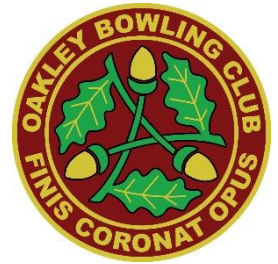


**Bowls England / Drake's Pride  
CLUB OF THE YEAR 2013**



## Welcome to Oakley Bowling Club

We hope you have enjoyed your visit to our club today. We are a friendly club which aims to provide bowling activities to suit everyone's needs. At one end of the spectrum, some members join just to play socially with friends. At the other end, members are very competitive choosing to enter County and National Competitions. Whatever you want from the game, Oakley provides it, and we cater for all ages in what is a very friendly family sport.

Our bowling activities include friendly matches, leagues, spoon drives, internal and external competitions, and occasional matches against touring teams from other Counties. We hold social functions throughout the year where friends and family are welcome to join us.

<b>Things it might be helpful for you to know:</b>	
<b>Membership</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> year fee £30.00 Membership, £15.00 for Juniors (under 25 and in full time education) with free Club Shirt included, thereafter £70.00 per annum, Juniors £30.00. There is no green fee charge for playing on the green. Associate/Social membership is £10.
<b>Coaching</b>	Coaching can be arranged for beginners and for those requiring something more advanced.
<b>Casual Bowls</b>	You can play whenever there are free rinks. (rinks are easily booked using an online system) There are organised casual bowling sessions every Monday afternoon with other sessions being arranged as required. These are open to all members, especially new and inexperienced bowlers; you will find it a good introduction to the club and it will help you find your way around and to get to know other members. On Monday a nominal charge is made and all profits from the day are donated to 'St Michael's Hospice' annually. Short Mat bowls is played in the Malshanger Club during the closed season.
<b>Friendly Games</b>	All members are encouraged to take part in Friendly matches. These will help you to get to know other members and to integrate within the Club. When refreshment is provided after friendly games, a charge is made to cover this cost.
<b>League Games</b>	Monday evenings – Basingstoke and District Triples League Tuesday evenings – Ladies Triples League (ladies only) Wednesday evenings – Whitchurch Triples League Thursday afternoon – Stan Hardman Triples League Friday evenings – Basingstoke and District Rinks League
<b>Equipment:</b>	<b>To play you will need the following items of equipment:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flat smooth soled bowling shoes.</li> <li>• A set of 4 Bowls – <b>Do not</b> purchase bowls until you are sure of the size you require. The club has spare sets that can be borrowed whilst deciding your preference in size and weight. Also, there are often second-hand sets of bowls for sale which cuts the cost of starting up.</li> <li>• Waterproofs – (Yes, we do play in the rain!!) White wet weather gear can be purchased locally.</li> <li>• All other items of equipment can be purchased as required when you progress through the various stages of the game.</li> </ul>
<b>Social Events</b>	The Club runs a programme of Social Events throughout the year. These include the Annual Dinner, skittles evenings, quiz nights, a Barbecue, a Race Night and a Christmas Lunch. There is also an annual Club Tour to a destination of the President's choice. In 2022 we went to Cyprus. 2023 will be Eastbourne.
<b>For more Information</b>	Please contact: General Secretary: Spencer Kerley 01256 780418 or Ladies Secretary: Diane Yarrall 01256 781465 or Club Captain: John Ryan on 01256 243300