

THRAPSTON BOWLS CLUB OPENING AND CLOSING TIMES 2023

The green will be open from Mondays through to Fridays from noon and rinks should be booked for competitions in the rink booking book. You may state a preferred rink you wish to play on but the direction of the green i.e. 1 to 6 or 7 to 12 will generally be determined by the greenkeeper and will be shown on the outside blackboard. Any rink that is closed by the greenkeeper will also be shown on the blackboard.

Rink availability and preference has a hierarchy. Club matches; National competitions; County competitions; club competitions (and here the Club Championship has priority) and finally casual play. By exception and with the approval of the President and match captain (and the greenkeeper where necessary) a rink may be given over to a National or County competition. All members are expected to be mindful of the fixture list when arranging dates for competitions.

CASUAL PLAY MONDAY TO FRIDAY SHOULD END NO LATER THAN 9PM.

During the week our volunteer bar staff will lock up. If there are matches and competitions, the bar facility will be provided until a reasonable time to allow players to have the opportunity to have a drink after a game. This aspect of hospitality after a game remains an important part of bowls, but please be mindful of our volunteer bar staff who have given their time to the club.

Volunteer bar staff should make themselves aware of the games on from the rink booking book.

On weekends volunteers from the GMC have agreed a rota to ensure the club is opened and locked.

On weekends the Club will be used for club matches and various competitions which will be booked in the rink booking book. The rota of volunteers from the GMC will ensure the club is open in good time for such games. Bar facilities at weekends will be provided for club matches, county league, and club national/local competitions. However, as we operate the bar on a volunteer basis, we cannot guarantee bar facilities for personal competitions or casual play. Our volunteer bar staff will lock up at the end of any afternoon club matches. If there are no afternoon matches that responsibility will be undertaken by the GMC rota no later than 5pm.

If there are rinks available casual play will be allowed from 11am to 5pm on Saturdays and Sundays.

GMC will monitor the operation during the season and review as necessary. Any issues that Members may experience can be discussed with or put in writing to the President.

As in all small clubs an element of goodwill and flexibility goes a long way.

David Bailey President on behalf of GMC 3 May 2023.

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