

Bowdon Croquet Club will re-open in a limited fashion with effect from Thursday 14th May. Please respect the following limitations.

1. **THE CLUBHOUSE WILL REMAIN CLOSED.** This is to ensure a safe working environment for those maintaining the lawns.
2. Four full lawns and one short lawn are laid out. As double banking will not be used, this enables up to 10 members to use the Club at any one time.
3. A timetable consisting of two hour time slots has been set up. Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays: 12.30 - 2.30, 3 - 5pm, 5.30 - 7.30pm. Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays & Sundays: 10 -12 noon, 12.30 - 2.30, 3 - 5pm, 5.30 - 7.30pm. Lawn maintenance will take place on Monday, Wednesday & Friday mornings.
4. No extra-curricular or social activity should take place, nor are any guests / visitors / spectators permitted.
5. If you need to retrieve your mallet from the Clubhouse or borrow a club mallet for the remainder of the season, please contact Alan Mayne.

Advice to Players

1. **Do not go to the club** if you are experiencing any symptoms of a cold or flu, in particular a cough or high temperature. Use the NHS helpline and seek advice. For your own protection, follow the advice about self-isolation if you are, or are living with, someone in one of the vulnerable groups.
2. You should only play with people from your own household or by yourself or, as long as you stay 2 metres apart, with one other person from outside your household.
3. Any activity should be in line with the Government's social distancing measures at all times, including when going to and departing from a lawn. Consequently, do not shake hands before or after a game.
4. Sanitise your hands before and after you play.
5. Contact Alan Mayne (07531775963) by phone or text to book a slot, rather than turning up in the hope of being able to play or practise.
6. Do not use clips, ball markers, corner pegs/offside markers or flags. Players should agree the score at the end of each scoring turn. You may find it helpful to record the score on a notepad, as it can be difficult to remember which ball is for which hoop. Personal counters should be used to keep count of bisques/extra turns.
7. Do not move ball-stops, but take relief instead.
8. Avoid using movable chairs as far as possible, otherwise clean them before and after use.
9. Use your feet, rather than hands, to position balls where you can do so with sufficient precision. This is easy to forget, so we recommend the wearing of gloves during play.
10. Players should be their own Referees and acknowledge faults and errors if they occur.

David Walters

Hon. Secretary

13th May 2020