

Palmerston Re-opening - Summary of Important Information

Opening date

We plan to reopen Palmerston on **Monday 31 August**. Please read carefully all the enclosures to this letter before you consider coming to the club, because we must operate under Covid-secure conditions. This means you cannot just turn up as you used to, all visits to the club must be booked in advance, whether for bowling or for lunch in the restaurant.

Covid-Secure Bowling Procedure

Please read the enclosed Covid-Secure Bowling Procedure. It contains **vital information** you must understand and adhere to if you wish to continue bowling.

Bar and Restaurant

The bar will be open to support the bowling and the restaurant as usual. There is a separate Restaurant Reopening Information sheet.

What will happen from 31 August

Pre-booked rollups will start on up to 6 rinks. The initial plan is as follows: Weekdays there will be 2 daytime sessions Monday-Friday 9:30am - 11:30am and 2:30pm-4:30pm. On Wednesday and Friday evenings 7:30pm - 9:30pm. Saturday and Sunday mornings 9:30am - 11:30am. We may open other sessions depending on demand.

For booking the first week beginning 31 August please phone Wednesday 26th - Friday 28th 9:30am - 11:30am. The desk will not be manned at other times that week.

We will postpone the start of Winter leagues to 5th October as we anticipate that some teams will pull out of the leagues. This allows members to see how our COVID-Secure bowling procedures operate in practice before they make their own decision on returning to league bowls.

League reorganisation

Because there are only 5 sessions (see Booking Guide), we regret that the previous 8:15pm leagues will disappear (Monday and Thursday Australian Pairs, Wednesday Open Triples). Also we cannot accommodate 4's so the two 4's leagues will convert to triples (Monday Mixed Fours, Tuesday Open Fours).

Could Team Leaders please confirm, not later than Friday 18 September, whether their team will be playing in the leagues this season. If their team is pulling out, please give us names and phone numbers of players who wish to continue playing in that session. We will then try to make up teams with these remaining players.

This will allow us to sort out the teams playing in each league and produce the league schedules ready for collection on Monday 28 September. This will give you a week to advise your team players which games they will be playing throughout the league season. Please contact:

Mens and Mixed: Bill Jackson leaguesec@palmerston-bowls.club Tel 07806 813866

Ladies: Lesley Howell memberships@palmerston-bowls.club Tel 01329 513655

Lockers

Members will not be allowed to use lockers except in extreme necessity (see Covid-Secure Bowling Procedure). Please come to the club in your bowling clothes and outdoor shoes, carrying your bowls and bowling shoes, which must be changed at the side of the green.

You can pick up your bowls and shoes Wednesday 26th - Friday 28th 9:30am - 11:30am, or the first time you come to bowl.

Booking

You will need to book by telephone to play bowls (except for scheduled league games). This includes competitions, drives, rollups, etc. Please see the Booking Guide.

Rink fees

We are sorry to have to insist that members cannot use cash at the Stewards desk, just your member card. You will be able to top up your member card at the bar when it is open, either with a credit/debit card (preferred) or £10/£20 notes. We do not want to handle coins. There is now also an online member card top-up facility - details will be available when you first visit the club.

Annual General Meeting postponed

We had scheduled an AGM in April but of course this had to be cancelled. Instead we plan to hold an abbreviated AGM for the required re-election of directors and committee. Please read the enclosed AGM proxy voting form. You can either post or deposit this in the club when you come to bowl.

Can you find an email friend?

We realise many members do not use email. If this applies to you, perhaps you might be able to ask a close relative, e.g. son or daughter, to receive emails on your behalf, so that they could pass any news on to you. They can tell us the relevant email address by sending an email to emails@palmerston-bowls.club saying who it is for.

Using email you will be able to receive information throughout the year instead of just one posted letter per year.

New PO Box postal address

We have a new PO Box address. Please send all future mail to (note the different post code):
Palmerston Indoor Bowls Club Ltd, PO Box 773, FAREHAM, PO14 9TW

Other information

We have upgraded our ventilation system to bring fresh air into and expel used air out of the bowls hall, the bar and the restaurant, consistent with Government Covid-Secure recommendations.

We are not able to run the 100 Club this year.

Board of Directors

8 August 2020