



The St. Albans Bowling Club

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Green Ranger

Purpose:

The Green Ranger is responsible for making sure that all outside areas of the club including the green and surrounding area and the Bowls store and equipment are well maintained and ready for play during the bowling season. He is also responsible for making sure that winter maintenance is carried out correctly.

Key aspects of the role:

1. Regularly liaise with the Groundsmen employed by the council to maintain the green and surrounding areas, and advise them of any necessary work to keep the green in good condition for play.
2. Arrange for the gates to the car park and club to be opened by 10am each morning during the playing season.
3. Set out the rink markers and adjust them daily. Turn the rinks through 90° at the beginning of each week. Move the 3 sets of portable steps each week.
4. Assess the need for wet mats if the green is soft and liable to be damaged by bowling action.
5. Close the green if conditions are too wet for play.
6. Record the daily rainfall and moisture content of the green.
7. Fill crow holes and remove dew and leaves before play commences. (This should be the responsibility of the groundsmen, but is often not carried out).
8. Arrange for the gates to the Car Park to be closed every evening, usually between 7pm and 8pm depending on light levels, unless evening matches are being played.
9. In dry weather when the moisture content is low, set the automatic sprinkler system to come on overnight. (3 rounds of 4 minutes).
10. Regularly check the green for weeds (daisies, plantains etc), animal damage and fungal diseases and advise the groundsmen.
11. Maintain the bowls store in good order.
12. In the winter months carry out a weekly check of the green to confirm that winter maintenance and green regeneration is proceeding correctly.
13. Attend some of the winter season Herts Green Keepers forums to keep up with best practice on green maintenance.