

## **Braid Bowling Club – Re-opening the Green**

The Braid Club Committee opted not to re-open the Green during Phase 1 of the easing of the lockdown announced by the First Minister from 29<sup>th</sup> May. It was judged better to postpone this until the next review date on 19<sup>th</sup> June to ensure the safety of our members.

This also gave time for thorough preparation and trialling of new arrangements for play, and allowed learning from the experience of clubs that had re-opened their greens.

Now that the Scottish Government has moved to Phase 2 of the easing of the lockdown the Committee has agreed that the time has come for Braid to re-open the Green effective from midday Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

It should be stressed that the re-opening is subject to considerable restriction on play and that there will be no return to bowling as previously experienced for some time yet. Members who feel uncertain and anxious about their safety should not return to bowls at this stage.

### **The following are the limitations within which bowling will be possible:**

*(These rules are based on best practice in terms of the guidance given by Bowls Scotland as at 19<sup>th</sup> June <https://www.bowlsscotland.com/clubs/club-support-covid-19> in conjunction with the Scottish Government and are intended to maintain social distancing, and avoid the spread of the virus via unsanitised touch points.)*

1. Access is to the Green only. The Club House and Bowls House (including toilets) remain closed.
2. **All** members wishing to play must complete a form verifying that they have read the guidance given here and confirming that they accept and will adhere to the restrictions notified.
3. Play on the Green to be -
  - Booked in advance (see the separate Booking Guide/How to Book).
  - Restricted to 3 rinks leaving empty rinks between.
4. Bookings can be for -
  - “Roll ups” single person practice
  - Singles (2 persons)
  - Pairs (4 persons – with maximum of 3 households involved).
  - No triples, full rinks, or formal competitions – ties or championships - to take place.
5. Arrival and departure to be strictly according to the staggered arrangements to promote social distancing. These are specified in the Booking Guide.
6. Players bring their bowls and bowling shoes. Players should at no point handle another's bowls. Benches may be used to facilitate changing of shoes only.
7. Players should bring their own hand sanitiser and use it on entering and on leaving the club.
8. Club mats will not be available avoiding difficulty with disinfecting. It is suggested that people use their own car mats instead. Alternatively players may choose to bring a towel / tea-towel to use as a mat.
9. Jacks should be disinfected **both before and after use**. Two Jacks should be used on each rink – one for each end, and the Jack should be placed rather than rolled into position.
10. No marking of touchers, no measuring for shots to be undertaken.
11. All players should abide by guidance on 2 metre social distancing. (It is suggested that where 2 households are involved that members of each household should play ***in the same position*** on opposite teams.)

If you understand and accept the above conditions and wish to play please consult the online page at [www.braidbc.co.uk/reopen.html](http://www.braidbc.co.uk/reopen.html) to confirm and for guidance on next steps.