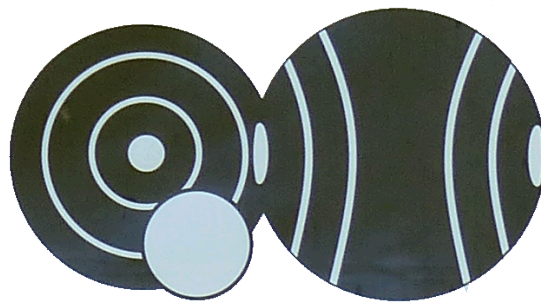


Hallam Grange

Bowling Club

Members' Handbook



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[www.hallamgrangebowlsclub.org.uk]

MEMBERS' HANDBOOK

The Club

Hallam Grange Bowling Club offers a green and associated facilities where members can enjoy bowls as a social event for its own sake, competition at various levels, gentle exercise and opportunities for other kinds of social interaction. Members may join together to form competitive teams to take part in the various leagues which are organized by the Sheffield & District Parks Bowling Association, Sheffield & District Works Sports Association and Sheffield & Hallamshire Crown Green Bowling Association. There is a tradition of a friendly welcome coupled with informal support for new members as well as more formal coaching.

The Organisation

The bowling club [HGBC] is a sub-section of the Hallam Grange Lawn Tennis Club Limited [HGLTC]. The entire organization is a 'not for profit' company managed by a board of directors which has representation on each major section of the club and with each in turn having representation on the main board. Other sections are Bridge, Table Tennis and Tennis. The leadership of the Bowls Section is provided by a committee made up of elected officers and members. Two members of the HGLTC are appointed 'ex officio' but they do not have voting rights. Contact details can be found on the Bowls Section website [www.hallamgrangebowlsclub.org.uk], the HGLTC website and on the HGBC notice boards.

Finance

An annual membership fee is paid to HGLTC. Separate accounts for HGLTC and HGBC are published annually. Funds are held by the HGLTC for the purposes of all sections of the club. This includes the Grounds-man's fees for the maintenance of the green and other fees for the maintenance of the surrounds. The day to day running costs of HGBC are met from members' contributions to the activities which take place in the course of the year.

The Game

The green is normally available for play between late March/early April and November. These limits, which have some flexibility, are set by the Grounds-man, the Green's

Co-ordinator and the Club Captain. There is plenty of scope for social bowling throughout the season and access is only limited by the demands of league matches, inter club friendlies and internal competitions which culminate in two 'Finals Days'. Usually Saturday afternoons are reserved for 'Club Day' social bowling, monthly merits or friendlies. We do not play in any Saturday leagues. **Members are always welcome on 'Club Day' and members are encouraged to sign up for the friendly matches and the internal competitions.**

Etiquette

The game has an etiquette of its own which should govern all play and which is set out in the British Crown Green Bowling Association's Rule Book. These rules should be seen as the framework within which all competitive play is to be undertaken. A guide to the etiquette of the game is on the HGBC notice board and on the website [www.hallamgrangebowlsclub.org.uk] which new members should acquaint themselves with but established members will be pleased to give new members clarification if required.

Social Bowling



Social bowling is available each free session of the day and evening including weekends. The view of the committee is that the order of preference is games of four, six or two players. Other combinations, such as threes or fives, should be considered as stop-gaps until a preferred game can be constituted. The principle of 'order of arrival' should determine the order of incorporation into a game. Where several bowlers arrive more or less simultaneously they should decide by mutual agreement the preferred make up of games. At the end of each 'preferred game' players should leave the green and with any members waiting to play, create a new group for the next game. The 'rule of five' has been devised to ensure that members don't have to wait too long to play. It states that if a member turns up to play then the last four on the green should allow five minutes or so, after telling the person waiting of their intention, that if no one else arrives to play they will invite the person waiting to join them. Common courtesy and common sense should ensure the smooth involvement of members in social bowling. For example if all jacks are in play and there are still members wishing to play, then all preferred games in which the score is 10 or under should conclude at a winning score of 15. All other preferred games should go through

to the final score of 21. None of the above should preclude members from arranging to play games at other times.

General advice when playing

At any time, whether it be league matches, internal competitions, friendlies or social bowling, behaviour on the green makes certain demands which may be expressed in the following do's and don'ts.

Do treat players with courtesy

Do effect introductions at the beginning of the game

Do wait for opponent's bowls to come to rest before bowling your own wood

Do extend thanks at the end of the game

Don't cross the line of play of your own end or any others – walk round the green

Don't move around by the 'head' in ways which will distract other players in your own or the opposition's team

Don't bowl a wood before another player's wood has come to rest

Don't stand directly behind the jack in the 'head'

Firing

Any wood delivered with the velocity required to remove the shot wood from the playing surface or to destroy the head should be deemed a firing shot. In such circumstances Law 8.15 states 'If a player wishes to fire he/she should:

Indicate his/her intention.

Accept responsibility for any injuries to individuals or damage to equipment resulting directly from firing.

Nominate a playing partner to stand at the head and oversee the outcome of the firing.

Competitions

The Club is involved in competitions in local leagues, friendly matches with other clubs and between members within the Club.

Domestic Competitions

The handicap tournament takes place between mid-May and the finals day in early July. These tournaments are Ladies and Gents round peg, Ladies and Gents singles, Ladies and Gents doubles and Mixed Doubles

The open tournament [non- handicap] takes place between mid -July and the finals day in early September. These tournaments are Open Doubles, Open Singles [the Hoults Trophy], the Veterans Cup [for over 60's] and the Novice Cup [for members who have not yet won a tournament]. An award is also made to the most improved player in the Club.

A separate day tournament called the Watson Trophy is also played towards the end of the season and the Monthly Merit, which is played over the season, has its final in mid-September. A particular highlight of social bowling is the annual Ladies versus Gents competition which is rounded off with a fish and chip supper in the bowling club's pavilion.



League Competitions

We are pleased that there are 9 league teams at Hallam Grange Bowling Club giving members plenty of scope to play competitively enabling them to improve their game and attain as high a standard as possible, if that is their wish. Awards are made to the players with the highest average in each of our teams and it is possible to be in the running for the best player overall in the league. The teams and leagues are as follows;

Monday morning Ladies Vets. There are 2 teams so the green is always in use.

Tuesday evening Sheffield and Hallamshire. There are 2 mixed teams so the green is always in use.

Wednesday afternoon men's Vets team. 1 team so the green is used on alternate weeks.

Friday morning Ladies Doubles. There are 2 teams so the green is always in use.

Friday evening Works League. There are 2 mixed teams so the green is always in use.

In addition to the above the green is occasionally used by the League as a neutral venue.

Inter-Club Friendlies



These are organized by the Club Captain and are spread throughout the summer. 'Home' and 'Away' matches traditionally involve Abbeydale B.C., De La Salle B.C., Fulwood B.C., Tideswell B.C., Partially Sighted B.C., plus internal matches against the Bridge and Tennis sections of the Club.

It is important to point out that details of all our commitments, social and competitive, are available on the Club's website [www.hallamgrangebowlsclub.org.uk], on the Club's Notice Board and that an electronic copy will be emailed to you at the beginning of the season. Hard copies of the calendar/fixture list will also be available in the pavilion for collection.

Winter Activities

This is growing in popularity for bowlers at Hallam Grange. There is a well - established group who play indoors regularly at Stocksbridge Leisure Centre and a new group who play indoors at Graves Leisure Centre. 'Short - Mat' bowls also takes place in the main pavilion. A new outdoor facility has been developed at Woodhouse West End B.C. using an artificial, all weather covering. There is a crown to this green and it is rapidly becoming popular across the City.

Conclusion

Without exaggeration you can see the breadth of activities that make up our bowls season and our bowling calendar. There is plenty for everyone. Bowling is healthy and sociable. Bring a friend and enjoy the experience and the fun.

'JUST TURN UP AND ROLL UP!'

Hallam Grange Bowls Club

BOWLING GREEN ETIQUETTE

Sections 1,2,3 and 4 apply only to 'social' bowling and do not apply to competitions, club matches and league games. Sections 5 to 8 apply in all circumstances. The overriding principle which should govern the behaviour of all section members is obviously to behave towards others as you would have them behave towards you.

1. PREFERRED GAMES

The committee view is that the preferred games for Hallam Grange, in order of precedence are-

1. Fours
2. Sixes
3. Singles

Other playing combinations such as threes and fives should be viewed as stop gaps only until a preferred game can be constituted.

2. MAKE UP OF PREFERRED GAMES

The principle of order of arrival should determine the order of incorporation into a preferred game. Where several bowlers arrive more or less simultaneously, they should decide by mutual agreement on the makeup of the preferred games

At the conclusion of each preferred game the players must ensure that no members are waiting to play. If members are waiting to play then those who have just concluded their game and wish to continue playing will leave the green and participate in the makeup of a preferred game incorporating those who have been waiting.

3. EXCESSIVE WAITING TIMES

If all jacks are in play on the green and there are still members wishing to play then the captain or a committee member should request that all preferred games in which the score is 10 or under shall conclude at a winning score of 15. All other preferred games shall go through to the normal final score of 21. If one member arrives whilst games are in progress and the game has not been playing long please make every effort to accommodate them. A lone member should not be waiting for a game longer than 10 minutes (unless by mutual consent) before being invited in.

Thus where there is a game of 6 it is suggested that 2 players leave to join the single player and use an extra set of woods.

Alternatively, when a game has been in progress for some time it should finish at 11 or 15 points.

Where there are 2 'late arrivals' they are asked to play a singles game until an established game has finished, when they should be invited to join in.

4. ARRANGED FOURS

Arranged fours are permitted at all times
except Each day 13.30 to 16 00
Monday to Thursday 18.00 to 20.00

5. INTERFERENCE WITH PLAY.

Bowlers should not walk across the green, they should walk around the edge. Bowlers should not stand directly behind the jack in the head.

6. FIRING

Any wood delivered with the velocity required to remove the shot wood from the playing surface or to destroy the head should be deemed a firing shot.

7. REQUIREMENTS ON USING A FIRING

SHOT If a player wishes to fire at a head he should –

- Indicate the intention
- Accept responsibility for any injuries to individuals or damage to equipment resulting directly from the firing.
- Nominate a playing partner to stand at the head and oversee the outcome of the firing
- Ensure that all bowlers and spectators near the head are aware of his intention bearing in mind that some members have impaired hearing.

8. CONTROLLED WEIGHT

A wood delivered with the velocity required to remove the shot wood yet coming to rest in the vicinity of the jack shall be deemed to be a controlled weight shot.

Hallam Grange Bowling Club – Officers

Chairman:	Steve Kendall
Captain:	John Turner
Treasurer:	Julia Boler
Secretary:	Sally Kendall
League Secretary:	Liz Murray

Committee Members	Steve Kendall, Martin Westley (Green Co-ordinator) Wendy Wilson, Ian Folger and Christine Manby
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Green Keeper	John Illingworth
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Team Captains

Team	Captain	Vice Captain
Ladies A Singles	Anne Turner	Julia Boler
Ladies B Singles	Marion Hogg	Hazel Miller
Ladies A Doubles	Pam Jowle	Ros Westley
Ladies B Doubles	Sheila Bromidge	Naomi Crowder
Tuesday Gents A	Jim Hogg	Chris Jowle
Tuesday Gents B	Stuart Wilson	
Wednesday Gents Vets	Trevor Kelly	Martin Westley
Friday Works A	Jane Ferretti	
Friday Works B	Roger Bullivant	Pauline Bullivant
Friendlies and Club Competitions	John Turner	

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