



Tarring Priory Bowls Club

Website: <https://www.tarringpriorybowlsclub.com/>

Information for new bowlers

There are several types of competitions and dependent on what you want to do in future here is a resume of what is available.

Singles play is the first player to 21 shots using 4 woods

Pairs matches are 21 ends with 2 players per team using 4 woods

Triples matches are 18 ends with 3 players per team using 3 woods

Fours matches are 21 ends with 4 players per team using 2 woods

Internal Club Competitions

There are numerous internal competitions available for all bowlers to compete in and are listed below together with details

Championship Singles Men's and Woman's – Separate competitions to decide the respective Club Champion who goes forward to represent the club in the Champion of Champions competition the next year in the County and Nationals Competition.

Championship Pairs – Open to all members and is 21 ends using 4 woods

Handicap Singles – Open to all members and is first player to 21 shots using 4 woods. Your handicap will be given to you by the handicap committee and is based on your bowling experience in the past, the handicaps are 0 to 10

Handicap Pairs – Open to all members and is 21 ends using 4 woods each. The pairs are drawn based on handicaps to give as balanced pairings as possible.

J D Smith Cup – Open to any member who has not won a singles competition in bowls anywhere (good competition for newer bowlers)

Veterans Handicap Singles – Open to all members over 70 years of age and is 21 shots using 4 woods each.

2 Wood Pairs – Open to all members and is 21 ends using 2 woods each, pairings are drawn based on handicaps

2 Wood Singles – Open to all members and is 21 ends using 2 woods each

Set Singles – Open to all members and is played as 2 sets of 9 ends each using 4 woods. If level at 1 set all then a third set of 3 ends is used to decide the winner.

ENTERING CLUB COMPETITIONS

Entry for the above competitions is made each year prior to the start of the season, matches are played on a knockout basis culminating in the grand finals weekend in September each year. The finals are a great opportunity to come and watch some top bowlers in action.

For all the above competitions the first named player or team is the **challenger** and is shown in red and they are responsible for contacting their opponent and providing a series of dates to include



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evenings for those working. Once a date has been agreed the challenger needs to book the rink through the club's website and in the case of a singles match arrange for a marker.

Monday Night Aggregate League – Held on the first 9 Mondays of the season and open to all members. Good evening for new bowlers to mix with experienced bowlers in a relaxed atmosphere

Monday Night Triples League – Played for ten weeks after the Aggregate finishes. Open to all members and teams drawn by the handicap committee. Entry at the beginning of the season.

Knock Out Fours – Played in July/August and open to all members and teams drawn based on handicaps

Knock Out 2 wood Triples – Played in late season and open to all members playing 18 ends with 2 woods each

GENERAL RULES FOR ALL COMPETITIONS

1. The toss of a coin decides who gets the mat at the start of the game, the lead of the team that wins the toss will lay the mat at least 2 yards from the ditch (middle of the mat in line with the rink number) and cast the jack up the green
2. The jack needs to travel at least 23 meters away from the mat, if it does not go this distance or goes off the rink (either in the ditch or beyond the rink markers) then it is sent back to the mat and the opposing lead then places the mat where they want and casts the jack, however the lead of the team who won the previous end or toss bowls first.
3. The jack needs to be lined up with the rink number at the other end, give as clear instructions as possible to show/tell the Skip how far to move the jack and in which direction (ensure you are stood on the mat when doing this)
4. When not bowling do not disturb the other bowler on the mat, so no loud talking or unnecessary noise. When at the opposite end of the rink and the skips are bowling, do not move around the head when someone is on the mat.

Competition Secretary: Stuart Logan

Friday Morning Spoons 10am to 12 (arrive by 09.40am)

Members compete over the season for the Atkins trophy (must play 50% of available games)

Ideal for new and inexperienced members

Organisers: Ray and Sarah Baker



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Matches

The club plays various friendly matches throughout the season which are ideal for new members once they have undergone some coaching, Terry Urben will advise new bowlers when they are ready, or you may be approached by one of our Team Managers. These matches are played on our home green at Priory, but we also travel away to visit other local clubs.

The club is also a member of various leagues and enters Cup competitions so there is a good opportunity for all standards of bowlers.

You will need a club shirt and white trousers/shorts/skirt. Always check the team selection on the club's website as full details including the dress code will be shown. Try to arrive 30 minutes prior to the start and report to the Match Captain on arrival.

Friendly Matches – normally mixed and ideal for new and developing bowlers

Brodie Tray – a mixed League and the club has re-entered this League to give more players the opportunity to experience league matches particularly new and developing players.

Brodie & Friendly Team Managers: Steve Davis & Ray Baker

Stracey League – a mixed league, this team will be selected from the clubs experienced bowlers and the club won this League in 2018

Stracey Team Manager: John Proffitt

West Sussex Bowls League – the club plays in Division 1; this is a men's only league which the club won in 2021

Cup Games – the clubs top players play in the PC Cup, Abergavenny, Bowls England Fours and Top Club

WSBL & Cup Team Manager: Stuart Shwartz