

BRETTON AND DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB

OPEN FRIENDLY MATCHES

Over the past two years we have seen a number of friendly games cancelled due to opposing teams not being able to field enough people. We find this disappointing both as a club and also as individual players.

We feel that Friendly Games are an important part of the bowling scene, particularly helping new players to become familiar with the intricacies of the game.

As well as the usual friendly games, Bretton Bowls Club would also like to try something different.

We are planning to hold "**OPEN FRIENDLY MATCHES**" during the coming season which will be based on the following format.

- Teams of three players from any club or individuals who wish to take part.
- Clubs may have more than one team in any match
- There will be a maximum of 12 teams per match.
- The match will consist of two 8 end sessions.
- At the start of each session there will be a draw to decide which teams will be playing each other. Where possible, steps will be taken to ensure teams from the same club are not playing against each other.
- As per the usual open matches there will one point awarded for each end won and two points for the best overall score.
- Between the two sessions there will be the usual break for tea, biscuits and a raffle.
- There will be no entry fees and no prizes. We only ask that everyone who takes part donates £2 to the Club's chosen Charity (Diabetes UK)
- The normal white and grey dress code is preferred, but not essential.
- Team places will be on a strictly first come bases. In fairness for everyone please do not reserve places unless you are certain you have committed players.

We hope this would appeal to:

- Clubs and new club members who do not normally take part in friendly games but would like to have some experience of matches without the pressures of the formal league.
- Clubs who are struggling to find sufficient members for the usual 9 player friendly games.

THE FIRST 2019 OPEN FRIENDLY MATCH will be on:

- **WEDNESDAY 17TH JULY AT 2pm**

If your club or any of your members would like to submit a team(s) to either of the above matches please contact:

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