



# BISHOPSWOOD BOWLING CLUB



Bishopswood Bowling Club is located within the Lyttelton Road Playing Fields in Hampstead Garden Suburb. The entrance is from Norrice Lea, London N2 0EA, between house numbers 16 and 18. It is amongst the best in the district allowing six games to be played simultaneously, thereby providing excellent facilities for our members. We have an attractive club house with changing rooms, locker facilities and a small kitchen where light refreshments can be prepared.

Membership of Bishopswood Bowling Club is open to both men and women of all ages and many games and competitions are played with mixed teams as well as some single sex.

Members are provided with lockers to store their woods, shoes etc.

## STANDARD OF BOWLING

The Club provides bowling for a variety of standards, from instruction for new bowlers to National competitions. There are roll-ups, leagues, friendly matches with other clubs and associations. If you are competitive and wish to test your talent, entry can be provided into Club, County and National competitions.

## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Members of the club are able to participate in the many social events which are organised by our very active Social Committee whose purpose is to add to the social life of Bishopswood Bowling Club.

In the past, activities have included weekends at five star hotels, in Bournemouth, Torquay and Eastbourne as well as Mid-Week Visits to Potters Bowling Centre. Since group bookings have been made for these, prices have been advantageous. Opportunities to play bowls at these venues have also been pre-arranged. Other activities include Gala Dinners, Quiz Evenings, River Trips, Visits to Greyhound and Horse Racing events.

On the fund-raising side, we run Charity Day Bowling Competitions to provide members with a whole day of bowling and to enable us to raise money for Charity.

The Social Committee is always willing to consider any suggestions members may make for other activities for which there is sufficient support.

Communications on all other matters should be addressed to the Honorary Secretary: Spencer Davis, 16 Chessington Lodge, London N3 3AA. Tel: 020-8346 7362.

## **CLUB OPENING TIMES**

The outdoor bowling season extends from the latter part of April to the end of September – a total of some 22 weeks. Members can use the club facilities to play from 10 am to 9 pm and other than the annual membership fee, the only cost to play is a small amount to cover coffee, tea and biscuits at breaks in and after play.

## **DRESS**

Shoes:

All players must at all times wear regulation shoes. These have a flat smooth under-surface without heel and are designed not to damage the green. It is for this reason that bowling shoes should only be worn on the green, so that they do not pick up any matter, which can cause damage to the surface.

For Roll-Ups and Practice Sessions:

With the exception of shoes, the dress code for roll-ups and practice sessions is relaxed allowing for any attire to be worn for roll-ups and practice sessions.

For Matches and Competitions:

The Club is affiliated to various local and national bodies and therefore must abide by the rules laid down by them concerning a variety of matters, including the required form of dress for matches and competitions.

Men should wear a plain white shirt either short or long sleeved or a club shirt (available to purchase at the club), and may wear a short or long sleeved plain white pullover, preferably with the club badge

Ladies should wear a plain white blouse, either short or long sleeved or a club shirt (available to purchase at the club), and may wear a short or long sleeved plain white pullover, preferably with the club badge. A plain white anorak may also be worn.

Gentlemen must wear long or short mid-grey regulation trousers and ladies must wear a regulation grey worsted skirt or mid-grey regulation trousers. The skirt must have two inverted pleats in the front and two in the back. The length must be below knee length in front and the knee crease at the back. For most match plays, trousers and skirts must be white.

Club shirts and sweatshirts for both men and women can be obtained from Michael Hart, telephone 07779-614 874 at a modest price.

## **SHOES, BOWLS AND ACCESSORIES**

You will need to purchase a set of bowls. There are several sizes from which to choose but your coach and the shop from which you make your purchase will be able to advise you of the best size and weight for your use. The cost of these will be about £120 but will last you many years – a used set can be obtained for possibly half of this sum. You will also need a pair of flat soled bowling shoes which are designed not to damage the green – these will cost about £30. Clothing and equipment can be purchased from some department stores and locally from Dukes Bowls, Chipping Close, St Albans Road, Barnet and Right Sport Ltd, 14 Station Road, New Barnet.