



December 2014 Newsletter

Letter from the Chairman:

The club membership is now approaching 800 with the number of new members joining this season about to break the century. This is something to celebrate and also to recognise that the club will inevitably change as these new members become integrated into the full range of club activities. It is important that everyone makes a special effort to welcome the new members many of whom will want to play in the leagues next season. It is also important that the new members take their part alongside the other volunteers in ensuring that the club operates efficiently.

You will shortly see that we are expanding the league winners honours board to accommodate the number of new leagues running this season. It is not too late to enter the new members australian pairs league (Monday 4.10 p.m.) or the two new singles leagues (Wednesday 16.10 and 20.15) all of which are being played in box ladder format to enable new teams/people to enter at any stage during the season. If you are interested in joining these leagues speak to Angela Green who will endeavour to create teams/opportunities for new joiners. It is also encouraging that every club competition will be running this season having achieved the minimum number of eight entries. Fortunately the competition winners cabinet is large enough to accommodate the additional winners cups needed. I would encourage all people who have entered the club competitions to arrange their games as quickly as possible as play by dates will be rigidly enforced and matches not played will result in both teams leaving the competitions, which would be a great shame.

We have now completed the first module of the improver bowls coaching sessions. There are a few vacancies for anybody wishing to join module 2 which focuses on the use of controlled weight and starts on Friday 2nd January at 14.05.

The directors are now busy preparing for the property improvements scheduled for the 2015 summer shutdown period - the LED lighting, perimeter wall insulation and improved wheelchair ramp access. Further visits are planned to another indoor bowls club and a location where the planned heating/cooling system has been installed. This all helps to finalise the details of the system that we hope, subject to Sport England grant approval, will be installed during an extended 2106 summer shutdown.

It was encouraging to see the number of members who attended the club christmas lunch. Thanks to the members who bravely volunteered to participate in the pantomime sketch and lead the carol singing. Thanks also to the members who have entered into the christmas spirit wearing their santa hats etc. Whilst we are primarily a bowling club it is good to see that in the right situation members can participate in fun activities whilst still enjoying their bowling.

Some club members are still enjoying success in the national competitions and I hope to be able to advise in due course a number of club teams that have reached the national finals. The mens team in the Denny cup are enjoying a successful run and would appreciate your support when they play Torquay, 2 rinks home and away, on January 17th.

The club is becoming increasingly busy with private bookings as well as club events. This adds significant pressure on those people who are coordinating these events and providing bar and catering support. It is important that we all recognise the enormous efforts being made and support these people, without whose commitment the club would not be able to operate.

This is the time of the season when I reflect on the last year and consider the club's successes and failures. Members may not appreciate just how much work is done by so many people to ensure that the club runs smoothly and in an upwards direction. The club continues to develop in a positive way which is due to the planning, organisation and control that is being constantly applied to a wide variety of **activities**. All of this combined with increased rink utilisation and membership means we must be doing something right. My thanks to everyone who supports the club and on behalf of the directors and officers we wish you all a very pleasant Christmas and a successful New Year.

Lewis D Toman

Competition Secretaries Report Tony Down

The club competitions and BIBC Top Club competition draws are now on the competition board.

Please note the play by dates for each round of the competitions.

A big thank you to all those taking part, we will follow your progress on the competitions board and on the competitions page of the web site.

Bob Johnson - Bowls Report

Wessex League – BIBC have to date won two and narrowly lost one match.

Somerset League - Following promotion last season the club has played three matches losing all of them but the latest match against Purnells the losing margin was just one shot.

The Denny Cup included a win over Thornbury followed by a win against Riverain by 8 shots in the next round. This match was played on a neutral green, Banbury Cross, due to the distance between the two clubs. The next round to be played on the 17th January 2015 is against Torquay with two rinks home and two rinks away.

The results of these matches are available on the internet.

Weekend Friendly Fixtures – Cedric Gunson.

A memorable match was played recently – a 9 rink weekend friendly match against Chewstoke BC. The result was a win for BIBC which was of secondary importance as the whole event was enjoyed by all.

Another memorable occasion was a weekend friendly match at Plymouth Lifetime Centre IBC. Unfortunately it was a loss for BIBC, however the day out was a great success.

For all the new members please add your names to the availability sheets on the board by the changing rooms or if nervous about joining in the weekend friendlies talk to other members who will quickly reassure you on any queries.

Club Tour to Torquay (Derwent Complex) - January 9th/11th 2015.

Final information will be circulated in the near future.

Gala Day - Saturday February 14th 2015.

May I remind Members that Entry Forms are now available @ Reception. All welcome to enter a mixed team with this social/competitive event being based on Round Robin play.

The Xmas Raffle

Many thanks to all those who bought tickets for the Xmas raffle the proceeds of which go towards match travel costs. The total amount raised exceeded £350.

Ladies Captain – Verna Alford

The ladies played a match against Malvern losing by 24 shots.

In the new year the first match will be the Ladies v Gentlemen match. The ladies will be looking to repeat last years success!

Marketing

You will note that BIBC has recently launched, thanks to the ICT skills of a new member, a Facebook page to increase advertising on the internet. Add the club to your list of friends and keep up to speed with events

BDA Survey

The BDA in conjunction with the EIBA and Bowls England are conducting a survey amongst bowlers and non bowlers to ascertain the public's perception of bowls. If members are willing to participate they can use the link below to access the survey on line. It is also hoped that members will forward this to non bowlers to gain their perception of the sport.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/bowlsparticipationsurvey>

We need to work together to move the sport forward and your support in completing this survey and forwarding it to non bowlers will be greatly appreciated.

Reminders:

- New Year Celebration - Tickets from Steve.
- BIBC Ladies v Men 4th January.
- Gala Day February 14th
- BIBC Club Competitions – on going

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

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

For national competition information visit: <http://www.eiba.co.uk/>

For photographs visit :<http://www.flickr.com/photos/bristolindoorbowls/>

*And finally the Directors and Officers of BIBC
wish the Season's Greetings to all members
and look forward to your company in 2015.*

