

4/4/2024

Hello Ladies

The season is fast approaching and I am sure, like me, you are raring to get started bowling again. Let us hope that all this wet weather we have been having is almost our entire spring quota of rain and that there are plenty of beautiful days of bowling weather to look forward to in the weeks and months to come.

Many thanks for all your entries in the April matches. We have had our first selection meeting of the season and so please find attached to this email all the selection sheets for April. We've tried to spread the games out for everyone so that everyone who applied for two or more games has been selected for two games.

The selection sheets (and the availability sheets) are now pinned up in the changing rooms ready for Open Day for you to tick. Alternatively (as the season has not yet started), you can *email me at ladiescaptain@nuttyan.co.uk and I will tick your name off for you. *This option will not apply after the season starts..

If you have been selected but are not able to play it is vitally important that you either email me or text me on 07446 868130 **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** so that we can find a replacement for you from the selected reserves. Once all the reserves have been used up, we will then approach those who have offered their availability for that match ([as per the club's rules](#)). This may mean that the selected team(s) may have to be rearranged but we will try our hardest to minimise the impact caused by a player not being able to play.

I am going on holiday 2-14 May so while I am away Louise, my Vice Captain, will be your point of contact instead of me.

Once I have returned from holiday, I will be activating the option for players to decide their availability for matches using the [members log in area of the main website](#)*. This will mean that you will no longer have to visit the club to tick for availability for matches – you just click Yes or No in the “Club Matches” area of “My Account”, and we selectors will be able to see who wants to play in each game. **However, I must stress that the usual system of displaying the availability sheets/selection sheets on the changing room boards will still be available for players to use if they wish.**

<p>* If you have any problems logging into the new Members section of the web site, please do not hesitate to contact Sally either by phone, or when you see her at the club.</p>

I am sure you have many questions about a range of different aspects of this year's bowling season and so I invite you all to come along to our Ladies Meeting on Monday 15 April at 10.30 for an informal chat and to sample Louise's delicious homemade cakes (many thanks Louise, you are a star!)

Please also find attached to this email a chart listing all the Friendlies matches for 2024 (although subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances). This and other charts for all the different Leagues can be found on the [Club's Information website](#)

under "Ladies Bowling Section". I wanted to highlight the Friendly games in this email as these are particularly important income generators for the club's funds (especially when the touring sides make full use of our bar and catering facilities!). Therefore, please make a note of these Friendly games in your diary and offer your availability whenever possible. Selection of mixed friendlies players is calculated as follows – The total number of Men players offering their availability is compared to the total number of Lady players who are available for selection. Then a ratio of men to lady places is calculated.

For instance – 36 men are available for a mixed friendly, and 12 lady players make themselves available. Total number of players is 48. Therefore, the ratio between men and ladies is 3 men to 1 lady. The match requires 6 x Fours, so the total number of men to be selected is 18 (with 2 reserves) while 6 lady players are selected (with 2 reserves as well).

So, the more ladies who make themselves available for Mixed Friendly matches, then the more lady players can be selected.s

I look forward to seeing you all on

Saturday 13 April for Presidents Open Day (2.00 start)

Monday 15 April Ladies Meeting (10.30 start)

Tuesday 16 April Ladies Round Robin (many thanks to Lesley who is organising it)

See you soon

Sally