

# BOWLS



# MATCH

## **FRIENDLY BOWLS GAME DATE MATCHER**

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### **USER GUIDE**

If you have not received a 'Password' click on 'Register' at the top of the website 'Home' page. Enter a few required details on the page and 'click' ENTER.

A password will be sent to the email address registered.

### **ENTER THE SITE**

Insert your club password (ABC1234) and press 'Login'

### **ADVERTISE YOUR CLUB AVAILABILITY**

Click on 'Admin' at the top of the webpage to add or update your available dates at any time. Enter available date (first box) or date range (both boxes) using the appropriate calendars.

The more dates that you offer, the better the chance of a match. Decide which type of game you would agree to play.

Tick 'Local Club' or 'Tour' to indicate the type of club that you would agree to play (Both if appropriate).

Don't forget to include dates where, perhaps your ladies are playing an away match, but you still could host a Gents / Mixed game, or vice versa.

Click on the 'Search Page' to find other clubs with similar free dates in the area that interests you.

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### SEARCH PAGE

Click the appropriate county on the map, (only those coloured green are presently available) where you aim to play.

Select 'All Clubs' or a City/Town that you prefer.

Enter available date (top box) or date range (both lower boxes) using the appropriate calendars, then click on 'Search'

### RESULTS PAGE

Results will show all clubs within your chosen locations which have registered the same date/dates, and match type, as available for a possible match.

Only clubs with similar criteria (Ladies/Mixed/Gents) will be shown, as will only clubs who have indicated acceptance of tour groups be shown for 'Tour' enquiries.

Click on 'Location' of an interesting club to see the club location on a 'Google' map. This will open in a separate tab, so you can refer to your results list at any time. On the Google map, scroll or zoom out to see exactly where the club/green is located. Change between 'Map' view and to 'Satellite' view (bottom left corner of map page) to see the green and possible car park / drop-off locations.

If you lose the location on the map, click back in from the 'Results' page'

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### **TO ARRANGE A GAME**

Click on 'Email' to send a pre-filled email request to the appropriate club fixture secretary.

Check, amend, and add any details as necessary. (Only the recipient club contact will see your phone number if entered, but this may speed up a reply)

Click on 'Back' to return to your list of results, and to send further emails.

If a club fixture Sec. is not on email, the email may go to the club general secretary.

### **FEEDBACK / COMMENTS**

We will appreciate referrals, feedback, and any 'County' assistance to include as many clubs as possible.

### **Help, Questions, and Suggestions**

A 'Contact Us' link is included on every page of the website. Later, we may add a phone contact number, but presently we can only accept email contact. That said, if you include a phone number in your email, we may call you to discuss your 'point'

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### **FUTURE OF THE SITE**

**THE WEBSITE IS FREE TO USE, AND ALWAYS WILL BE**

Its success depends upon clubs participating and using the site.

For the benefit of touring clubs, soon, we aim to include links to hotels 'recommended' by bowlers throughout the UK and Eire, which will be searchable by County, and City/Town.

We would therefore appreciate recommendations for any hotels which have given good service for your club's recent tours.

### **MAINTAINING YOUR PRIVACY**

We can change club 'Passwords' at any time if requested by the relevant fixture or club secretary via email.

Only where a fixture secretary does not have an email address, AND, permission has been granted, will a phone number be shown.

Searching members are required to give a phone contact for the recipient club Fixture Sec. to enable ease of reply/arrangements.

Phone numbers entered on an enquiry email to another club will not be seen by us, nor other than the email recipient.

Our website is 'Secure' and Password protected.

Only data on your club 'Admin' page is stored, but never shared other than via this site at the 'Match Request' stage.