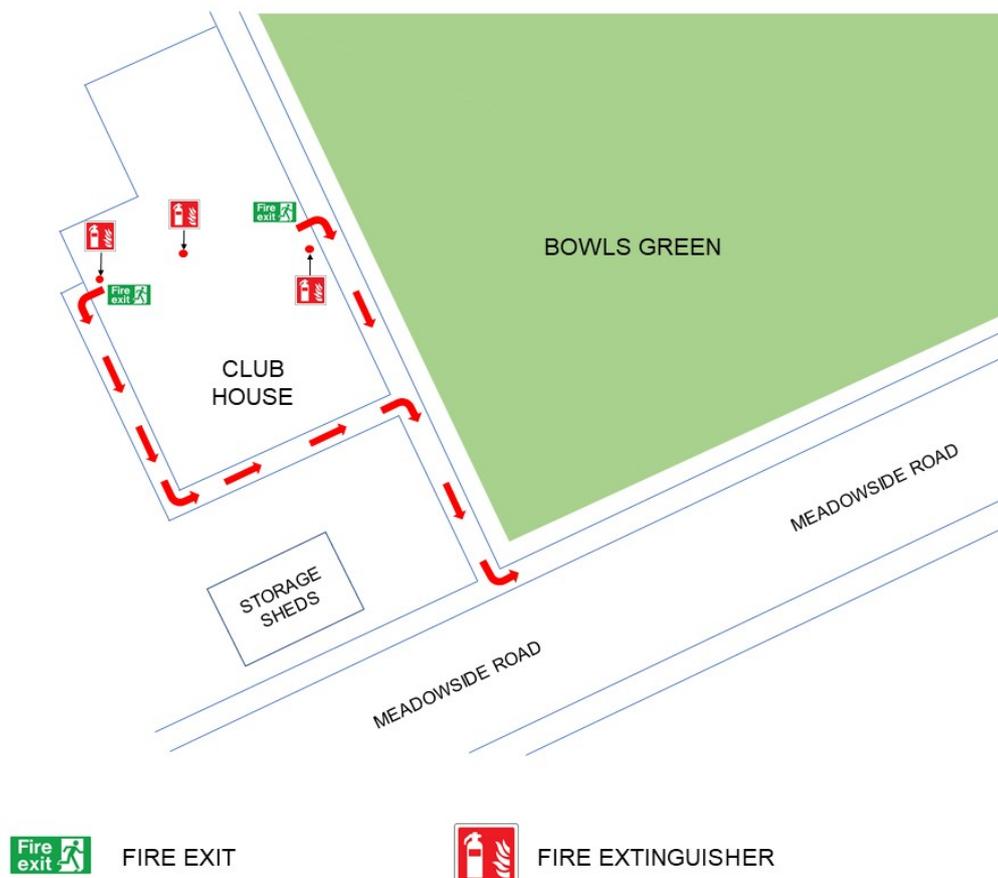
Diversity and Inclusion

Cheam Fields Club and its various sections believe that everyone involved in our Club has a vital role to play in promoting diversity and inclusion. We ask everyone to actively promote safe and inclusive sport and take action against all forms of discrimination.

Health and Safety

In the event of an emergency in the Club House

Cheam Fields Fire Escape Route and Assembly Point Rev:CF1 February 2020



IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY

Raise the alarm.

Leave the building using the nearest fire exit.

Proceed to the designated assembly point in MEADOWSIDE ROAD

DO NOT stop to collect personal belongings.

General Health & Safety Guidelines

As a bowls group, we follow both the main Cheam Fields Club Health & Safety rules as well as the Government rules at all times.

First Aid

In the unfortunate event of a member/visitor experiencing an accident or succumbing to illness on or off the bowls green, you are required to complete the accident/incident book. This, along with a basic first aid kit, is stored in the cupboard directly opposite the main entrance to the clubhouse.

Defibrillator

A defibrillator is located on the outside wall of the club house entrance. As it actually says on the front of the cabinet containing the Defibrillator equipment, anyone can use it, no training is necessary.

The instructions for its use are located on the front of the cabinet.

Electric Fence

Please be aware that when the green is not in use, there is an electric fence protecting it from wild animals. The switch to turn the fence on and off is located at high level to the left hand side of the clubhouse patio doors. If you are the last member(s) to vacate the green please ensure that the fence is turned back on.

Additional Information

Social Events Cheam Fields Club

Cheam Fields Club has a social committee which offers year-round events for all club members. All Bowls members are automatically considered as social members. A non-playing social membership is available, plus a Bridge Club and, of course, a Tennis membership. The Social Committee welcome your suggestions for events.

Social Events Cheam Fields Bowls

The Bowls section usually has a series of events throughout the year. Social gatherings are currently handled by Sandra Greaves.

Bowls Recruitment

The club is ever aware of the need to promote the game of Bowls and gain new members of all ages. Members are asked to support the club whenever possible and encourage those showing an interest in joining the club.

Useful telephone numbers

Sandra Greaves (Ladies Captain)	07531 580982
Jan Healey (Ladies Vice Captain)	07960 938759
Ron Harsum (Men's Captain)	07941 703097
(Mens Vice Captain)	

Useful web sites

Cheam Fields Club: www.cheamfieldsclub.co.uk

Bowls England: www.bowlsengland.com

Bowls Surrey: www.bowlssurrey.co.uk

Fixture Lists

A fully detailed Fixture Card is issued at the beginning of each season.

Club Changing Rooms

The club's men and ladies have separate changing rooms in the main clubhouse. Lockers are available in both changing rooms. There is a small fee for rental of a locker. Apply for a locker by contacting Phil Bailey or Irene Valentine.

Visitors Changing Room

The visitor's changing room is in the front half of the shed.

Green Protection Mats

Members are reminded that there are green protection mats available in the equipment shed. Please use them to protect the green where appropriate.

Notice Boards

There are two sets of notice boards in the clubhouse. Those on the bar side of the club are for use by the Bridge and Tennis sections, plus an area for club social activities and general notices regarding the day to day running of the club. The notice boards on the kitchen side of the club are for the use of the Bowls [section](#) and have such information regarding forthcoming club matches, fixture cards, competition draws and other general information.

Bowls Management Committee

Chair

Jan Healey

Ladies Captain

Sandra Greaves

Ladies Vice Captain

Jan Healey

Men's Captain

Ron Harsum

Men's Vice Captain

Vacant

Hon Secretary (Ladies)

Vacant

Hon Secretary (Men's)

Phil Bailey

Hon Match Secretary (Ladies)

Judy Dennis

Hon Match Secretary (Men's)

Phil Bailey

Hon Tournament Secretary (Ladies)

Irene Valentine

Hon Tournament Secretary (Men's)

Bill Heyes

Committee Members (Ladies)

Marge Mitchell, Clare Brown

Committee Members (Men's)

Paul Taylor, Mike Brennan