**Reminder to Members continued. (sent 29/7/2025)**

After our last Committee meeting, I circulated a reminder about club attire, footwear and bowling green opening times.

Following that circulation I received emails from two members querying what was stated, amongst other things. An email from another member about marking attire and a query from another member about marking.

The new Club Shirt.

I can confirm that the committee have agreed that he following applies to our new official club shirt and the byelaws will be updated accordingly.

*The official club shirts are the new ones and are the only shirts to be worn when competing in a game of bowls under the auspices of the club, at home or away, whether in the****fixture list****or****any******competition****, be it National, Surrey, 3 County, West Surrey, Internal Club.*Under no circumstances will the old shirt be worn for the above events.

The old club shirt.

It is acceptable to make use of your old white shirt for roll-ups and when marking.

Green Availability.

I have checked club records and consulted previous secretaries and confirm that the green opening time has always been 1400 on weekdays.

Since 2015 Robin has used the current format for weekdays. Prior to that the format was like the weekend layout. Morning 10.00 to 13.00 (greenkeeper), Afternoon 14.00 to 1730 (available), Evening 18.00 to Dusk (available).

**Marking.**A quick guide.

Specific Duties of a Marker:

* **Marking Touchers:**Immediately mark any bowl that comes into contact with the jack with chalk, and remove the chalk marks from bowls that are not touchers.
* **Jack and Toucher Placement:**If the jack or a toucher ends up in the ditch, the marker should indicate their position.
* **Dead Bowls:**Remove dead bowls (bowls that are no longer in play) from the rink.
* **Centring the Jack:**Ensure the jack is centred and within the legal distance (at least 23 meters from the mat line).
* **Observing the Game:**Pay close attention to the game, players, and neighbouring rinks, ensuring that all aspects of play adhere to the Laws of the Sport.
* **Avoiding Distractions:**Markers should remain still and quiet, particularly when players are on the mat, and should not block a player's view of rink markers.
* Recommended position, step one metre to the side of the jack and one metre to the rear.
* **Answering Questions:**Markers should answer questions about the score or the position of bowls, but avoid giving unsolicited information.

Key Considerations for Markers:

* **Know the Laws:** Markers should be familiar with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls to ensure fair play.
* **Attire:** Markers should wear appropriate attire for the game.
* **Equipment:** Markers should have chalk or spray chalk, a measure and wedges. Access to an umpire kit would be useful.
* **Communication:** Markers should communicate clearly with players, particularly when marking touchers or indicating the position of the jack or bowls.
* **Objectivity:** Markers should remain impartial and avoid influencing the game.

Hope the above is useful and clears any ambiguity. Barry, Hon Sec GFBC