



Blackwood Bowling Club



Community sports and
social club

Information Booklet

Welcome to Blackwood Bowling Club

New members soon discover that Blackwood Bowling Club offers a great deal more than a perfect hills environment to play lawn bowls.

Our three synthetic greens are open all year for social bowls and we field various men's, women's and mixed teams in the local pennant competition.

While we strive to win on the greens, social activities are a key part of the club's success. When the bowling stops a post-game drink can be enjoyed in our refurbished clubrooms and bar.

Dinners and social events are held regularly inside the club and outside in our new entertainment area.

It's fun, friendly and we're here to enjoy ourselves.

Membership options

The club offers different categories of membership to suit your level of interest and availability.

All membership categories allow you to practice on the greens throughout the year and compete in social bowls and tournaments.

Only full and junior members can be regularly picked to represent the club in summer pennant competitions and compete in the club championships.

To join you need to be nominated and seconded before your application is ratified by the management committee.

Membership fees

Full member	\$280
Social member	\$100
Junior member (aged 18 and under)	\$110

Playing pennant bowls

Since being founded in 1935 Blackwood has worked hard at being a successful pennants club. Playing for your club is a great way to develop your game with more experienced players only too willing to provide friendly support.

While you don't have to be a champion bowler to play pennants – there are divisions for different skill levels – some prior bowling experience is important.

The club competes in Adelaide's metro pennant competition operated by the Metropolitan Bowls Association from October to March.

The club has:

- five teams in Saturday's open mixed divisions
- two teams in Thursday's ladies' competition
- three teams in Wednesday's men's competition.

Pennant guidelines

All members joining a pennant bowls team should read the club's playing guidelines. This contains important information on tactics during games, the club's code of conduct and selection policy.

Team selection

The club's selection panel meets weekly during pennant season for the challenging task of selecting teams. These are usually posted in the pennant section of our website or at the club by Tuesday for that week's games.

While the panel tries to find a position for everyone, sometimes we have more players than places. On these occasions you may find yourself on the bankers list without a pennant game for that week.

You should not feel disheartened as most players have been a banker at some stage. Please note that selection preference is given to those who show an ongoing commitment to play and who practice regularly.

Pennant practice

During the pennant season, selected greens are reserved on Tuesday morning from 9.30am to 11.30am for ladies' practice and coaching. All greens are set aside for team practice on Tuesdays and Fridays from 3pm to 6pm.



Match day

Games start at different times on different days so check the team selection sheet if you are uncertain. You should:

- always try to make yourself available if you have nominated to play pennant bowls
- alert a selector and place your name on the 'unavailable sheet' if you know you can't play on a particular day
- inform your team manager or a selector as soon as possible if you have been selected and suddenly become unavailable
- place your name on the board outside the clubroom if you are planning to travel directly to an away game
- arrive at the clubhouse 15 minutes before the allocated departure time if you want a lift with other members. (The departure time is recorded on the team selection sheet.)
- arrive at the pennant venue at least 30-40 minutes prior to the start of the game to allow time for practice

Games may be cancelled at short notice because of rain or if it is too hot. Your team skipper or manager will inform you if this is the case.

Social bowls

Blackwood Bowling Club has an active social bowls program operating throughout the year. This is open to all members and visitors and is a great way to improve your game and meet other players.

The cost is \$10 each and you can borrow club bowls if you don't own a set. The format is three-bowls pairs with partners drawn randomly. Social games are played every Monday during the pennant season and every Wednesday and Saturday in the off-season.

- Four-bowl pairs is also held every Monday during the off-season with players free to select their own partners. Cash prizes are available for successful teams.

Be at the club by 12pm to register for social bowls for a 12.30pm start.

Night owls

Many club members are tempted into playing social and pennant bowls after starting off in night owls.

This fun social night is played under lights and is a great opportunity to learn more about lawn bowls with men and women of varying ages and experience.

It's a team competition with four players on each side playing with two bowls each. Club bowls can be borrowed free of charge.

There is a one-off \$10 registration fee each year plus a game fee of \$10. The bar is always open and there are various prizes to be won at the end of the night.

We run Tuesday and Wednesday night owl competitions from October until March, with a break for Christmas. Games start at 7pm and usually finish by 9.30pm. Both nights are popular so make sure you register your team well before the start of a new season.



Club championships

Every year Blackwood Bowling Club stages club championships where members compete against each other. We organise:

- open events for both men and women
- a mixed handicap competition
- pairs events for men and women and also mixed pairs.

All members are encouraged to enter with entry forms available from September. Games are played according to a published schedule and run throughout the summer season. The winners are announced at our end-of-season presentation dinner.

Bowls tournaments

Sponsored tournaments are offered by clubs across Adelaide and country regions for some friendly rivalry.

We run a Monday pairs competition in the off-season providing a high standard of play against members from other clubs. This is in addition to our regular social bowls program.

All members are invited to support these days either by playing or volunteering to assist. You are also encouraged to enter other club tournaments and those organised by Bowls SA.

Details can be found on the club noticeboard and in the tournaments folder. Also check the Bowls SA calendar of events and Get a Game of Bowls website.



Volunteer your support

Blackwood Bowling Club is run entirely by members who volunteer their time, knowledge and expertise. Their efforts keep the club operating smoothly and ensure we offer facilities of a high standard.

The club committee oversees the ongoing running of the club which includes everything from financial management and fundraising to major decisions on building and green upgrades.

Our members assist with numerous other tasks such as cleaning, greens maintenance, making sandwiches for home pennant games, managing the website, organising bowling and social events and supporting club hire functions.

All members are urged to become involved in some way. Volunteering your support will make you feel more connected and provide a greater understanding of how our club operates.

Please let us know if you have a particular interest or area of expertise that might be helpful. Following are some a few key areas where support is required.

Home game duties

Teams are allocated specific tasks for each home game during the pennant season and these are managed by a team leader. The various duties are listed in the clubhouse.

Before play starts

1. Hoist the flags as per the protocol listed on the front of the flag locker
2. Place rink flags, mats and kitties on rinks designated for that day's play
3. Prepare the dining area.

At the end of play

1. Lower flags and return them to the flag locker
2. Collect all rink markers with leads responsible for returning mats and jacks
3. Turn off the water cooler
4. Clean up as required.

House duties

All club members are rostered for a week of house duty once or twice during the year.

Check the roster on the notice board to find out if you have been rostered onto a house duty team. If you are unavailable please speak with the house manager.

Each team has three or four members and the first named is the team leader responsible for arranging a suitable time with the other members.

The various duties are listed on the noticeboard and aim to ensure our clubhouse is presentable at all times.

Bar duties

The bar is an important source of income for the club and many members are involved in its operation. To serve alcohol you need a Responsible Service of Alcohol certificate and the club will pay for your training.

Other duties include operating the till and support service, which includes collecting glasses, restocking fridges, taking out empty bottles etc.

Bar rosters are displayed on the notice board and cover:

- home and away game bar service
- night owls on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings
- Friday night bar service
- special functions.

If rostered members are unavailable please swap your shift with someone else.

Green duties

Keeping the rinks clean and in good condition is the responsibility of the greens team. Even though the Blackwood greens are artificial they still require ongoing maintenance to ensure they play to the highest standard.

Duties are currently shared between a group of members and include:

- green preparation, involving grooming, vacuuming, rolling, watering and line marking
- weed and moss management
- mowing lawns, including council strips surrounding the club
- cleaning the greens and ditches before pennant games and other tournaments
- tidying the clubhouse surrounds and barbecue area
- maintaining green facilities and shed equipment.

Behaving responsibly

Every member of Blackwood Bowling Club is expected to behave appropriately at all times.

We are all ambassadors of the club which has earned a reputation as a warm and friendly venue for members, guests and visiting teams.

You must behave in a manner that reflects positively on the club, make an effort to welcome visitors and new members, and demonstrate good sportsmanship in all competitions.

Managing complaints

A code of conduct and procedures for managing complaints against another member can be found in the club constitution under the pennant noticeboard. The first step is an approach to the club captain who will try to resolve the issue.

Severe breaches of behaviour can result in a member being suspended or having their membership withdrawn.

Member privacy

The club has a policy of not revealing or sharing a member's contact details without their approval. Please respect your fellow members' privacy.

Dress code

Casual but smart is the dress code in the clubroom and on the greens. You should also:

- wear flat-soled shoes (or bare feet) when bowling, a rule applied by all bowling clubs to protect the playing surface
- remove your hat when entering the clubroom.

Pennant uniform

When playing pennant bowls men and women must wear the approved club uniform:

- Men – bottle green trousers or shorts and a club shirt.
- Women – bottle green long pants, $\frac{3}{4}$ pants or shorts and a club shirt.

Most items can be ordered from the club's uniform manager, including hoodies (green or red), hats and hat bands and green polo shirts. Other items of clothing, such as vests and spray jackets, must be Bowls SA approved.

Sponsors offering member discounts

Blackwood Home Hardware (10%)

Botanic Health (10%)

Intersport (10%)

The Physio Clinic (\$25 discount for first visit)

Bridgestone Select Tyre & Auto

Tyrepower Blackwood

Sponsors offering club donations for member customers

The Duck Inn

Drakes Supermarket

Blackwood Bowling Club Committee

President	Peter Craig
Vice President Men	Chris Wallace
Vice President Ladies	Josie Brook
Immediate Past President	Mick Trevaskis
Secretary	Lindsay Manuel
Treasurer	Peter Hocking
Board members - Julie Gillman, Tom Kelsey, Henk Smelter, Chris Anderson, Alan Whyatt, Sandra Mole and Mark Manuel	

Club roles

Chair of Selectors Men	Keith Seanard
Chair of Selectors Ladies	Julie Gillman
Club Captain and Grants Officer	Tom Kelsey
Bar Manager	Chris Wallace
House Manager and Social Bowls Coordinator	Alan Whyatt
Greens Manager, Website Manager and Public Officer	Henk Smelter
Monday Pairs Coordinator	Malcolm Bailey
Night Owls Coordinator (Tuesday)	Peter Hocking
Night Owls Coordinator (Wednesday)	Chris Wallace
Club Championship Managers	Mark Manuel & Mark Morris
Council Liaison Officer	Mick Trevaskis
Membership Officer	Lindsay Manuel
Uniform Managers	Lindsay Manuel & Josie Brook
Sponsorship Manager and Newsletter Editor	Mark Manuel
Events Coordinator	Ian Williams
Club Coaches	Peter Craig & Chas McCormick
Club Records Manager	Matt Rawnsley

Greens Team

Henk Smelter, Malcolm Bailey, Gary George, Jim Richmond, Mark Morris and Ian Williams

Social Committee

Marilyn and Howie Edmonds, Ann Williams, Jeff and Sandra Mole, Lindsay Manuel, Mark Morris and Chris Whyatt.

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Core Values

Our Club FIRST Approach

Friendship

We provide a safe, welcoming, caring and inclusive environment

Integrity

We are honest with ourselves and in our dealings with others

Respect

We respect all members, opponents and visitors to our club

Success

We strive for success on the green and to strengthen our club and standing in the community

Teamwork

We work together and support each other to achieve our goals

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