



A warm welcome to Burnside Bowling Club

**Burnside members are proud of their bowling club and hope your time here with us is both enjoyable and fun.
Good bowling from us all.**

GETTING STARTED ...

Junior status

When you start playing lawn bowls and join a bowling club, you are classified as a Junior for the first five years. Juniors may play in any open events but only Juniors may play in specified Junior events. It is your choice as to how competitive or social you wish the game to be.

Bowls (and shoes)

We recommend you try a range of bowls sizes and styles from the Club's bowls stock to find out which best suits your needs. Take your time and make sure you are entirely happy before you make a purchase. The Club has a selection of both bowls and bowling shoes which may be borrowed for a limited period. Refer to the programme booklet for dress code guidelines.

Coaching

As with most sports, some expert guidance may help you progress faster and add to your overall enjoyment of the game. Burnside has coaches of international standing available to assist members. Coaching is free and by arrangement. Check your programme booklet for more details.

“Buddy”

The Club allocates new members a “buddy” to ensure they feel welcome and comfortable in their early days at Burnside. Your buddy is there to help you so don't hesitate to seek assistance.

Burnside Club jacket

While stocks last, new members are allocated a Burnside Bowling Club jacket. This must be returned if membership ceases.

SOME KEY CLUB OFFICIALS:

Club Executive

The officers of the Club - the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and five other elected Club members - all take responsibility for various portfolios.

Club Captains

Burnside has both a men's Club Captain and a women's Club Captain who also attend Executive meetings. Club Captains are there to assist with any queries regarding Club activities.

Umpires

The official umpires' room is located between the Davie and Laing greens; umpire contact details are in the programme booklet.

Club Manager

Club Manager Barry Bunting attends to details regarding Club bookings and bar roster etc.

PLAYING OPPORTUNITIES

Tournaments

Details regarding dates and conditions of regular Club tournaments and championship events are listed in your programme booklet. If you wish to play in these and need assistance joining a team, contact your "buddy", your Club Captain, or the tournament convener. You will find entry sheets on the match room boards, and some events may be entered via the Club's website.

Club Day

Keep an eye on your programme booklet. Social bowls for men are played on most Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and for women on most Tuesdays and Thursdays. Named disks are in the respective match rooms and these need to be handed in by 12.45pm for a 1.00pm start. Members are also welcome to arrange their own games and to roll up at any time when the greens are open and available.

CLUB COMMUNICATIONS:

Website

Burnside has a comprehensive and up-to-date website: www.burnsidebowlingclub.com. It provides detailed information on all Club activities, both present and past, and more. Members are also able to enter most Club events online.

Programme booklet

Every member receives a copy of the Club programme booklet. This useful resource provides members' names and contact details, the season's programme, as well as all sorts of helpful information including competition rules and required dress.

"Hot Line"

All members on email receive the "Hot Line", a frequently published newsletter type communication that provides up-to-date information on upcoming events and past achievements and news of interest. Members not on the internet are able to access hard copies of the "Hot Line" from either the folder on the wall in the ladies' locker room or the folder on the wall under the stairs opposite the men's match room.

CLUB FACILITIES AND MORE:

Burnside is fortunate to have a superb range of facilities which are being used by a wide cross-section of community groups. To gain more information regarding our facilities, click "Club Facilities" on the Burnside website or contact Club Manager Barry Bunting on [021 895063](tel:021895063).

Greens

Having hosted World Bowls 2008 (and other key international events) and designated to host World Bowls 2016 is evidence that Burnside's three greens are world-class. To preserve the high quality of the greens, some rules apply: only flat shoes may be worn on the greens, and no dumping of bowls on the greens. Smoking on the playing surface of the greens is not permitted. The white boards located inside the main gate provide information on which greens are available for play and the allocation of rinks for particular events. The direction of play changes from 4.00pm most days. The Green Superintendent and Greenkeeper have sole authority regarding the management of the greens.

Match rooms

You will find all relevant information regarding tournament dates and team entry forms in the women's and men's match rooms. Please refer to the match room and to your programme booklet for important information regarding competitive bowls at Burnside.

Club office

This is used primarily by Club officials. A Club mail box is located outside the office for messages and subscription and green fees payments.

Security

All Burnside members have a responsibility to ensure the Club building is secure. Please be diligent at all times.

Green fees

A green fee of \$5.00 is payable by all non-members and social members. This fee can be deposited into the Club mail box in the provided envelope.

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