



September 2016 Newsletter

Letter from the Chairman:

Welcome to all new members and those returning after the summer bowling season. It has been abnormally hot in the first few days of the indoor bowling season which has not enabled the improved fresh air intake system to demonstrate the improved air quality but as the cooler weather returns hopefully members will see the benefit of this coupled with the improved ceiling insulation works that were carried out during the summer shutdown period.

We have two important bowling events happening at the club in the coming weeks. The first is the televised Test Mixed (male and female bowlers) Match between England and Wales on Thursday/Friday October 6th/7th. This is the first time that we will have a live terrestrial event played at the club. Rishi Perashad will be the commentator and the top England and Welsh players will be participating. All the bowling will be on one rink with pairs and triples on the Thursday and singles on the Friday. Tiered seating is being installed for this event and we are anticipating that all the tiered seating will be full. Hopefully club members who wish to watch this high quality bowls event will register their interest below the poster on the notice board or directly with Angela Green. A draw for the 40 free tickets available to the club members will then be held and the winners will be able to collect their tickets from October 1st.

The second event is the annual Bowls Drive on the afternoon of 9th October. This is fun bowls afternoon at which members can enjoy the opportunity to meet other club members and compete for a trophy. Each year a dress theme is chosen and this year it will be stripes or squares. Do come along and enjoy this very social bowling occasion.

It was pleasing to see the rinks full for the Club's Open Day on Sunday 11th September. The coaches were kept busy with the steady stream of people who had seen this day advertised in the local press, attended the bowls roadshow at the Harbourside Festival or had been brought along by BIBC bowlers from their outdoor clubs. We hope to welcome many new members from this event once they completed their coaching sessions.

It is good to see the amount of membership fees being paid by card this season vindicating the decision to introduce this facility at the club for payments over £20. We are also looking at the possibility of introducing a membership card system that will automatically take photographs and print membership cards to upgrade the system currently used.

During the summer season and the hot weather enforcement of the dress code at the club can sometimes slip. At the beginning of the winter season it is important to ensure that the club dress code is properly enforced for everybody's benefit. Shorts and jeans are not allowed and trousers/cut offs and skirts must be grey. Teams are encouraged to wear a single colour collared team shirt. If not all team members wish to wear coloured shirts then members are encouraged to wear their club shirts.

A very important area of the club is to ensure that players wishing to play in league teams and league teams wanting more players are linked together. A significant effort has been and will continue to be made to ensure this works as well as possible. It is important that new players are welcomed into their teams and encouraged/supported during the game and "looked after" socially afterwards so that a good team spirit is built up. Some bowlers may wish to be "Pool Players" available to be called upon by any

team who are short of players in any week. There is a yellow folder at reception enabling everyone to register their wishes and we will do what we can to ensure everyone's wishes are met as much as possible.

The Monday afternoon Australian pairs league and the Wednesday afternoon singles leagues are run on a different basis to the other leagues, using a box ladder format. This enables new teams and singles players to join throughout the season and members are encouraged to join these leagues if they are seeking league play experience.

Both these league formats enable players to improve their bowling ability and shortly the Improver Coaching will start on a Friday afternoon during the 2.05 - 4.10 session. The initial coaching provided to novices when they joined the club provides a foundation to be able to start bowling. The Improver Coaching provides the skills to significantly improve your bowling knowledge and develop the skills to play the more challenging bowls shots and in team different positions.

There will be a full series of club representative matches that members are encouraged to seek selection for. These comprise mixed friendly matches - put your name down on the changing room lobby notice board team sheets, Ladies friendly and ladies national competition matches - put your name down on the team sheets in the ladies changing room, Mens Wessex and Somerset matches - put your name down on the changing room lobby team sheets, Mens and Ladies County Matches - put your name down on the Somerset mens sheets in the changing room lobby or the Somerset ladies sheets in the ladies changing room. Juniors can also apply for selection to the Somerset under 25 mens and ladies teams.

There is probably a risk of information overload at the beginning of the season and hopefully everyone will find a bowling pattern that suits their personal requirements. All that needs to be said now is "enjoy the new indoor bowling season"

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League Manager- Steve Neal

I would like to thank bowlers for their cooperation during the summer months in confirming their teams and players. Your efforts were greatly appreciated.

This is my first attempt at producing the Indoor Leagues, so I hope everything is ok and that you enjoy your bowling.

The Yellow folder on reception shows those teams who are looking for players and players who are looking for teams.

The sheets currently show that there is a team looking for players on Thursday & Friday 16.15pm and another team on Wednesday 6.20pm if anyone is interested.

Also players are looking for teams on Monday 7pm, Tuesday 10am, Wednesday 10am, Wednesday 14.10pm, Thursday 14.10pm, Thursday 7pm, Friday 12.05pm.

If you can accommodate any of these players in your team, please check the folder for details.

New this year

1. A book will be put on reception for team secretaries to register players and also withdraw players who no longer play in their team.

It is the team secretaries responsibility to ensure all players are registered correctly.

2. There will also be a folder showing all registered players for each team on reception in a few weeks, when all the information has been correlated.

The folder with copies of the league schedules will be on hand as usual.

The Monday Afternoon Australian Pairs is now an open (men/ladies) league and will be a box ladder, so teams can be added during the season if they wish to join.

Ladies National Competitions and County Competitions – Sue Osborne

For those interested in competing in these competitive matches the sheets are now on the RED board in the ladies changing room.

Weekend Friendly Matches – Cedric Gunson

As the Outdoor season draws to a close, I must remind you all that the Availability Sheets are now posted on our Notice Board for the first part of the season. We have 35 weekend friendlies so far arranged, so there are plenty of matches for both present and new supporters to play. Please add your names, when next down @ the Indoor Club.

We look forward to an enjoyable winter season.

Cheers, Cedric.

Ladies Friendly Matches – Verna Alford

These matches are just as is says on the tin, friendly and social occasions. We have several booked for this season both at home and away venues. All ladies are welcome to enter your names on the availability sheets on the BLUE board in the ladies changing room.

Fixture Secretary – Bill Hatherall

The efforts of booking fixtures over the last year are now coming to fruition. You will find a range of matches in many different venues. Please add your names to the availability sheets and I look forward to meeting you at some of the fixtures.

Somerset Representative – Ivan Reed

You will find details of the Somerset County matches on the SCIBA website and more information on the County board in the changing room lobby.

BIBC Juniors – Thomasina Goodman

Congratulations to Jordan Sparey on winning the city and county of Bristol Singles under 25's outdoor competition. It was a very "tight" game with Joshua Phillips holding the last end and possibly winning the game, then Jordan came in with his last wood to win the competition 21-18!! Adam Sparey and brother Jordan took part in the Finals of City and country of Bristol Men's Pairs competition. They played an excellent game and the final score did not do the game justice. The boys fought hard against the more experienced Jim Russell and Andy Gadd from Redland Green. Well done to two BIBC up and coming Bowlers!

Competition Secretary – Tony Down

Entry forms for this year's club competitions will soon be available at Reception. The club runs a full range of competitions for all members to play in, whether experienced bowlers or novices.

There is plenty of time to make your decisions and enter but no entries will be accepted after 30th November. The competitions are competed on 'play by dates' which must be adhered to.

The entry forms and the playing sheets for both the club competitions and the Top Club competitions will have the play by dates on them.

I look forward to receiving your entries and watching the matches in due course.

Coaching – John Langford

Many thanks to BIBC coaches who volunteer their time and have been very busy with those new to bowling. Further coaching is available for those who would like to learn more the about the game, different types of deliveries and playing in different positions within a team. It used to be the norm in bowls that a new bowler would only play in a certain position but at BIBC we encourage bowlers to be flexible and

build up confidence playing in any position, hence the popularity of Australian Pairs.
The Friday afternoon Improver coaching will start in the near future. Please look out for posters advertising this session.

We would like to congratulate two of our juniors namely Jade Poolman for being on the selection list for the EBA U25s and Olivia Starr who qualified for the Finals of the 2016 National School of Excellence to be played at Melton Mowbray IBC on Sunday 23rd October

The Bowls Drive – Sunday 9th October

This is a start of season event for all bowlers, whether experienced or novices everyone has an equal chance of winning the prizes.

How?

Play is on the umbrella format; players take a card from the bag which states which rink, which side and position the player will be playing for a certain number of ends. The subsequent ends will be played on the same format. Thus over the course of the afternoon bowlers play with different people, on different rinks, in different positions. All participants keep their own score card and the person with the highest score wins!

This year's theme is '**squares and/or stripes**' It is a social event and fun with the cost being £5 per person with tea and biscuits included.

Either add your name to the list on the board or arrive 15mins before the event to register your name. Come along for an enjoyable afternoon.

Dates for your diary:

October 6 & 7th England v Wales Mixed Test Match play starts at 10am

October 9th Bowls Drive 2pm

November 30th last date for BIBC Competition entries

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

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

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

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