

# Morpeth Men's Bowls Competitions

Enter by May 6<sup>th</sup>

## Competition 1

Men's Championship – A singles match with 4 bowls each with first to 21 points winning.

## Competition 2

Bowls Handicap – A singles match with first to 21 shots **plus or minus** your handicap winning. Experienced bowlers and previous winners are handicapped by giving the weaker bowler a head start. New members are assessed on experience and achievements at other clubs (if appropriate). Handicaps will be posted with the draw for this competition along with examples of applying any handicapping.

## Competition 3

2 Bowls handicap – A singles match with first to 21 shots **plus or minus** your handicap winning. Experienced bowlers and previous winners are handicapped by giving the weaker bowler a head start. New members are assessed on experience and achievements at other clubs (if appropriate). Handicaps will be posted with the draw for this competition along with examples of applying any handicapping.

## Competition 4

Novice Rose Bowl – A singles match each using 4 bowls with first to 21 points winning. Open to all bowlers who have **NOT** previously won a singles competition at this club or any other club.

## Competition 5

Captain's Prize – A singles match each using 4 bowls. Best of 3 sets. See below for more details.

First two sets are up to 7 ends with all shots counting.

If one player is so far in front that the opponent does not have sufficient bowls remaining to catch the leader then the set is considered over.

In the event of the sets being level after two sets then a deciding set is played over three ends with **one shot only** being awarded to the winner of the end.

There is another toss of the coin before the third set to decide the order of play. The winner of the toss can choose to start or go second.

## Competition 6

Pairs – 2 players per team using 4 bowls each over 18 ends. Tie-break end if needed.

Players enter with a partner of their choosing. Individuals without a partner can put their name on the 'looking for competition partners' form in the locker room to try and find one.

## Competition 7

Triples – 3 players per team using 3 bowls each over 18 ends. Tie-break end if needed.

Players enter with two players of their choosing. Individuals unable to make up a group Individuals without a group can put their name on the 'looking for competition partners' form in the locker room to try and find one. Like blind dates for bowls!

NOTE: The Taff Rowland trophy for **mixed pairs** is designated as a ladies competition with ladies asking any male to partner them as they wish. The entry form for this is with the ladies' competitions in the right-hand locker room for the ladies to complete.

## **Morpeth Men's Bowls Competitions (cont)**

**Entries** should be added to the lists on the notice board in the locker rooms, or by clicking the link on the competitions page on the morpethbowlsclub.co.uk website competitions page, **before May 6<sup>th</sup>**.

**Draws will be made known shortly after the entry closing date** by posting on the notice board and on the website competitions page. Rounds should be played by the dates shown on the draw for each competition otherwise there will be a risk of disqualification. Last year some rounds were well behind due to people not completing earlier rounds for no particular reason other than they waited too long before arranging matches. Please don't be surprised to find you have forfeited the round if you are holding things up unnecessarily. I understand the pressure for some to complete on time due to other commitments, but please keep me informed.

**Finals week commences 26<sup>th</sup> August (with the Sundays before or after being used if the weather forecast is bad). If you know you will not be available for that week you should not enter.**

One substitute will be allowed up to and including the semi-finals for pairs and triples matches. The semi-final team cannot employ a substitute for the final. A maximum of one substitute can be used. **A substitute cannot have already played for a different team in the same competition.** If a finalist team cannot field the players who have played for that team in the semi-final, they will forfeit the final.

**The first named in the draw will be considered the challenger** and will be required to offer the opponent(s) up to 3 alternative dates for the match to be played within the time allowed for each round.

Disputes about difficulties in arranging matches should be advised to Paul Charlton for adjudication and it may result in the match being awarded to the team that he considers has not entered into the spirit of the competition.

The challenger also needs to arrange a competent marker for singles matches to keep score, position the jack and measure when required to do so.

Rinks are chosen by the challenger taking up to three dominoes from the bag hanging in the equipment shed which relates to vacant rinks available at that time. The opponent selects one after they have been put face down and shuffled around. Please ensure the dominoes are replaced in the shed asap.

All matches to take place on the Collingwood green. If the rinks are full then ask any casual bowlers to move to the Hood green. County matches take priority on rink reservations.

**If you do not have contact details for your opponent** then speak to Ann Wilson, who is the membership secretary, or email her at [bowlsmemberships@gmail.com](mailto:bowlsmemberships@gmail.com) .

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