

Birstall Bowling Club Newsletter

July 2020

Season 2020 - Update

Return to play: On 29th June, the Health Secretary announced that Leicester and some of the surrounding areas (including Birstall) were unable to join the rest of the country in the easing of the lockdown on 4th July. Further action was also taken, including the closure of non-essential shops just two weeks after opening. The green had been open since 22nd May with many members enjoying a roll-up, but was closed on 30th June to avoid unnecessary travel. The good news is that Birstall has been released from the lockdown and the green is open for casual play.

Up to four players can play on each rink. To book, please call Richard Smith on 07816 284991, preferably between 4.00pm-5.00pm. The green is open from 10.00am each day with sessions lasting for 1 hour and 20 minutes. There is a 20-minute gap between sessions to allow one group of players to leave before the next group arrive, the last session is from 6.20pm-7.40pm.

Please do not arrive at the club more than ten minutes before your start time. You should be dressed to play, only changing your shoes near to the rink you are playing on. Mats and jacks must be sanitised before and after play with the facilities provided on the table near the entrance to the club. Only the toilets are open, the changing rooms and clubhouse remain closed.

If you are still in the lockdown area, the advice is to avoid non-essential travel so please do not visit the club. Hopefully the restrictions will be eased further within the next couple of weeks.

Please remember to maintain 2 metre distancing at all times and you shouldn't visit the club if you have any symptoms of the virus or are feeling unwell.

Steve Bacon is willing to give 1 to 1 coaching to members who would like it. Please call him on 07870 327568 or email baconsa16@gmail.com

Sadly, **all club friendly fixtures** for both ladies and gents are cancelled for the rest of the season. All **Leicester League, Loughborough League, and Ladies Friday Triples League** matches are also cancelled, and although the county website hadn't been updated, it is presumed that all **Bowls Leicestershire** inter-county and celebration matches for the rest of the season will be cancelled.

Websites

For the latest news about the club, including full guidance regarding playing, please visit the website www.birstallbowlingclub.co.uk where you can register to receive the latest updates by email. Further guidance and the latest information nationally and in Leicestershire can be seen on the following websites www.bowlsengland.com and www.bowlsleicestershire.com