

# Thurso Bowling Club

## WELCOME TO THURSO BOWLING CLUB

The President and Management Committee would like to welcome you to Thurso Bowling Club. We hope you will enjoy your bowling and membership of our Club. We have compiled a few notes which we hope will help you to settle in.

### **Constitution, Bye-laws and Code of Conduct**

A copy of the Constitution, Bye Laws and Code of Conduct for the Club is available in the clubrooms. These must be adhered to and if you require any explanations please contact any member of the Management Committee who will be able to explain them. A read through of these documents is recommended.

### **Committee Members**

A list of all the Management, Ladies, Gents and General Duty's committee members are displayed on the Notice Board in the Locker room.

### **Introduction to Play**

Thurso Bowling Club has fully trained coaches to help you establish the correct way to hold and deliver a bowl. All players must undergo coaching after Applying for membership. If at any time you would like additional coaching please do not hesitate to contact the coaches or a member of the management committee.

### **Diary**

A Diary is produced at the beginning of the bowling season listing all competitions and events known at that time for the duration of the season. The diary is available on Opening Day and spare copies are usually found in the locker room and on the Thurso Bowling Club website. If you have difficulty finding a copy asks any member or a member of the management committee.

### **Playing Bowls**

The green is open for play daily from 10.30 am onwards. Competitions are held most Saturdays from May to early September and you should refer to the diary for the competition and the notice board for times of play. Occasionally there are inter-club matches on some evenings and the occasional Sunday. These are shown in the diary and on the Notice Board.

### **Helter Skelters**

It is well worthwhile coming to the Helter Skelters. These are fun games with teams drawn out of the 'hat' and enjoyed by all. Helter Skelters are held on Monday and Friday evenings. Please be at the green before 6.55pm and on payment of a small fee collect a tag to be in the draw. There is also a Helter Skelter on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and members have to be at the Clubhouse before 1.55 p.m. for the draw. At the end of the game we all go in for a cup of tea or drink and there is a 'prize' for the highest scoring team. So do come along and enjoy the fun

### **Bounce Games**

A Bounce Game is when members play on the green for fun or practice.

As the season progresses, some rinks will be booked for competition ties. The tie sheet showing ties and rinks booked is situated just inside the doorway to the Locker Room.

Daytime - Only two rinks can be pre-booked for ties. The rest are available for bounce games.

Evenings - At certain times of the year there is a heavy commitment on the rinks for ties in the evening but there is always one rink free at all times for fun (bounce) games and any un booked rinks can be used for bounce games. Sunday's ties can be played but these are not bookable. It is against the rules to have a practise/play on a rink if you have a tie on it the same day.

### **Maintenance**

On occasion the Green is closed for maintenance. The Green Committee will post a notice on the door to the locker room advising of any dates and times.

### **Lockers/Locker Room/Club Room**

Every member should have a locker to store their bowls and bowling gear so arrange this as soon as you can. Lockers can be obtained from the Fabric Convenor Allan Hourston. Keys for the Locker Room can only be purchased by full members and are available at the bar for a cost. The key for the Clubroom hangs inside the Locker Room.

### **Refreshments**

The bar is manned by volunteers and is usually open in the evening and on Saturday during the season and sometimes on Sunday afternoon if there is an Inter-Club competition.

Tea/Coffee is available on a 'make your own' basis putting 50p in the money box.

Tea is provided after Helter Skelters

### **Social Evenings**

There are various social events throughout the year and these will be advertised on the noticeboard or on our web site [www.thursobowlingclub.co.uk](http://www.thursobowlingclub.co.uk). These evenings are very popular and very good fun so please come along.

### **Competitions**

There are lots of competitions held during the bowling season. The competition entry sheets are posted on the notice boards in the Locker Room throughout the season. The charge and closing dates are advised at the head of the notice. Payment must be deposited in the tie-money box (in the locker room) in an envelope clearly marked with your name and competition. Entries must be paid for before the closing date. (Failure to pay means that you will not be entered into the competition).

Some draws for competitions are held early on Saturday mornings. The times for these draws are advised on the notice board and it is essential to check the notice board frequently for information. For further information on rules on competitions refer to the bye-laws or ask an existing member.

### **Juniors**

Junior members can use the green any time the green is open as long as they use the sign in book situated within the clubroom and have either a parent/guardian or two full Thurso Bowling Club members who assume responsibility. There are specific junior competitions which will be posted on the noticeboard throughout the season and juniors can enter most of the other competitions held throughout the season. If in doubt about which competitions to enter please ask any member, Junior convenor or a member of the management committee.

### **Photography**

Photographs may be taken and used for social media and local press.

**We hope the above will help you settle in quickly and start enjoying your new sport. Please ask any member for more information or explanations. We look forward to seeing you on the Green and wish you all the very best for the season ahead, Happy bowling.**