



April 2015 Newsletter

Letter from the Chairman:

The winter indoor bowls season has now drawn to a close as far as internal club bowling is concerned and the Presentation Evening on Friday 24th April will see the winners of the leagues and club competitions presented with their cups, shields, certificates and permanent awards. If last year is anything to go by the club will be extremely full that evening so do bear with us if some people need to be accommodated within the lounge for their food.

The following day the club will once again be full as the four semi finalist teams compete in the national Top Club competition. Whilst we appreciate that many members are now bowling outdoors this major competition will provide an opportunity to watch top class bowling at our club.

The day afterwards six of our club coaches will be assessed and if successful become level 2 BDA qualified coaches. We wish them every success as they come to the end of this six month coach training programme.

Club members have excelled this year with Ros Constant and Barry Barry reaching their respective national singles finals. It is revealing to watch these national finals and appreciate how tough the competition is to win such an event. Congratulations are due to the club's Wessex team who were narrowly beaten in their recent quarter final match. Our juniors also excelled at the Regional School of Excellence event held at Taunton Deane on Sunday 19th April. Jordan Sparey won the under 18 event with Matthew Bartlett coming third. Luke Kelly won the under 12 event with Jessica Thorley coming second on shot difference. We wish the winners success when they attend the national finals later this year.

The club competition weekend was very successful but was unfortunately affected on the Saturday morning by the alarm being set off caused by the gas shut off being activated in the adjacent football changing rooms. We have asked Bristol City Council to delink our services from those within the football changing rooms to prevent any further problems of this nature but inevitably reaching agreement on this will take some time.

The flashing effect created by the Aero Trifecta bowls situation is rapidly moving to a conclusion following tests undertaken by an expert engaged by the EIBA. We understand that the results of the tests will be presented to the next EIBA board following which a summary of the test results will be sent to all EIBA affiliated clubs.

We have recently agreed with the EIBA that next April our club will host the semi finals and finals of the Denny and Yetton national competitions. This means that next year we will have a very busy diary of top bowling events which indicates that our club is now recognised nationally as one of the major indoor bowls venues in the country.

Looking ahead to next season consultation is underway with the Sunday evening league team secretaries and the players in the two Wednesday singles leagues to determine the way forward for next season. It is possible that the Sunday Evening league will become a pairs league and the two singles leagues will be combined into one. Any players wishing to play in either league please contact Angela.

It is encouraging to see the sixteen new teams registering to play in next years leagues. If any existing teams struggle to find players next season please let Angela or reception know so that we can try to ensure that as few teams drop out as possible.

Again looking ahead this years AGM on Friday 14th August is your opportunity to find out at first hand what is being planned at the club and possible further changes in the future. This year has been very successful

and if membership continues to increase at the same rate next season changes will be needed to increase rink availability. The AGM will present an ideal opportunity to discuss how best this can be achieved. By then we will also know the results of the Sport England grant application which will determine whether we will be able to afford to carry out the air conditioning works during the 2016 summer shut down period.

Whilst the club operates a reduced bowling programme during the summer we will be hosting two British Wheelchair Bowling Association (BWBA) events at which members support would be appreciated to help with marking and pushing wheelchair bowlers along the green. The first event is an International Tournament between England and Wales on 27th and 28th June followed by the BWBA national finals being held from Sunday 6th to Wednesday 9th September. Please contact Angela if you are able to spare some time and energy to help at these events.

For those members now bowling outdoors we hope that the weather continues to provide excellent bowling conditions. For those who will be bowling indoors we look forward to seeing you after the shutdown period when the club reopens for bowling on Monday 18th May.

Lewis D Toman

Competition Secretary - Tony Down

Congratulations to all winners who played in last weeks Finals Weekend and commiserations to the runners up but thank you to all who took place in the club competitions completing your games on time (well mostly) and making my job of organising the schedule so much easier.

The competition is a joint effort and I would like to thank Angela for her support during the weeks, organising rinks, chasing players etc. and to the markers who gave their time on the day.

It was a pity that more club members who weren't involved in the Finals didn't turn up to watch the games, which were of a high standard, but perhaps next time.

The presentation of cups, shields, and league team awards will be held next Friday 24th and I look forward to seeing all the winners there.

A pdf copy of the results is attached or you may browse them on BIBC web site.

Regional Final of the School of Excellence.

Sixteen juniors from the south west gathered at Taunton Deane on Sunday 19th April to compete for places in the final at Melton Mowbray on October 25th 2015. Five BIBC juniors took part, two seniors and three juniors. The day began with round robin matches between competitors in each group followed after lunch by skills testing. After the round robin matches three BIBC juniors had won all three of their matches.

Points are awarded for each win and added to points earned for the skills tests. The final results showed that Jordan Sparey had won the senior section by 10 points, whilst Luke Kelly and Jessica Thorley were in joint first position in the junior section, ten points ahead of their nearest rivals. Luke had a greater shot difference in the round robin matches and therefore won the junior section with Jessica in second place.

Well done to the winners and we look forward to the finals at Melton Mowbray. Also thank you to family and supporters for encouraging the juniors in these competitions and also to the BIBC coaches who help at the School of Excellence events.



Luke & Jordan
being presented with
their awards for
winning the
Regional Final of
the School of
Excellence.



National Finals at Melton Mowbray IBC

An early start for spectators enabled the viewing of Barry Barry's tough match against S Tuohy from Egham IBC. The two competitors were evenly matched in the first few ends, Barry bowled well but on the day was unable to match the growing confidence of Tuohy whose precision bowling enabled him to proceed to the next round. The Men's singles was won by Greg Harlow beating young Ryan Atkins 21 – 1.

Ros Constant played in the Ladies Singles against C. Galletly from Oxford & District IBC, a cool, calm competitor who showed little emotion. Ros bowled with confidence and gained a good lead. Galletly took possession of the mat, appeared to prefer long jacks and battled to go ahead. Neck and neck at the end of the match Ros, 19 – 20 down then won two shots for the match.

It was an enjoyable but emotional day for the BIBC spectators. They were there to support club members wishing them to do well but knowing it is all about what happens on the day. They returned home unable to watch Ros play in the quarter finals which unfortunately she lost to M. Standley.

Marketing

BIBC has booked a stand as part of the Make Sunday Special events in the Bristol Old Town on the first Sunday of each month. The aim is to promote bowls as a sport, for indoor, outdoor and short mat. There will be an assortment of photographs on display along with bowls equipment and leaflets.

If you would like to help promote bowls as part of this event on one or all of the Sundays please contact Wendy, who would love to hear from you, by email as shown or at the club.

There are also local events in Avonmouth (13th September), Bedminster- North Street (14th June), Easton & Laurence Hill, Stapleton Road (23 August) and Hartcliffe (6th September). Check the Bristol County Council for further information.

BIBC has also booked the BDA Bowls Road Show for the **Harbour Festival on the 18th and 19th July 2015** to take bowls out into the public arena. In previous years this event has been extremely busy and enjoyable with approximately 500 people of all ages trying bowls from all parts of the UK /world. BIBC may not recruit many new members directly from this event but a large number of the public experience the thrill of delivering a bowl to rest next to the jack. On this weekend, the more helpers from indoors/outdoors/short mat the better. For more information contact Wendy or BIBC.

Dates for your diaries:

Friday 24th April Presentation Evening
Saturday 25th April BIBC hosting National Top Club Finals
 9.50am Opening Ceremony
 10.00am Top Club Semi Finals
 2.30pm approx Top club Finals
Monday 18th May Summer Leagues begin
Make Sunday Special:
3rd May, 7th June, 5th July, 2nd August, 6th September.
Saturday and Sunday 18th & 19th July Bristol Harbour Festival

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

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

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

<http://www.interdisabledbowls.org/View/Main.aspx?WebId=117&VisitorNo=44103>