

U3A Bowls

Hello, there.

The second group of the new U3A Bowling is now well under way. This will carry on until the second Saturday in August, for completion, at which time we should have a group of about 20 people – all having had proper tuition by registered Tutors.

Arrangements are in hand at the Nottingham Indoor Bowls Centre, Beechdale Rd. Nottingham, NG8 3FH (www.nottinghamindoorbowlscentre.co.uk) tel. 9296865, for those taking future training courses. Further small groups will be formed for new participants, and I will keep you informed of arrangements, as soon as sufficient new people show an interest. After the first 'taster' of two hours, and then the tuition courses over four weeks of two hours are concluded, then we may book rinks for you to play exclusively amongst yourselves on a competitive basis if you so wish, and enjoy the spirit of U3A to start with, and then if you wish you can be involved in other fixtures at the Centre in due course. It may be more convenient to split into say two groups for future social bowling, and then hopefully everyone can be catered for – certainly during the daytime. But, that can be dealt with later on. If after the free 'taster' session of two hours you feel that the game is not for you, then you can pull out with no expenses.

As to costs, the whole tuition course will cost £10 p.p. payable on the first tuition session. You may borrow bowls from the Centre for tuition, and you may bowl in socks, as we do not allow shoes with any form of ribbed soles on our expensive carpet. During the first month you may wish to consider buying yourself some bowls,(not necessarily new), as the Centre has only a limited number to borrow on a permanent basis. Also, some flat through soled shoes will be needed, and I suggest The Bowls Shop, at the bottom end of Bridge Rd.(off Crown Island on the Ring Rd.) as they have an excellent stock of everything connected with the sport.

You can then consider whether you wish to become member(s) of the Indoor Centre, when rink fees are very much reduced against those for non - members. We can discuss this aspect in due course. These are the only real expenses you will have, i.e. Bowls is still considered to be a cheap sport, compared with others.

Hopefully, more U3A members will become interested in our Bowls Group, now that we have made a successful start, when they too will pass through separate 'taster' and tuition courses, and will then be able to amalgamate with the previous trained groups, for some competitive bowling between yourselves, or looking to the future – perhaps against other U3A groups in the area.

Finally, I hope this paves the way for you to make new friends on the green, and that Good Fellowship will follow. Sounds exciting!!! Our sport is a very friendly sport, and you will have excellent facilities at your disposal the Centre.

If not already known – perhaps you will kindly let me have your full postal address, telephone, and e-mail if applicable, so that we can talk to you immediately, if necessary. You will be asked to complete Centre forms when you first attend. I will contact you when the next 'taster' session is due – all tuition being on Saturday mornings, as most of the Tutors are still at work themselves. Please acknowledge receipt of these details, please.

Sincere regards, Peter Noon (co-ordinator)-peternoon@ic24.net tel. 9288131.

