



Welcome



to the

The Grange Bowls & Tennis Club

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Welcome

We are delighted that you have chosen to join our small but perfectly formed club.

By now you will have received your membership confirmation and as such you will be given the security codes to access various parts of the club premises.

Whether you have joined us as a full, roll up or social member, you will be made to feel very welcome.

Our Facilities

We boast a fine bowls green and two pristine tennis courts for your entertainment. Our clubhouse consists of a bar, kitchen, male and female changing rooms and a main entertainment room. Our internal sports facilities include Pool, Darts and Skittles. We also have playing cards, dominoes and board games available



The bowls green is open for play from mid-April to late September. The tennis courts are open all year round subject to the weather. In the event of icy conditions, play will be suspended until the surface is safe to play on.

Full Member

As a full member you are entitled to use both the bowls and tennis facilities. The choice is yours. You will also be eligible for selection to play and represent the club at all levels as well as be able to take part in all internal club competitions. As a full bowls member you will be registered with the EBA (English Bowls Association) and this will qualify you to enter all EBA National Bowls Competitions



Roll Up Member

This only applies to bowls players. A roll up member enables you to use the bowls green facilities when no matches are on.. The fee is less than full membership. It does mean that you are not entitled to play in club matches.

Social Member

As a social member you are entitled to use the clubhouse facilities and bar throughout the year.

The Clubhouse

The clubhouse is open every Friday evening from 7:30pm till 11:00pm throughout the year. It is usually open whenever there is a bowls match. It is also opened for special social events throughout the year.



Bowls

Our bowls green is only used during the spring and summer months. It is unplayable in the winter and is strictly out of bounds to all members. As a full member you will be invited to play in organised matches. These usually take place in the evenings on week days and in the afternoon at weekends. There are many such matches and you will be encouraged to join in and play in them, even if you are a beginner. We can also arrange some coaching lessons with our two resident coaches.



As a full member or roll up member, you will have full access to the bowls green after 10:00 am whenever there is no match being played. All matches are advertised in our fixture

booklet that is distributed to members at the time of

paying your membership fee. You can have a roll up on your own or get together with other members and enjoy a friendly game. You will be given the combination to the bowls kit shed so you can access the mats, jacks and other equipment. At the end of play please ensure you put everything away as you found it

You can book a rink by using the booking form located in the clubhouse. Some matches do take priority over roll ups. These matches are indicated on the booking form.

What do I wear?

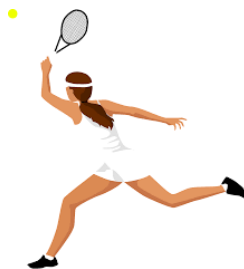
There is a formal dress code within the rules of bowling. The most essential rule is that flat soled shoes must be worn



on the bowls green at all times. The club does have a selection of used bowls clothes, including some bowls shoes, and for a small donation members are invited to try and buy. We also have a small selection of bowls that you are welcome to try before you fork out for a new or used set. Once you start representing the club you will be expected to purchase a club polo style shirt.

Tennis

The two tennis courts can be used throughout the year. They have recently been resurfaced and are probably some of the best courts in Rugby. The tennis section holds



social tennis sessions throughout the year. These



sessions are designed for all members to attend and play friendly games, usually as doubles matches. They are as follows:

Wednesday Mornings from 09:30 to 11:00

Saturday Mornings from 09:30 to 11:00. This is subject to league matches and in the event of a league match the session will start at 09:00 to 10:30. All league matches are advertised in the noticeboard located by the tennis courts.

Tuesday Evenings from 5:30pm till dark. This session only runs in the summer months .

There is also a retiree's group that play on Tuesday morning 09:30am to 11:00am and sometimes on a Thursday mornings at the same time range. This group is run by one of our senior players and is by invitation via a WhatsApp Group for retired tennis players.



Are you competitive?

The tennis section take part in both Summer and Winter leagues. They enter teams in the Northampton, Coventry and Rugby district leagues. There is mixed Doubles . Men's Doubles, Ladies Doubles as well as a veterans Leagues. So you will have plenty of options if you want to enjoy the thrill of playing against other clubs.

As a full member you will be entitled to use the courts at any time unless there is a league match in progress. You can book a court on our club website

Who does the hard work?

Your club is run by volunteers. We do employ a green keeper who looks after our bowls green. He looks after three greens in Rugby. All other work is carried out by unpaid volunteers.



Other work that has to be carried out includes, cleaning, catering, gardening, and general maintenance of the grounds and buildings. On top of this we have to raise funds to pay for utility bills, insurance, security and many other expenses associated with a large premises.

Paying the bills

We raise funds in a variety of ways including bar takings, annual subscriptions, social events, match fees and also run a club lottery.

Who runs the club?

The club is managed by various committees. There are separate committees who run the Social, Tennis, Bar, and Bowls sections. There is also a general committee who run all the day to day aspects of the club on behalf of the members.

This committee is elected annually at our AGM. Ultimately they are responsible for finance, safety,



maintenance, legalities and suchlike. They are all volunteers and help us to provide the excellent facilities we so proudly offer.

Who's who?

Details of who our committee members are is posted on the club notice board. We encourage our members to get involved. Even if you can only spare an hour or two, it will be very welcome and extremely useful. Please come and talk to us if you think you have something to offer.

General Information

As a member of this club you can invite friends or members of your family to experience bowls or tennis for a small guest fee, this is currently set at £2. You can do this up to 5 times within our membership year. If that person then goes on to join the club, any monies paid as a guest fee will be deducted from the membership joining fee.

Our membership year runs from April 1st to March 31st the following year

Feeling Lucky



We run a club lottery. This is drawn every two weeks and it helps raise essential funds for the club.

Winter months

We are members of the Dunchurch and Rugby Skittles League. We enter a Ladies team who play on Monday evenings, and a Men's team who play on a Wednesday evening. Both teams play throughout the winter months.



Other winter events

Throughout the year, but mainly during the winter months, the club run social events. These include a Summer Fete, a Christmas Fayre, Games Nights, Horse Race Night, Sunday Lunches and Quiz Nights. So you do get more than bowls and tennis.

Special Occasions

As a member of this club you will also get very competitive rates for the hire of our club facilities. This could be for Birthday Parties, Funeral Wakes, Anniversaries and suchlike. Any requests would obviously be subject to committee approval and subject to availability.



We need volunteers

We are always on the lookout for volunteers to help run the many different aspects of the club. We have a regular Maintenance Team who meet generally one morning a week, usually a Tuesday, throughout the year. The team carry out essential repairs.



We have a cleaning rota to keep the club spick and span. We also have a bar rota to keep our members well hydrated!

Can you spare some time?



If you have any spare time and want to join any of these groups of helpers, you will be most certainly welcomed. Just speak to any member of the committee

Stay Healthy

For your health and safety we do not allow smoking or vaping on any part of our club premises. This includes the bowls green, tennis courts and internal car park



Security



On the question of security it is of paramount importance that you don't make any access codes public knowledge.

It is also very important that you ensure the clubhouse and any buildings you enter are secure before leaving the premises

