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WELCOME TO THE ADELAIDE BOWLING CLUB

Induction for new members

Welcome to the Adelaide Bowling Club and we that hope you enjoy your bowling here. The following notes are intended to assist you to find your way around the Club.

In a club of our size you would expect to get to know everyone within a short period of time and current members are encouraged to make new members feel welcome.

Our Club

If you have not already done so please ask a member to show you around. Make sure you see the locker room and members bar, the notice boards and office, bowls equipment and the pennant selection board.

The current committee members are:

President	Bob Burton
Senior Vice President	Steve Hicks
Secretary	Paul Wilson
Treasurer	Mike McDonagh
Immediate Past President	Henry Higgins
Board Members	Barry Beaumont
	Ron Davidson
	Richard Brown
	Kylie Hurst
Adelaide Oval Board Representative	John Scales
Adelaide High Old Scholars Representative	Vacant

Our Venue Manager is Vee McGovern who you should have already met and our full time Greenkeeper/ Grounds Manager is Scott Thulborn .

Vee is responsible to the Board for everything that happens within the Club boundary and Scott is responsible for everything that relates to the club's most precious asset, the three greens (A, B and C greens).

There are two other clubs that use Adelaide Bowling Club as their home, Adelaide Oval Bowling Club and Adelaide High Old Scholars Bowling Club. Their members are also members of the Adelaide Bowling Club but they play for their own club in pennant competitions.

During the Bowls Season the club is open every day except for Monday although the Club Manager is in attendance should you need to gain access to the club on a Monday. During the "off season" the club is normally closed during the day and the greens are open subject to the weather conditions and the maintenance work being carried out by Scott. Again, Vee is around the place during the off season and access to the club can be arranged with her.

The Bar is open most nights during the bowls season and every Friday night during the year for members and guests. This is a great night to catch up with members and enjoy the atmosphere of this great club.

The Club communicates news and information through a number of channels. There is our website, TeamApp and of course on the social media side, Facebook. We encourage you to become familiar with

these. It's particularly important that you download TeamApp to your phone as this is where we update where and what position you are playing in during the pennant season or even if the game is cancelled due to the Hot Weather Policy. If you need assistance doing this please speak with a Board member.

Getting Started

You can obtain a club uniform through the Club Manager or speak with the bar staff for prices and availability.

To play pennants for the club you must wear the correct club shirt and club coloured trousers. Most of our casual bowling and bowls practice is played in casual clothes. For club tournaments and club championships from the semi-final stage club colours must be worn. The rule of thumb is club colours should be worn from Opening Day (normally held late September and 4 weeks from the start of pennants) until after the last pennant game (usually around mid-March each year).

A club hat is also available from the club (cap or bucket hat).

Good etiquette requires hats not to be worn inside the Club House.

Bowls accessories – Grippo, spray chalk and other accessories are available for purchase at the bar.

The white notice board on the wall adjacent the bowls equipment shed as you enter the club grounds provides information on which greens are available for practice and which greens have been closed. Please observe these instructions. If all the greens are closed then no practice is possible until the Green Keeper reopens them.

Visitors to the Club

The Club has a lot of visitors that use our club and greens for revenue generating corporate and private functions.

We advertise extensively and encourage "visitors" to use our wonderful facilities. Without the associated revenue we would not be able to maintain the greens and club house facilities.

We ask all members to be patient with our visitors many of who have never bowled before but are encouraged to try. If you see a visitor that could use some help please introduce yourself and offer some assistance with the basics of the game. If you observe a visitor behaving inappropriately or damaging club equipment or facilities please advise the bar staff or the club manager and let them deal with the issue. We do what we can to make our guests welcome but we request they respect our facilities in the meantime.

Inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated at any time, be it a visitor or a club member.

Appropriate footwear is essential for all bowlers and innocent mistakes in this regard are quite common amongst visitors.

Bowling for Adelaide

Membership categories and prices at Adelaide are:

Full Member	\$350
First Year Full Member	\$175
Junior	Free
Family Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Adults pay full price up to 2 children free. • 1 Adult pays full price, children free.
Associate Membership	\$300
Night Owl Membership	\$20 registration
Social Membership	\$20 per annum or \$50 for 3 years
Restricted membership	\$80 per year.

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If you are a first-year bowler at Adelaide we offer a 50% discount on membership fees for the first year.

During the "Bowls Season" we enter teams in Pennant competitions on Wednesdays and Saturdays. We have up to five teams entered on Saturdays and two teams entered on Wednesdays.

Selection for the teams is conducted on Thursday nights by the side selectors for each division. The names of the players selected for each team are displayed on the Selection Board which is visible through the window from outside the Northern entrance to the Club house and on the Clubs website under the Members' tab and will also be sent out on TeamApp usually on Thursday night.

Practice for pennants can be undertaken on any night of the week except Mondays. There is a structured training session each Thursday from 3.00pm – 7.00pm throughout the pennants season. Friday has also proven a popular night when the majority of players will make an evening of it by having a practice and then enjoying one or two cold refreshments after practice. When you turn up for practice please don't hesitate to ask to join into a group practicing. You don't need to practice by yourself unless you choose to do so. You can still work on your game when practicing in a group.

Pennant games are played on a home and away basis and we do ask our members to return to the club after an away match to share in the spoils of the days play. Games usually finish around 5.00 to 5.30 pm which allows a bit of time to socialize before any functions that have been arranged for the evening.

When Pennant games are at Home, \$5.00 per player is required to pay for the sandwiches or after game nibbles. The sandwiches each week are provided to us by our friends, the Taylor family.

Your Pennant Availability: there is a separate folder that provides for notification to the selectors of player's unavailability for pennant games. Please ensure you enter your name for the correct pennant game you are not available for **at least one week in advance**.

If it is possible players should meet at the Club rooms before travelling to Away games to minimize car parking problems at away venues.

Club Championships

We play two tournaments during the year where we expect all players to participate:

Jack Gerard Club Fours (played on Opening Day usually September each year) and **Les Luke Club triples**.

We hold other club tournament events such as:

- Men's Club Championship Singles (open to all players except opposite gender players)
- Men's Club Championship Pairs (open to all players except opposite gender players)
- Ladies Club Championship Singles (open to all players except opposite gender players)
- Ladies Club Championship Pairs (open to all players except opposite gender players)
- B grade Singles Championship (open to all players playing more than three games in the last pennant season below Major league Division)
- Handicap Singles (open to all players)
- 2 Bowls Singles (open to all players) Drawn Pairs (open to all players)

Cost of entry to all club championship games is normally \$20 for the Club fours and Club Triples and \$5 for each of the individual (and pairs) tournaments.

The first two rounds of the Club Championship Singles and Pairs are normally played on a Sunday prior to Christmas. The other club singles events are played any day or under lights as arranged between the two opponents. The first named player on the Tournament sheet is responsible to organize the game with the opponent.

The Tournament Director Steve Hicks must be kept apprised of games that are being arranged after the nominated date. The Tournament Director has the capacity to declare a game as forfeited or no result with one or both players may be deemed to have not complied with the tournament rules by failing to play the game within the required timeframe.

Helping Around the Club

Please look out for opportunities to do small but important jobs around the club such as putting out and taking in the flags, distribute and bring in the chairs around the greens and to assist some of our older members during pennants by putting out the mats, jacks and the umpiring equipment. A little help from everyone is all that is needed to make things easier for all and things to work smoothly.

On Pennant days check to see if your rink is the duty rink and if it is please ensure all of the above has been done before the game and bring everything back in at the completion of the game.

Etiquette

The sport of lawn bowls has always been seen as a game for Gentlemen. It has a long tradition and our club is a leader in the game both on and off the green. Bowls is supposed to be played in the spirit of co-operation at all times and fortunately it is rare that this does not happen. Treat other bowlers and members as you feel you should be treated.

Information

The Club produces a weekly newsletter that is emailed to all members. Any other questions should be referred to Manager, Vee or any member of the Board.

Happy bowling and welcome to the Adelaide Bowling Club.