

Chelmsford Bowling Club Q&A

For more information visit www.chelmsfordbowlingclub.co.uk all players of all abilities are welcome

Question and Answer

Q. How do I find out if I would like to play Bowls

A. Come to our “TRY BOWLS” in May or if you miss that
E-mail secretary@chelmsfordbowlingclub.co.uk or telephone the secretary 01245 257981

Q. What will be offered?

A. A chance to come along and have a try at bowling with a coach – a lady coach if preferred, we have several

Q. What should I wear?

A. Comfortable clothes to allow you to bend and FLAT Shoes or trainers to protect our green.

Q. How much will it cost?

A. TRY BOWLS is free but we expect you to have decided after two free sessions
Membership cost about £100 per year

Q. What is the membership money used for?

A. Most of it is used to pay for the Bowling Green maintenance, it requires specially trained grounds persons.
We are also responsible for the running and upkeep of the Club House (Pavilion)

Q. Do I have to wear Club uniform?.

A. Not for “Roll Ups” practising, but when playing in a game you will be expected to wear Grey/White skirt/trousers and a white top

Q. How much will the uniform and bowls cost?

A. Bowls can be borrowed free from the club for a least the first year.
Grey/White skirt or trousers, white tops can be bought from your favourite shop or there are very often second hand items for sale in The Club. Special Club shirts can be ordered through the club and cost under £20.
Other items can be bought if you become a regular bowler. Such as white waterproofs, bowls, bag to carry your bowls.

Q. I am **not** competitive, is it worth joining a bowling club?

A. Yes. We have regular friendly matches against other clubs. Most Thursday afternoons we play against another local club, and although some of our best players will turn out for the match ; very new bowlers, and “social Bowlers” make up most of the team, and it is a friendly afternoon. At the weekends we also have “friendlies” against other clubs. New bowlers and “social bowlers” take part in these events without any pressure, often ending with a light meal, drink and chat with the members of the opposite team.

Q **I am** Competitive How do I get picked to play in the teams?.

A. At the beginning of the season you put your name on the list of members wishing to take part in leagues and competitions
As an individual you will be given a handicap.As a team player the selection committee will be observing you in the “Friendlies” and you will be selected for a league/team most suitable for your ability. There are also knock out competitions, where you get the chance to show your skill.

Q Are there competition and events for just ladies.?

A Yes, and Chelmsford Bowling Club enter several ladies only competitions and events

Q. I don't drive, will that be a problem?

A. No. The Chelmsford Bowling club is close to the town and is on a bus route, Away matches we encourage members to

fill their cars with other team members anyway, as often bowling clubs have limited parking ,so you would not have a problem with away matches.

Q. I would not be able to play every week, would that be a problem?.

A. No, many of our members are committed to picking up grandchildren, looking after relations, pets and working part time . You soon learn how to fit everything in.

Q. Are there any ladies on the committee?

A. Yes, Secretary, Treasurer, Ladies Captain, and Match Captain are all ladies this year, and we expect next year to have our third lady President.