

Mount Dora Lawn Bowling Club

Frequently Asked Questions

How much does it cost to join the club?

Dues are paid annually once per year prior to January 1st for the following calendar year. Dues for members who join during the year are prorated. Partners of a couple who choose not to become active bowling members may join as associate members and participate in all of the club's social activities. The current annual dues for members are as follows:

Active bowling member \$ 215.00

Associate member \$ 107.50

There is a one-time initiation charge of \$25.00 for new Active bowling members.

There is no per use charge for social bowling games and most tournaments.

What kind of equipment will I need and how much does it cost?

Each bowler needs to have a set of 4 identical bowls. New members have an option of either purchasing a used set of bowls and these generally can be purchased for under \$50, or you may want to immediately purchase a new set of bowls which cost between \$275 and \$375.

Flat soled shoes must be worn. These can be purchased locally for usually under \$60.

How much training/instruction is required to become an active bowling member and is there a cost?

The club provides free training/instruction to become an active bowling member. Total training time is approximately eight hours spread over four two hour sessions. Training dates and times, available both day and night, will be scheduled at your and our member trainers' convenience.

How often will I be able to bowl?

The club has social bowling games Monday – Saturday in the morning and Monday –Friday in the evening. The club's social bowling games are organized in a non-team environment which maximizes a member getting to know other members quickly.

What are the social activities available at the club beyond lawn bowling?

The club has a modern clubhouse with a fully equipped kitchen and refrigerators stocked with refreshments, including wine and beer. The club has 11 organized parties each year, generally connected to holidays, and generally involving a social bowling game followed by a lunch and program related to the holiday.

In addition, the club has organized periodic games played in the clubhouse including bridge, euchre, mah jongg, bunco, and trivia.

Our lawn bowling club, with almost 300 members, is considered to be the largest organized social outlet in Mount Dora and we are one of the largest lawn bowling clubs in the USA.

How many club bowling tournaments are held each year?

The club hosts 16 intra club bowling tournaments each year between October – April. You may participate, but are not required, to enter in as many of these as you desire.

Do I have to live in Mount Dora to become a member?

No, anyone can become a member. In addition to Mount Dora, we have members who live in Eustis, Tavares, Leesburg, Apopka, Umatilla, and Howey-in-the Hills. Everyone is welcome to join regardless of where you live.

Can I join as a new Associate member and not bowl if I don't have a partner who is an active bowling member?

No, our club policy does not allow for membership as an Associate member unless a partner of a couple is an active bowling member.

Will I be asked to volunteer to do work on club bowling and social events and activities?

Yes. The strength and foundation of our club is based on members volunteering to help with bowling and social events and activities related to our facilities.

Please go to our web site link “bowling” and click on the video to learn the basics of lawn bowling, how the game is played, scored, etc.