

WHAT YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW ABOUT BOWLING AT MONTMORENCY

There is a document entitled '**SO, YOU'VE TRIED IT, WANT TO KEEP GOING?**' which outlines the joining process up to the point of being able to join a social or other competition or game. When you reach this stage you may feel confused, but you should not. Your coach can and will be a great source of information about anything at all to do with bowling or the Club. As well there are a couple of hundred or more members who will be only too glad to help out. So, we have all that out of the way. The next thing you will want to know is when you can bowl and what you have to do to partake in whatever game you choose. To make it easier the arrangements for men and ladies are separated in the following list, although these days on most occasions either gender can play in any game.

SUMMER PROGRAM, September through April.

MONDAY:

Mixed social bowls, played in mufti (casual clothes with bowls shoes). This is great for new bowlers. Place your name on the list near the bar or ring prior to 11.15 am. 12.30 pm start.

TUESDAY:

Tuesday Pennant. Teams are selected prior to day. This is played in club uniform.

TUESDAY:

Night Pennant. This is played in club uniform at various clubs. It is extremely enjoyable. See the Night Pennant controller for conditions of play, team selection etc.

WEDNESDAY:

Mixed nominated and selected. This means if you are not with a team you put your name down on the list near the bar. You will need to check say 11.15 on the day to see if and who you are playing with. This is played in whites or club shirts. 12.30 pm start.

THURSDAY:

Ladies social bowls and various events. Lists will be on ladies notice board near office. This is played in uniform or whites. 10.30 am start.

THURSDAY EVENING:

7.15 pm start. Mixed social bowls in mufti, and absolutely ideal for new bowlers. Place your name on the list near the bar or ring before 6.30 pm.

FRIDAY:

No organised bowling. However HAPPY HOUR in the clubroom starts around 4 pm and drawing of prizes at 5 pm. Not to be missed.

SATURDAY:

Saturday Pennant. Teams selected Monday evening prior from members who have elected to play Pennant. Consult the "Wailing Wall" to the immediate right of the store room opposite the office. Roll up starts around 12.30 pm.

SUNDAY:

As per syllabus in the Members Handbook. Various mixed social events played, usually once a month and usually in casual clothing. Sometimes catered, sometimes BYO tucker. Always good fun. Various championship events are also played on Sundays. Lists are near bar.

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WINTER PROGRAM, May through August

All winter bowls are played in mufti.

MONDAY:

Men's triples. 12.30 pm start. Very well attended. This is a nominated game but you can put your name down as a spare on the list near the bar. Ring the club around 11.15 to see if you have been selected.

TUESDAY:

Ladies play social bowls and cards. List on notice board near office or ring the club on the day by 9.30 am.

WEDNESDAY:

Mixed nominated and selected social bowls, 12.30 pm start. Well attended. Put your name on the list near the bar or ring prior to 10.30 am.

THURSDAY:

The great Thursday night mixed social bowls continues in the Winter season. Starts at 7.15 and is a lot of fun. List is near bar.

FRIDAY:

Happy Hour continues, risk a couple of dollars and win some great meat prizes or a huge bundle of cash.

SATURDAY:

Mixed selected social bowls. Place name on sheet or ring prior to 10.30AM.

Arrive early, not right on the starting time for all games. If you find you cannot play for some reason in a game that you have entered notify the organisers as soon as you know.

There are other opportunities to bowl as well. Once you are affiliated you can bowl at almost any bowling club in the world when the appropriate event is being staged. Local clubs always welcome visitors on their social days, and you get to play on different surfaces. Also there are a number of Club Championship events at our club that you will be eligible to enter. These are listed on a separate sheet in your folder. As well as these opportunities you can practice almost any time. The following list should make it clear for you.

PRACTICE OPPORTUNITIES

MONDAY:

This morning the green keepers are hard at it. Best to keep clear until after 10.30 am. In summer pm you will need to keep two rinks clear of the social bowlers.

TUESDAY:

No practice is possible in summer until a green is completely clear of pennant players during the pennant season. This may be around 3.30 pm. There will be room all day in the winter, just allow those playing social bowls some clear space.

WEDNESDAY:

Space may be available in the summer for pm practice, and almost certainly will be in the winter. Morning is OK; you may have to move to dodge greenkeepers.

THURSDAY:

Ladies play social and other bowls in the summer. There may well be space, but two clear rinks need to be allowed away from competitions. No problem at all in the winter.

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FRIDAY:

No problem at all summer or winter except odd days. Check the syllabus.

SATURDAY:

Practice is available for Pennant players in the summer mornings, but not really for others. Practice should be OK on winter Saturdays.

SUNDAY:

Championship games are played some summer Sundays. You need to keep two clear rinks from games. Winter Sundays should be OK for practice.

During daylight saving periods it is pleasant to practice in the evening.

When you practice you may want to practice alone or with another member. It is OK to ask if you can join another member in practice, but be aware that the other member may wish to practice alone for some reason. You may like to invite an arriving member to practice with you as a good way of meeting members and of gaining experience.

You are entitled to a key when you start coaching and have paid your nomination and affiliation fees. Contact Alec Treacher on 94346946 to obtain a key which will be numbered and recorded in your name. There is no charge for the key, but a charge is made for a replacement, so look after your key.

To protect the club's assets and maintain security, members are required to observe several "MUSTS".

If you arrive and the gates are locked the lock must be placed in the appropriate tin near the mat and jack storage. When you leave, if you are last out you must obtain the lock[s] and secure the property in the proper manner. The mat cupboard must be locked by the last player. Again, if you are last out you must check if the clubhouse is locked at both ends.

Another important point, this club is run by volunteers, and if you are physically able you will almost certainly be called on to help in some way, maybe a couple of times each year.

Whatever happens in your bowling career, the most important point is to enjoy it.

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