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The season is now in full swing. The majority of members have re-joined and we have attracted some new players. Members are returning to play but we are still hampered by the government's Covid restrictions. The rule of 24 means that for any friendly match, only 12 players from the home team can play an equivalent number of the opposition. i.e. we can only use 3 rinks out of a possible 6. This may change after 17th May when new government guidelines come into force.

Some clubs have decided not to play at the moment, and this has hampered our ability to provide games. I think our decision to play was the right one. It is up to the individual to decide whether or not to take part. Remember club-night is on Tuesdays 6.00pm if you want to meet up and play.

So, where do we stand. First, a big thank you to Angela Thoburn for collating the latest availability sheet. For one match, 25 people have put their names forward and therefore a lot of players will be disappointed. I have tried to distribute the games as evenly as possible. By 12th May, at the time of writing, the club will have played 8 friendly matches, and 40 members will have played in at least one match.

If you are a senior player and would like to take part in only half a friendly match, then fill in the availability sheet as usual and make a note to that effect on the form. I shall then try and pair you up with another senior so that you both get a game.

For members not familiar with the friendly match selection procedure, please observe the following: Our website is begbrookgreenbc.org.uk

It is now possible for members to sign up for friendly matches in three ways;

- collect their Named Availability Sheet from Box at the Rink Pavilion Shed, fill it out, retain your half, and replace in the box or
- download from website and post a copy to the Collator, Angela Thoburn, 71 Kenmore Crescent, Filton, Bristol BS7 0TP or
- download and email to peteandang@blueyonder.co.uk

in any case, no later than the date given on this Schedule.

Members will need to check the Selection Sheet posted on the Notice Board on the Rink Gate to see if they have been selected to play and also check the name of the Captain of the day for each fixture. Teams will also be posted on the club website under "team sheets". Also check for dress code, may be greys or whites!!! John S.