

BOWLING CLUB



DE ZURGENA



WELCOME PACK

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On behalf of the committee and all our members we would like to welcome you to the Bowling Club de Zurgena and provide you with some information which will help you settle in.

The club was officially formed in late 2015 and was opened for membership in March 2016. We are affiliated to the The Federacion Andaluza de Bolos (F.A.B) and although owned by the Ayuntamiento de Zurgena, we are responsible for the day to day running of the club and maintenance of the green and facilities. Members vote annually for a management committee, comprising President, Vice President, Club Captain, Treasurer, Secretary and Competition Secretary, and a General Committee which shall consist of the members of the Management Committee plus Team Captains, members of the Social & Fund-raising Committee, Green Keeper, and a non-specified number of ordinary members without a designated position.

The procedures for this vote at an Annual General Meeting and how the club is run are contained in our own Constitution and the Andalucian Sports Club statutes, both of which you can find on the club website, zurgenabc.com.

We are one of the strongest clubs in the area in terms of members. We cater for social bowlers, who take part in our roll-up sessions on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings. You need to place your tag in the tray before 09.45H and the draw is then made for teams for a 10.00H start. We also enter several teams in FAB leagues throughout the season for those members who want a more competitive side of the sport. We also run several competitions throughout the year and as an FAB member you can also enter any of their Open tournaments as well as other clubs' open events.

Members can also play bowls any time there is nothing on at the club (not Monday mornings) and information on how to do this will be given further into this welcome pack.

Annual subscriptions are due before the end of January each year and a pro rata fee is applied for new members joining at other times in the calendar year.

All members of the club are expected to contribute in all aspects towards the day to day running of the club and that means that you will be on a maintenance rota and possibly a tea hut rota.

We are sure you will enjoy your time at our club, and we look forward to meeting you on the green.

You can visit our new website www.zurgenabowlsclub.com for more information.

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CLUB RULES

- All visitors and guests are invited to play providing they observe the rules of the Club and pay the appropriate fees before commencing play.
- All visitors and guests must be signed in by a member who will always be available during opening times.
- Members will be responsible for visitors they sign in and must adhere to the rules and etiquette of the Bowls Club.
- Whites are preferred on Club Roll-Up Days, but this is optional. Gentlemen, please don't wear vests, singlets or sleeveless tops. Ladies may wear sleeveless blouses.
- For health and safety reasons flip flops or sliders are not permitted. Footwear must be flat soled, and we strongly encourage the use of recognised bowling shoes.
- Smoking is only allowed in designated smoking areas.
- Verbal, written or physical abuse towards committee members, volunteers or other members of the club will not be tolerated.
- Members wishing to bowl outside of roll up sessions must contact one of the keyholders below to arrange collection of keys for the gate padlock and gents' toilets. Upon leaving, the keys must be left in the white mailbox behind the shed and the keyholder informed. The last person to leave must ensure the toilet is locked and the padlock is secured on the entrance gate. Members are allowed to bring non-member guests who are bowlers onto the green outside of roll up sessions the only stipulation being that they must wear the correct footwear and pay a 5€ green fee.
- Key Holders: Maureen Hanratty, +34 678 40 38 99, Shootsie, +44 7845 99 09 22, Tony Mason +34 711 06 50 42, Donald Garden, +44 7715 45 10 94, Carole Thomas +34 677 74 87 39 and John Pooley +34 626 66 65 83
- An appointment book will be kept in the office at the club where members could book rinks for non-roll up sessions. It will be the responsibility of the member wishing to book a rink to attend the club during opening times to write the booking in the book themselves.
- Bowling is not allowed on the green before 1 pm on a Monday due to maintenance work.
- The tea hut may be opened for purchase of drinks etc during non-roll up sessions provided that a committee member is present who will be responsible for sales and security.
- Mobile phones are not allowed on the green, the only exception being if the member is awaiting an emergency phone call. In this instance they must inform a committee member and their opposition before play commences.

TEA HUT AND PLANCHA



Volunteers: Malcolm Darby & Steve Way

Members can buy tea, coffee and soft drinks from the tea hut which is staffed by volunteers. Please see Carol Way if you can spare a day or two to help in the hut. Likewise, a small group of volunteers cover the plancha so members can buy bacon, sausage and egg sandwiches prior to the start of roll up as well as burgers on special occasions. Again, if you can help on the plancha please see Carol.

Lawn Bowls' Etiquette With thanks to the FAB Almería Website (fabalmeria.es)

The etiquette of the game of bowls is a combination of good manners, sportsmanship and sociability; these courtesies are best described as the unwritten Laws of the Game. They are designed to promote social ability and the excellent reputation for friendliness and sportsmanship the game of bowls has rightly earned.

- Be conversant with the Laws of the Game and any Rules of the competition and observe them.
- Be punctual to commence play at all matches and be properly attired.
- Keep quiet and refrain from moving when players are on the mat.
- Stand one metre behind the mat while your opponent bowls. – Law 12.1.1
- Always stand still at the head when a player is about to bowl, movement at the head or talking at the mat end is very distracting.
- Always allow your opponent the right to the head as spelt out in the Laws of the Game.
- Walk close to the centre of the rink with minimum delay when changing ends, do not distract play on the neighbouring rink.
- Do not unnecessarily delay play. Always be ready to bowl when it is your turn.
- Never deliver your bowl before the previous bowl has come to rest – Law 13.4
- Any player intending to fire should make sure players on that rink and adjacent rinks are aware.
- Every player at the mat end should assist in collecting bowls when the end is completed.
- Always pay your Skip the respect of waiting for their decision. Do not step onto the mat and indicate which way you intend playing – wait for the Skip's instruction – Law 40.1
- Never complain about lucky bowls, they often equal out over the game.
- Applaud all good bowls no matter what side you are supporting and accept lucky bowls graciously.
- Never say “thank you” when the opposition has unfortunately improved your position.
- Respect the green at all times and stay in your rink– do not drop bowls onto the green, stand on the edge of the green or walk in ditches.
- Should you wish to leave the green always inform your opponent – Law 32.1
- If you lose, be a good loser, don't blame other people, the green, the weather etc.
- If you win don't say how easy it was and win or lose always shake hands at the end of the game and thank them for the game.
- When deciding shots at the end of an end, it is the player conceding the shots who should take out the bowls. If either want a measure then either, or both can do so.
- Offer your opponent a drink at the end of the game and when playing singles remember to offer the Marker a drink.

If you follow these unwritten laws of the game, you will be a pleasure to play with, you'll enjoy your bowling and be an asset to the club.