

BRAID BOWLING CLUB

(Founded in 1890)

Use of the Green.

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Informal information, intended to be useful to new members (including Chart of Organised Bowling Activities)

The formal Rules on the Use of the Green (amended 2003) are underneath and set out the detailed rules on how the Green may be used.

However, the following informal information is provided to encourage members, particularly new members, to make the most of their membership. Organised bowling for Ladies and Men takes places on the days indicated below.

- **Sunday**

The Green is usually available for play throughout the day (but check the Intimation Sheets for priority events). Members wishing to book a rink for a competition tie or for a game with visitors should enter the details on the relevant Intimation Sheets; the binder is to be found in the entrance lobby. The Green Ranger will allocate a rink on the daily sheet displayed on the notice board. Prior booking of Bounce Game on any day is not permitted.

- **Monday**

Our Outside Contractor has priority on the Green in morning, but his work is usually complete by 10 am. After the contractor has finished work, mornings are available for casual play and competitive ties, but rinks may not be booked in advance.

Ladies Bounce Games 2:00pm (Sign in by 1:50 pm).

Men's 'Hat Night' 7:00 pm (Sign in by 6:45 pm) Men of all standards are welcomed and the Men's Match Committee looks for good support.

- **Tuesday**

Men's Bounce Games 10:00am (Sign in by 9:55 am).

Afternoon play - check the Intimation Sheets for priority events (3 rinks are required for the Men's Senior League matches when Braid are playing at home). Rinks cannot be booked by individuals for the 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm session.

- Wednesday

Our Outside Contractor has priority on the Green in morning, but his work is usually complete by 10 am. After the contractor has finished work, mornings are available for casual play and competitive ties, but rinks may not be booked in advance.

Ladies Points Day 2:00 pm (Sign in by 1:45 pm) Some experience necessary. If in doubt, consult Jane Meikle.

Men's Edinburgh Bowling League 7:00 pm - 5 rinks are required for League matches when Braid First XVI are playing at home and one rink on other weeks.

- Thursday

Men's 'Bounce Games' 10:00am (Sign in by 9:55 am)

Afternoon play - check the Intimation Sheets for priority events. Rinks cannot be booked by individuals for the 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm session.

- Friday

Our Outside Contractor has priority on the Green in morning, but his work is usually complete by 10 am. After the contractor has finished work, mornings are available for casual play and competitive ties, but rinks may not be booked in advance.

Afternoon play - check the Intimation Sheets for priority events. Rinks cannot be booked by individuals for the 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm session.

In the evenings the Green is reserved for the popular Mixed 'Hat Nights' which members are encouraged to support. A game of 12 ends is followed by wine and nibbles in the Club House.

- Saturday

Once a month on a Saturday afternoon there is a Mixed Play Day, to which all members are cordially invited. (Dress: Grey and white.) Check club notice boards for details. Normally signing in time is 1:45 pm, but the Mann Trophy (a 2 bowl mixed triples competition) requires entry to be made by the preceding Thursday on the notices displayed.

Otherwise, the Green is usually available for play in the mornings, evenings and afternoons when there is no Mixed Play Day.

Daily Intimation Sheets

As noted above, Priority Events are shown on the Daily Intimation Sheets and include:

Ladies' and Men's League Matches against other clubs

"Friendlies" against other clubs

Hosting external competitions (eg for EBL, ELBA, SBA, etc.)

Dress

Casual but smart dress appropriate for the weather is what members will normally be wearing when they are playing on the Green. The most important item of dress however is footwear. This should always be bowling shoes, that are flat-soled and

'heel-less'. This is for the protection of the playing surface and bowling shoes should not be worn out with the Club Grounds.

When representing the Club in League Matches, Outside Competitions or Friendlies against other clubs, then the accepted dress is as follows:

Ladies - White blouse, polo-shirt or shirt, white jersey or cardigan and grey skirt or trousers.

Men - White shirt, club (or plain dark blue) tie, white jersey or cardigan and grey trousers. A navy blue blazer is also generally worn.

This 'formal dress', referred to as 'Greys and Whites' or 'Uniform', is also worn on:

- Opening and Closing Days
- Saturday Mixed Play Days and Mann Trophy Day
- Ladies' MacLeod Quaich Day
- Men's Donaldson Trophy Day
- When playing in an internal Club Competition Final.

"No Play" and "Use of Groundsheets"

When the red "No Play" notice is displayed at the Pavilion Entrance Door, no play shall take place on the Green.

Similarly, when the "Use Groundsheets" notice is displayed at the Pavilion Entrance Door, players must ensure that groundsheets are to be used. Please refer to formal rules on "Use of the Green" - Rule 9 (d). The groundsheets are kept at the back of the Men's Locker Room, near to where the scoreboards are stored. You should also find a box of nails that are used to pin the groundsheets to the Green.

Finally the Club Committee would encourage all playing members to take full advantage of their membership. You are encouraged to play as often as you can and to enjoy what is widely regarded as one of the best playing surfaces in Edinburgh. We are constantly looking for new members! The Committee would urge you to encourage family and friends to come along and have a game with a view to joining.

July 2010

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Chart of Organised Bowling Activities

Playing Periods			
10.00 till 13:30	14:00 till 16:00	16:00 till 18:00	18:00 till Dusk

Sunday				
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Monday	Our Outside Contractor has priority on Green in this period. Play can commence when the Contractor's work is complete, but rinks may not be booked in advance.	14:00 - 16:00 Ladies' Bounce Games Sign in by 13:50 Dress: Casual (No individual intimations permissible in this period.)		Men's Hat Night Sign in by 18:45 Dress: Casual Play starts as soon after 18:45 as possible.
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Tuesday	10:00 – 12:00 Men's Bounce Games Sign in by 09:55 Dress: Casual	(No individual intimations permissible in this period.)		
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Wednesday	Our Outside Contractor has priority on Green in this period. Play can commence when the Contractor's work is complete, but rinks may not be booked in advance.	14:00 – 16:00 Ladies' Points Day Sign in by 13:45 Dress: Casual Some experience required. If in doubt, please consult Jane Meikle. (No individual intimations permissible in this period.)		19:00 – Dusk Men's Edinburgh Bowling League matches. On weeks when the 1 st XVI are at home, 5 rinks are required. On alternate weeks, when only the 3 rd VIII are at home, 1 rink is required. Dress: Uniform.
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Thursday	10:00 – 12:00 Men's Bounce Games Sign in by 09:55 Dress: Casual	(No individual intimations permissible in this period.)		
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Friday	Our Outside Contractor has priority on Green in this period. Play can commence when the Contractor's work is complete, but rinks may not be booked in advance.	(No individual intimations permissible in this period.)		Mixed Hat Night Sign in by 18:45 Dress: Casual Play starts as soon after 18:45 as possible. Wine and nibbles afterwards.
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Saturday		Mixed Play Days (Once a month - check notice boards for details.) Sign in by 13:45, except Mann Trophy which requires prior entry. Dress: Uniform. (No individual intimations permissible in this period.)		
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1. **Laws of the Game:**

The Laws of the Game prescribed by the World Bowls Board with Scottish Variations (SBA and SWBA) shall apply to all play on the Green.

2. **Days and Hours of Play:**

The Green is available for play during the season (late April to late September) from 10.00am until 1.30pm and from 2.00pm until dusk each day. However:

- (a) No play may take place on the Green while the contract greenkeeper's staff and/or the Green Sub-Committee wish to work on it (usually on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings).
- (b) Play may not take place on any part of the Green which the Green Ranger or any member of the Green Sub-Committee has intimated to be unavailable for play.
- (c) On Monday and Wednesday evenings, at times when Club or Association events, or practice for them has been scheduled, on the occasions of the Ladies' and Mens' Championship Finals, and on occasions when the courtesy of the Green has been granted to an Association by the Club Committee, no other play may take place.

3. **Intimation Sheets:**

An Intimation Sheet for each day, for several weeks ahead, is placed in a binder which must not be removed from the desk in the Pavilion foyer. The sheet for the current

day is removed from the binder and displayed on the main Notice Board above the desk.

4. Priority for Association and Club events:

Association and Club events which have been entered on the Intimation Sheets by the Club Secretary, a Match Secretary or the Green Ranger have priority over all other play for the stated number of rinks.

5. Play between 2.00 and 4.00pm on Monday to Saturday:

Subject to variation on the occasion of Association and Club events, each day from Monday to Saturday, Ladies and Men are each allocated three rinks for the 2.00 to 4.00pm period. Members wishing to play during these periods should sign in **personally** no later than 1.55 pm when the draw for play will take place. If, at any time, the numbers of members wishing to play is such that some rinks allocated to Ladies or to Men are not required by them, the spare rink(s) may be used by members of the other gender. If the number who wish to play is more than can be accommodated on the six rinks the Green should be re-laid in seven rinks and/or one or more mixed rink(s) should be played.

Note: The conversion of the Green from six to seven rinks may be made quickly as follows: Take the spare rink markers and the rink number 7 from under the desk in the Pavilion foyer. At each end of the Green, starting from rink 6, place a marker on the bank opposite the junction of the third and fourth edging stones. Then move the outer rink 6 marker five stones further on, and so on at five stone intervals until the outer rink 1 marker is placed two stones from the far end. Then place the rink numbers at each mid point.

6. Precedence of play at other times:

Members may enter on the Intimation Sheets (but not later than 24 hours before the intended time of start) details of Competition Ties which they intend to play if a rink is available, during the following periods:

10.00am until 1.30 pm on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday

2.00pm until 4.00pm on Sunday

4.00pm until 6.00pm each day

6.00pm until dusk each day subject to Rule 2 (c) above.

It is recommended that, where possible, participants in ties who are available to play outwith the 6.00pm until dusk period on Mondays to Fridays, should arrange their ties for other periods. If a planned tie is postponed, the entry should be erased from the Intimation Sheet with the later entries being made on a fresh line.

Ties intimated under the first paragraph of this Rule have precedence for the period for which they are booked, after any events to which Rule 4 above applies, in the

order in which the ties were/ intimated. If necessary, the Green Ranger, a member of his Sub-Committee or an Officer of the Club will enter, in the last column of the Intimation Sheet, the number of the rink on which the tie is to be played. In the 4.00pm until 6.00pm period on Mondays to Saturdays, if rinks have not been allocated, intimated ties should be played as follows: Ladies' and Men's ties on the rinks which had been allocated respectively to Ladies and Men for the 2.00 until 4.00pm period with mixed ties on any rinks remaining. A tie intimated for any other period, and not allocated a rink must not begin before the rinks to be used for any event intimated under Rule 4 above have been decided.

7. Rinks not taken up under Rules 4 to 6 above:

(a) For the purposes of the Rule, the playing periods are:

10.00am until 1.30pm

2.00pm until 4.00pm

4.00pm until 6.00pm

6.00pm until 7.00pm (6.00pm until 6.40pm from early August as advertised separately and

6.00pm until dusk from early September as advertised separately.

7.00pm until dusk (6.40pm until dusk for early August - 6.00pm until dusk from early September as advertised separately).

(b) Members present at the beginning of any playing period who wish to play on rinks still available after priorities have been met, should decide among themselves how to play. However a singles, pairs or triples game may not start without the consent of all the others concerned if there are insufficient rinks available to enable all of them to play such a game. Members arriving during a playing period may play on a rink that is vacant and not allocated or they may join a game already started under this Rule, if those already playing agree (consent must not be withheld unreasonably). At the end of the playing period, play under this Rule must stop - the Rule then applies afresh.

8. Guests

Full Members may introduce guests **who must be "signed in" in the Visitors Book.** A member introducing a guest is responsible for ensuring that the guest complies with the Rules and does not damage the Green. No formal charge is made for guests but the Member should place in the box below the telephone a donation (a rate of £1.00 per guest should be considered as the minimum donation). The Club Committee reserves the right to limit the introduction of guests at any time, either generally or in relation to any individual.

9. The Green:

(a) Normally the Green is laid out in six rinks. However, the Club Committee may decide that there are to be fewer rinks on the occasions of special activities or

evening events involving other Clubs, or seven rinks on afternoons when large numbers are expected. Except as mentioned in Rule 5 above, the layout-out of the rinks is delegated to the Green Sub Committee.

- (b) For the preservation of the Green, all players, markers and umpires must, when on it, wear smooth-soled, heel-less footwear. This footwear should not be worn in the street or elsewhere outwith the curtilage of this and any other Bowling Green.
- (c) At the beginning and at the end of each game, and normally during the game also, those involved must enter and leave the Green at the corner. However, during a game, players may, except at the Pavilion end, leave the Green by stepping into the ditch and then over the bank, and return by stepping from the path over the bank into the ditch, in order to avoid undue pressure on the edges of the Green, stepping between the Green and the top of the bank, or on to the Green without first stepping into the ditch is strictly forbidden.
- (d) Players must comply with any request by a Club Officer or Green Sub Committee member (either generally or in relation to particular rinks or ends) that groundsheets are to be used. A groundsheet in use must be placed with its nearest edge two metres from the ditch and, at every end, the mat must be placed with its front edge touching the groundsheet (two metres from the ditch).

Appendix I

BOUNCE GAMES - CLARIFICATION of the RULES FOR THE USE OF THE GREEN

To avoid misunderstanding, the Club Committee wish to remind members of two provisions of the Rules for the Use of the Green.

Rule 6 deals only with Competition ties. Intimation Sheets must not be used at any time to "book" rinks for bounce games.

Rule 7 divides the day into five separate playing periods for the purpose of playing bounce games. The Rule sets out the requirements to be met by members present at the beginning of each period who wish to play a bounce game, i.e. those present wishing to play on rinks still available after priorities have been met, should decide among themselves how to play, bearing in mind that singles, pairs and triples may not start without the consent of all others present if there are insufficient rinks available to enable them all to play such a game. Further, when bounce games are in progress at the start of any of the specified playing periods (in particular 7.00pm), all members present at that time, including those already playing, must consult together to decide about how to play - a game in progress may continue only if it does not interfere with the wishes of all the other members who have turned up to play.

Appendix II

CLUB AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

In accordance with the Rules, every member, when on the Green, must wear smooth-soled heel-less footwear. To avoid bringing on to the Green any foreign matter which might damage the playing surface, such footwear **MUST NOT** be worn outwith the Club Grounds.

The Club provides sets of bowls of various sizes for use by new members and visitors. These should not be taken away from the Club or be placed in member's lockers. New members, who do not have bowls of their own, will find it helpful to try several of the Club sets until they learn the size of bowl which suits them best. Within a year of joining the Club, a member should have acquired a personal set of bowls, the discs on which should be marked with a symbol or initials which distinguishes that set from all others. To be valid for competitive play, bowls must bear a current stamp of the I.B.B., the W.B.B. or the W.B. Currently, for Ladies competing in the S.W.B.A. National Championships this year, bowls must have a stamp bearing 2003 or onwards. For 2004 the stamp should read 2004 or onwards and this will continue each year, i.e. bowls must have the current year or onwards on the stamp. For Men bowls must have a legible stamp reading 1997 or later and bowls conforming to this can continue to be used without stamping until such time as the stamp becomes illegible.