

West End Bowls Club

Blackwater Valley Ladies League - 2022

To All Lady Playing Members

As we start to think about playing outdoors this summer it's time to put your name down to play in the Blackwater Valley Ladies League

This league is played on Friday evenings from 27 May to 12 August. Matches comprise two triples; one home and one away. The League is limited to clubs within 7 miles of the Blackwater River. The participating clubs that are furthest away from West End are Tongham, Farnham and Fleet. Matches start at 6.15pm except for the last two games which start at 6.00 pm because of the declining light.

The Ladies Captain (Angela Woodley) has delegated responsibility for running the league to me. I would like to prepare the schedule before the pre-season meeting. I intend to select the teams in advance and leave individuals to arrange their own substitutes as necessary. It is important that, when you arrange a swap, you ensure all team positions are covered adequately as a single heavy loss can affect the final results.

The number of games each person plays depends on how many members wish to take part. It usually works out to anything between three and six games in the course of the season.

In the past some of the important ladies' competitive games had to be played on a Friday and this can lead us short of players for the league - it can be a real problem during the early weeks of the season. I recall one example when we were so short of players the only way we could fulfil our commitment to the league was to call on six ladies who had never played a competitive game before. Both teams won handsomely and transformed our place in the league!

So, if you think you may not be experienced enough to play in a league please put your fears behind you and give it a try. These are friendly games played in a good spirit and with a nice competitive edge.

Please let me know if you would like to play and give me details of your availability. I need to know if there are particular dates when you already know you cannot be available, if you have friends at other clubs in the league who you would like to play against and if you are restricted to playing at home. It would be particularly useful to know if you have entered the Surrey Pairs competition.

Just e-mail, send me a text or give me a ring. It would help if everyone replied **as soon as possible and by the end of March at the very latest.**

I look forward to receiving your replies.

Thanks

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