



March 2016 Newsletter

Letter from the Chairman:

As the indoor winter season reaches its final weeks the remaining matches will determine the club competition finalists and the league results. The club finals will be played over the weekend of the 9th and 10th of April and the competition and league awards will be handed out at the Presentation Evening on Friday 22nd April.

Normally the Presentation Evening would be the final event of the winter season but this year we have been selected as the indoor bowls club to host the Denny Cup and Yetton Trophy finals over the weekend of 23rd and 24th April. On Saturday the four club semi-finalists in the national competition of four men's fours will play in the morning with the finals to be played that afternoon. The ladies club fours will repeat this process on the Sunday. Teams will be coming from all across the country with many supporters. The atmosphere and bowling quality will be similar to the recent men's under 25 international and we hope that club members will be able to come along and support this event as well as providing the invaluable volunteer support to make the event successful.

The annual Volunteers Thank You Evening will be held on the evening of Saturday 2nd April. This is an invitation only event at which those of you who have voluntarily given your time during this season to assist with the club operations will be able to enjoy a memorable "thank you" evening with meal followed by a "gentle disco" with one of our club members acting as DJ.

A series of meetings have been held recently with League Team Secretaries to ensure that leagues will have sufficient number of teams to continue next season. Thanks are due to Sue Hopegood who is working hard to encourage new members to form teams. At the moment it appears that the Friday afternoon open fours league will have at least the minimum of 8 teams and the Sunday Evening league will revert to an open fours league starting at 6.30 p.m. with at least 10 teams.

During the **summer** the Monday evening open triples league is being discontinued due to lack of teams but the number of teams in the Tuesday afternoon open triple league has increased. An additional Tuesday morning umbrella session will be played starting at 10.00 a.m.

Notices have been placed on the mixed friendly notice board showing the teams in each league for the next winter season. If you are interested in putting additional teams into any of these leagues this is the time of year to get together with your colleagues and enter.

The bowls development policy, agreed at the 2013 AGM, is now moving into a new phase. BIBC bowls development aims to enable every club member to reach the standard of bowling that they are capable of, and wish to achieve. Since 2013 the number of qualified coaches at the club has significantly increased and as a result the responsibility for bowls development is being transferred to the coaching team supported by those willing helpers who have assisted during the first couple of years of improver coaching. John Langford has been appointed Head of Coaching to lead the future of coaching and in due course a structure will evolve to ensure that bowlers of all ages are provided with the best possible opportunity to develop their bowling ability. In the short term the Friday afternoon 2.00 p.m. improver coaching course has now restarted with the initial focus on "reading and playing to the head".

The summer shutdown period will this year be extended to three weeks, from 25th April to 15th May, to enable all of the works to be completed before the summer bowling season starts. This year the works

include: insulation above the suspended ceilings, ducting of fresh air intake, and the external disabled access. As usual at this time of year help will be needed with the extensive cleaning works required and furniture removal to enable the carpets to be professionally cleaned. If you can spare some time to help in any way during the three week's shutdown period, please speak to Angela.

It is encouraging to see the number of coloured shirts now being worn during bowling at the club and I would be delighted if we could see more teams next season wearing their coloured team shirts. It makes such a difference to the atmosphere in the club and demonstrates to visitors to the club that the sport is progressively moving away from grey and white.

Lewis Toman

Mixed Friendly Captain - Cedric Gunson

2015/2016 REPORT.

This season has now come to an end with 23 winning matches of the 32 arranged games. Only the home & away matches v Rhondda Vets were both cancelled.

My thanks must go out to all those members who supported me in these most enjoyable friendly fixtures during this winter season.

It was very pleasing to entertain 2 touring parties from both Kent (7 rinks) and the Isle of Wight (9 rinks).

TORQUAY TOUR 2017.

I now have a full quota of deposit paid members signed up for our tour to TORQUAY in January 2017. Having booked for an extra night's stay this time, I have arranged for an 8 rink match to be played at ISCA (Exeter) on the Monday of our return.

All results are published on our website.

An Invitation to Indoor Summer Bowlers

Henleaze Bowls Club invites the Indoor Summer Bowlers to a match and BBQ on Friday evening July 22nd 2016. Contact me, Cedric, for more information.

Competition Secretary - Tony Down

We are nearing the stage when all semi-finals must be played to enable me to plan the competition finals weekend. Please ensure that any semi-finals are played asap.

BIBC Club Jackets



The new showerproof BIBC jackets for members are becoming very popular and can be ordered through Angela.

These are currently available at the subsidised cost on £15 each whilst the sponsorship money lasts.

Junior - Thomasina Goodman

Somerset County Under 16's Competition

A FIRST FOR BIBC

For the very first time BIBC entered 7 Juniors for the Somerset Under 16's competition: Bailey Shute, Ben Kelly, Becky Thorley, Brad Cox, Dan Beames, Jess Thorley and Taylor Sparey. All of whom had

consistent games in the "round robins". Delighted to say that four juniors got through to the quarter finals Brad Cox, Dan Beames, Jess Thorley and Luke Kelly. Brad, Dan and Jess won through to the semi-finals.

Dan won against Luke Yeates from Weston, St. Andrews 8-3 Jess took the lead after a tie break 8-7 against Brad.

Jess and Dan will be returning to Taunton to compete in the finals on Saturday 2nd April at 2.30 when the Somerset Men's final will also be played.

All Juniors played well, the semi-final between Jess and Brad was a brilliant game, several on lookers commented on the skills and concentration shown by both players at such a young age. Two ladies said "all the B.I.B.C Juniors had conducted themselves well and had the correct aptitude for bowls and their club should be very proud of them!"

A BIG WELL DONE to all the juniors who took part in this competition and GOOD LUCK TO BOTH JESS AND DAN for the BIBC final...Enjoy!!

Juniors School of Excellence – Thomasina Goodman

Bristol Indoor Juniors section had a very successful weekend at the second heat of the National School of Excellence at Taunton Deane 20/21 February. All the extra practice mid-week paid off for Jess Thorley who came second with a score of 75 losing first place by just one point! Receiving her first ever bowls cash prize of £5.00.!! Molly Rawlins is reserve and like Sophie Hicks, she will no doubt be called upon to play

For the senior section Olivia Starr secured her position in the Regional Finals too by achieving 68 points and obtaining third place! The girls will continue to practice the exercises mid-week in readiness for the next round on 24th April. We wish them the very best of luck!

Junior Jersey Fund Raising for 2018

The fund raising is ongoing for the next trip to Jersey in 2018. The funds pay for the flights and hotel costs of the Juniors that travel to Jersey. Many thanks to those who supported the recent Bingo evening and the general fund raising. A list of the future JJFR events will be circulated soon.

Please Note: The BIBC Juniors will be playing a match away against Yeovil on April 3rd

Leagues – on behalf of League Manager Eddie Haines

Lists of existing leagues are now posted on the Mixed Friendly Matches notice board. The assumption is that all teams will continue next season. There is no need to re-register your team.

For our new members many League teams are 'Open' with any combination of males and females.

If you are at present a long standing member in a team with several players, please consider splitting the team to create two teams and encourage those who as yet do not have the confidence to play in leagues to join your teams. This is a successful practice that some teams already adopt to create competitive play in the leagues.

It is recommended that for a Pairs team you have three players with a couple of 'super subs' who only play when required with a similar number of 'super subs' for triples and fours.

As mentioned above Sue Hopegood is working hard regarding league teams. Any queries please speak to Sue or Angela.

Ladies Captain – Verna Alford

It is pleasing to report that the ladies have done better this season compared to last season and have won 5 games and lost 5 games. Unfortunately, Newport were only able to bring 4 rinks this year bringing men to make up the numbers. Thank you to all the ladies who played in the friendly matches, we look forward to an even higher number of wins next winter season.

Coaching – John Langford

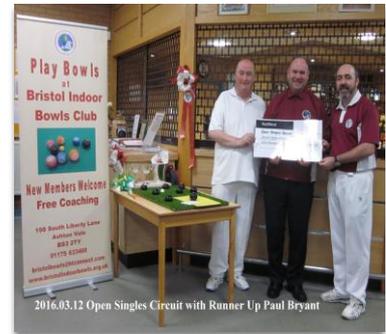
There will be a meeting of all BIBC coaches to which all coaches are invited to attend. The date and time to be circulated in the near future.

The next improver coaching session will be on Friday 2nd April at 2.10pm. Any bowler is welcome to attend.

The Open Singles Circuit – 12th March (formerly called Planet Bowls)

Thank you to all those who volunteered their services on this occasion. Due to the number of competitors and format of the rounds it becomes a very long day. However, this year the competition was exceptional culminating in an excellent final between Martin Timms of Welford on Avon IBC and Paul Bryant from BIBC. Martin secured the £1000 first prize with Paul Bryant receiving the second prize of £500.

<http://www.opensinglescircuit.com>



A Reminder from the February newsletter:

The Denny Cup and Yetton Trophy Semi Finals and Finals – 23rd and 24th April

The final stages of these competitions are being played at BIBC and will be a riveting bowls experience. The Denny Cup, 23rd April, is a Men's tournament of 4 rinks per club with Cumbria v Norfolk and White Knights v Wey Valley reaching the semi-finals.

The Yetton Trophy, 24th April, is a Ladies Tournament of four rinks with York v Riverain and Swale v Bournemouth in the semi-finals.

BIBC are already aware that each team will be bringing many supporters. Volunteers will be an essential part of each day to ensure that each event runs smoothly. BIBC are also aware that many bowlers will be in the early stages of the outdoor season. If you are able to help for a couple of hours on both or one of the days Angela would love to hear from you. And of course spectators are welcome.

http://www.eiba.co.uk/bss/competitions_list_finals.php

Dates for your diary:

April 2nd BIBC Volunteers Thank You Evening

April 3rd BIBC Juniors v Yeovil Juniors

April 9th/10th BIBC Finals Weekend

April 22nd BIBC Presentation Evening

April 23rd Denny Cup Semi-finals and Finals

April 24th Yetton Trophy Semi-finals and Finals

May 5th BIBC stand at North Somerset Agricultural Show

July 15th 16th BDA Road Show and BIBC at Bristol Harbour Festival

For more club information: <http://www.bristolindoorbowls.org.uk/>

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

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