



December 2015 Newsletter

Letter from the Chairman:

December is always a very busy month at the club with many private events alongside a busy bowling program. Next year January looks as if it will be equally busy and then in February we are hosting the Men's under 25 International between England, Scotland, Wales & Ireland over the weekend of 20th/21st February. This major event will see bowling of the highest standard combined with very enthusiastic team support. The club members and catering team will be working flat out for those two days providing a wide range of hosting activities from program and raffle ticket selling to score board skip naming and topping up team drinks supplies. If any members are available to help over these two days please contact Angela.

The BIBC Australian Pairs Tournament on 6th December was very successful although physically tiring for those who reached the later stages. If we repeat this event we will reduce the number of rounds to be played.

The Somerset coaches held at Victoria Club, Street was extremely well attended and enabled the BDA for the very first time to address Somerset coaches. Following this meeting an advert has been circulated to all coaches to apply for the post of Somerset Coaching Coordinator. It has been announced that coaches wishing to convert to register as a BDA coach must do this before the end of this year as after that date any further requests to transfer will not be accepted. The EIBA (and Bowls England who cover outdoor bowls) have confirmed that as from January 1st 2016 they will only recognise BDA registered coaches. Our club welcomes coaches from all training backgrounds and have adopted a unified novice coaching approach and coaching/helper shirt so that there is no differentiation between the training route coaches have taken to freely give of their time to help others wishing to play the sport.

Whilst on the subject of coaching the Bowls Improver Course has been temporarily suspended following a drop off in numbers attending. This course is currently being adapted to take on board comments received from participants and will be restarted as soon as 12 people put their name down to attend. The remaining modules cover the use of controlled weight bowls, then reading and playing to the head followed by team play. This course provides an opportunity for bowlers to improve both their knowledge of the game and their playing ability. We look forward to restarting the course early in the New Year.

The Christmas spirit was very evident at the club Christmas lunch on December 11th. It was good to see a number of new members present enjoying the excellent food and entertainment. Thanks to the pantomime "volunteers" and particularly to Jack (Dave Constant) for his heroic demolition of the beanstalk!

For me this is always the time of year to reflect on the events of the past year and the plans for the coming year. At the club there are always improvements planned and those property improvements carried out last summer have made an enormous difference to the environment within the building. It is fantastic to realise that for the second year running we will soon top the 100 new members for the season so we must be doing something right. Thanks to those who help to make this happen and best wishes to everyone for a Happy Christmas and a healthy and successful New Year.

Lewis Toman

Competition Secretary – Tony Down

The BIBC competitions and Top Club competition have now been drawn. The order of play sheets with play be dates are on the competition board by the drinks vending machine. Please write up the results and scores as your matches are played.

I would like to wish all competitors good luck in their competitions.

B.I.B.C Junior Section News Round-up for 2015

A Hallowe'en disco was held at the club on Friday 17th October to raise money for the "Jersey" trip organized by two of the Juniors Mums - Yvonne Dillon and Lucy Hicks. Sweets, cakes, lollipops, and "hot dogs" were sold to name just a few! Everyone entered into the "spirit" of the evening which was a great success and raised £329.00 !!!!! Well done "Mums"

A quiz evening was organized with the help of Alan Edwards who provided the questions, Sadly this was not as well supported as was expected, including the sale of rolls and a football card £35.00 was raised.

The Bowl-a-thon held on 23rd October was well supported and enjoyed by all who took part. A very big "THANK YOU" to all who took part (and Angela for her help on the day!) and to all members who put money in the bucket!! It all helped to raise over £150.

Track Suits

After contacting various local Companies and due of a chance conversation during a bowls match (as you do!!) Thomasina found Sponsors in the form of the Bristol South Rotary for Track suits for the juniors.

Becca Thorley decorated a THANK YOU card on which a picture of the juniors was stuck (which was taken when Jersey Juniors came over in Feb this year,) and all the juniors signed it! An official letter accompanied the card thanking the Rotary for their generous donation of £1,000. The "President" was extremely delighted with the card and appreciated the time and trouble the juniors had gone to! Suppliers have been found and the design has been discussed, samples are being produced, so fingers crossed it won't be long before the juniors are wearing them, hopefully they will arrive in time for the Jersey trip!!

Somerset "under 25's"

Jess and Becca Thorley played their first game with the Somerset "under 25's" against Clevedon Ladies and Olivia Starr joined them in the Somerset "under 25's" against Puriton, Bridgwater in November.

Rhondda Away game

Eventually, after a lot of chasing during the week, before we went, a date was agreed to play Rhondda Juniors, which was 21st November at Rhondda, perfect weather for the journey there and back. Due to the fact a couple of juniors were unable to come, we borrowed two of the Welsh reserves to "make up" our numbers! The games were very close to start and continued to be "nail biting" throughout. Sadly despite our teams brilliant attempts they were hard pushed as the Welsh "fired" on a regular basis winning "ends" outright! A return match in Bristol has been arranged for 19th March 2016 at B.I.B.C

Under 25's 2 – Rinker Competition

Jess Thorley (13) joined some of our older Juniors - Adam & Jordan Sparey, Matt Bartlett, Ben Beames, Jade Poolman, Liam and Reece White to play in the National 2 Rinker under 25's competition against Oxford. Because of the distance involved it was agreed that the two games should be played on neutral territory, so the both games were played at Mid Glos bowls club. Our juniors had "cracking" games beating Oxford, with a final score of 49 - 32! We now play the second round against Mid Glos one rink, again in Gloucester and the other at BIBC on 20th December. Fingers crossed and best of luck to both teams!

Our November Bingo night raised £45.

You may possibly have noticed that our target thermometer has risen - we have achieved £4000 of our £6000 target. A very BIG thank you to all who have supported us it is appreciated. An extra **BIG THANK YOU** goes to an extremely generous Club Member who very kindly donated £1000 to the fund!

Sunday 6th December was a very special for BIBC juniors with Six of them taking part in the New Aussie Pairs Competition, all of whom (3 pairs) got through to the quarterfinals Olivia Starr and Bradley Cox, Ben and Luke Kelly, with Jordan Sparey and Jade Pooleman going on and becoming runners up in the finals! Also Sunday was the National School of Excellence preliminary round held at Taunton Dene - we entered Six Juniors four of which: Jessica Thorley, Rebecca Thorley, Bailey Shute and Molly Rawlins got through to the regional heats which will include Devon and surrounding Counties - this will be held on 20th January 2016. Vickie Kite and Sophie Hicks didn't quite make it but only missed out by a margin both admitting that they had enjoyed the experience

Well done to everyone for a brilliant day for BIBC junior representation! You are the future of Bowls and BIBC!

On Friday 11th December the Juniors were invited to go to Asda Bedminster to “Bag Pack” unfortunately only Five children were able to go along with their parent/grandparent they packed customers bags for two hours and raised £173.50p! The lady in charge at Asda has kindly invited us back again in January and suggested a Sunday morning when it is quite busy so we shall be taking her up on her offer and hopefully more Juniors will be able to come along.

The juniors would like to thank everyone who has supported them whether it has been by buying raffle tickets, bringing things in to sell to raise money, supporting the bingo sessions, or by putting loose change in “Nigel’s jug” on the bar. And of course to Margaret Ford for making the beautiful Christmas cake for “guess the weight” competition. **IT IS REALLY appreciated THANK-YOU!!**



Bowls Improver Course in progress



John & Verna Winners of the Australian Pairs Tournament

Mixed Friendly Captain – Cedric Gunson

Gala Day on January 16th for Mixed Four Teams. I have 13 confirmed entries to date. Sign on for an enjoyable day of bowls. The deadline for entries is Friday January 8th 2016.

Friendly weekend matches:-

We have won the first 14 matches of the season; two of which were away.

We need a lot more players for our match v Somerset Ladies on Friday January 8th 2016.

Torquay Tour :-

Arrangements have been made for an extra match to be played on Sunday January 24th 2016 @ 9am. This will ensure that all Bowlers will get 3 games over the weekend. Details will be circulated in the New Year.

Men's Competitive Matches and National Competitions – Bob Johnson

There have been many great games played over the last month to a very high standard of bowling. If you have the time spare an hour to watch some of these matches and support the players and teams. Enough to say check the website for links to the results and good luck to the men in the next round of the over 60s Double Rink.

Ladies Captain – Verna Alford

The ladies have now been knocked out of all the national team competitions, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who played in these matches for the club. There are Somerset matches/competitions in the New Year which are advertised on the board as well as Ladies Friendly matches. Please add your name to the availability sheets.

***We wish all BIBC club members a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year***

For more club information, competitions, league and match results visit BIBC website:

<http://www.bristolindoorbowls.org.uk/>

Follow up national competition information on the EIBA web site: <http://www.eiba.co.uk/>

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