



September 2015 Newsletter

Letter from the Chairman:

It is a very pleasant sight to see the club busy again with so many smiling faces returning to the club for the beginning of the new season. It has been good to receive the supportive comments about the LED lighting and the bowls area perimeter wall insulation panels. The music appears to be well received and certainly improves the atmosphere during the quiet periods.

The beginning of every season we find teams withdraw from the leagues at the last moment and this year appears to be particularly bad. Eddie Haines, our volunteer league manager, is working incredibly hard to keep up with the changes. For every change he needs to issue new rotas so that every league starts with the "final" number of teams and each team in any league plays the same number of games. It is the minority of league teams secretaries who wait until the last moment to withdraw their team and we need to try find a better method for next season to reduce the number of late changes needed to league playing rotas. It is particularly unfortunate when people not appreciating the challenges Eddie is facing openly criticise him when the problems are caused by others and he is working so hard to try to get the league rotas right. Maybe those who have expressed this criticism might wish to apologise to him.

We welcome the many new league teams that have entered this year, we wish them a successful season in their leagues.

At the beginning of each season a number of teams with members bowling outdoor or on holiday are unable to play their first matches on time. May I remind everyone that if you are unable to play a match you must notify your opposition and the club well in advance. It is then important to rearrange the postponed match within six weeks to avoid a points deduction being applied - something that with your cooperation we hope is never needed.

The change to alternative keg beers and lager has been delayed whilst we have resolved the issue of major supplier - which means ensuring that one supplier is responsible for maintaining everything associated with the beer lines and cooler. Shortly the switch from Fosters to Carlsberg will take place and an additional lager St Miguel will be added to the range. At the same time Courage Best will be replaced with Henrys.

We have received confirmation that our application to Sport England for a £10,000 grant has been successful and now anticipate within a couple of months having two new motorised bowls wheelchairs at the club.

There are many club activities about to get underway in the near future. These are included later in this newsletter and we do hope that you will consider joining in as many as possible.

Enjoy your indoor bowling

Lewis D Toman

EARLY SEASON INFORMATION

Coaching

Many thanks to those coaches/helpers who volunteered their time to support bowls during the summer months both indoor and outdoor. It all helps to promote bowls as a sport in the Bristol area.

Many people arrived on BIBC Open Day and our coaches/helpers were kept busy introducing prospective members to our facilities and bowling at BIBC.

This is a very busy time for our coaches with many novice members joining who wish to learn the basics of bowls. Our coaches/helpers are now recognisable in their new coaching/helper shirts.

We are running the Improver Coaching course and will start as soon as we have a dozen people registered on the list on the main notice board. This is an ideal opportunity to develop the skills that are important to become an all round bowler and is particularly well suited to bowlers who are relatively new to the sport or know that they have developed bad habits or lack the confidence to play certain shots.

A new coaching notice board has been installed next to the juniors/novice honours board and will be used to cover coaching, marking and umpiring information.

League team entries

Some leagues start slightly later in the season to give returning and new members time to enter:

The new members Australian pairs league playing at 4.15 p.m. on a Monday afternoon is an ideal way for new members to play in a league against other new members. The league is being played in a box ladder format which allows new teams to join at any time during the season. Australian pairs is an excellent four wood bowling format to become an all round bowler with everyone alternatively playing at lead, in the middle and at skip.

The singles league will be starting shortly at 4.15 on Wednesday afternoons. Again this is played in a box ladder format which means people can join or leave at any time during the season. It also means that people play against others of similar ability which makes the games particularly enjoyable. Speak to Angela if you are interested in joining this league.

The adult/junior Australian pairs league is played at 4.15 on a Friday afternoon and as soon as we know the number of juniors we can form teams with adults who wish to play in this league.

Year Book

There have been a few late changes needed to the Year Book and a correction page is being put into all copies not yet taken. If you have taken a Year Book already please take a copy of the correction page from Reception so that you are fully up to speed on the season's plans.

Bowls Shop

J&C Bowls have now launched their bowls website which can be accessed for bowls purchases either directly using www.jc-bowls.co.uk or via a link on the BIBC website.

Junior Jersey Fund Raising (JJF) Thomasina Goodman

The aim is to raise funds to cover the costs for our juniors to travel to Jersey to play against their junior team and to support other costs for our juniors playing in competitions and tournaments closer to home.

The juniors have raised £2060.50 so far over the last 18 months. A fund raising 'thermometer' will be on display in the lounge to show the fund raising progress.

Dates for the diary:

Families and friends all welcome to swell the numbers of the following events.

BINGO IS BACK...

25th September

7.00 pm for 7.30 start

30th October 7.00 pm for 7.30 start
27th November 7.00 pm for 7.30 start
29th January 2016 7.00 pm for 7.30 start

QUIZ NIGHTS

9th October 7.00 pm for 7.30 start
(future dates to be advised, please check notice boards)

JUNIOR HALLOWEEN DISCO..

17th October 7.00 until 10.00 pm .

For club members and their families and friends

Halloween costume is optional ALL Welcome - Grandchildren allowed to bring Grandparents!!
Ticket price £2.00 per adult. £1.00 per child. £5.00 per family ticket (2+2)
Tickets to be bought in advance on Saturday mornings or from Angela.

WE NEED YOUR VOTES PLEASE!!

The Juniors have been nominated to receive £1,000 which will cover the cost of track suits for the team, on the 'Mars' web site but they need to receive lots of votes. All of their Mums have contacted friends and family to vote and we would like to ask our members to do the same please.

The web site address is: www.marismilk.com. when you enter this site you are asked for your date of birth, you then press enter, type "bowls" in the space. A picture of our juniors will appear then all you have to do is press the "vote" button and exit the site. You will then receive an e-mail asking you to confirm your vote which we hope you will do and that will be it! Please circulate this to your friends, family and those in your email address book. Additional votes will increase the chances of receiving the £1000 grant. Be kind enough to do this for the Juniors before the end of September...they will appreciate it. Thank you.

BOWL-A-THON

A bowl-a-thon is being run by the juniors on 23rd October from 10.00 am until 8.00 pm. Bowlers and non bowlers are invited to sign up for a time during the day to suit them. Dress code is **COLOURFUL!** Rink fees will go towards the Junior Jersey Fund. Sponsorship forms are available from Reception, Angela or Thomasina. Do hope you will be able to come along and enjoy the fun! If you would prefer not to take part in the Bowl-a-thon there will be a bucket on reception for any donations.

OPEN DAY CAKE SALE

£58 was raised with very tasty assorted cakes sale including Shaun the Sheep fairy cakes on Open Day.
Many thanks to those who baked, decorated and donated the cakes to the JFF.

Men's Selectors Representative Bob Johnson

Congratulations to Jade Poolman, a member of Bristol Bowling Club and Bristol Indoor Bowling Club, on being picked for a trial for England Under 18 outdoor squad.

This took place at Leamington on Saturday 19th September. Jade has been bowling for 8 years, in 2014/2015 she won the Somerset Indoor County under 16 title. During the summer Jade played in the Amy Rose Cup for the county outdoors losing in the final to Surrey. Jade, with her enthusiasm for bowls and bowling experience, has set up Short Mat Bowls at Bedminster Down School.

Competition Secretary Tony Down

Entry forms for this season's competitions are now available from reception. There are many different kinds of competitions including those for **novices** who have less than three years bowling experience and there is also an **unwon** competition for those who have not won a team or singles competition at any club. Closing date for entries is 30th November.

Mixed Friendly Captain Cedric Gunson

The availability sheets for the mixed friendly matches are now on the board. All members are encouraged to play in these matches. Please sign up for an enjoyable bowls afternoon.

Ladies Captain Verna Alford

Ladies Friendly matches availability sheets are now on the board in the ladies changing room. Please add your name to the sheets.

County and National matches will be displayed on adjacent boards. Please sign up for these competitive games.

The Bowls Drive

This event is being held from 2.0 p.m. on Sunday 11th October. The theme is to wear an article of clothing that is **orange and/or blue**. This event celebrates the start of the season, is open to all members and is an ideal opportunity to play with and against players that you may not normally meet on the rinks. Inexperienced bowlers have as much chance as winning experienced bowlers! To explain – during the afternoon bowlers become a team of four by taking a random card that states a rink and position similar to play for umbrellas, play 5 ends and note their score. After 5 ends bowlers take another random card, play five ends and add this score to their score card. Play continues until the end when each bowler declares their accumulative shots. The highest score wins, however there are other prizes available during the afternoon. Do join us, meet other members and enjoy the afternoon.

And finally:

A big thank you to all those who have responded to the request to turn mobiles to silent, your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

And remember to vote on the Mars milk website! www.marismilk.com

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

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

National competition information is on the EIBA web site: <http://www.eiba.co.uk/>

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



Open Day Visitors



Jade Poolman selected for England U18 outdoor trials



Shaun the Sheep buns raised money for Junior Jersey Funds