



March 2017 Newsletter

Letter from the Chairman:

We have reached that time of year when club members and clubs & counties around the country are due to play their competition finals. All of our club semi-finals have now been played and Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd April will see our members playing in a total of 18 finals. Somerset County finals are also being held on 1st April and we will endeavour to avoid that date clash next season. Liam White and Jordan Sparey will be playing each other in the Somerset under 25 final and Dan Beames in the under 16 final. Liam White is also playing in the county men's final that day. Congratulations to all the club members who have reached the county and club finals and we hope that they are all able to play to the best of their ability during these matches.

The notices have now been put up for members to register to enter next year's national competitions. It is pleasing to see that a number of entries have already been recorded. All those wishing to enter need to do so in the near future.

One additional event taking place this coming weekend will be the formal presentation by Paul Brown of the Bowls England Disability Kitemark to our club. This will be taking place earlier than planned to maximise the publicity of the first club to be awarded the kitemark to encourage more clubs to register for this award. The presentation will take place on Sunday 2nd April during the lunchtime break. Paul Brown, who is Chairman of Disability Bowls England is bowling in the England bowling team in Australia later this year and will be at the club again on April 4th when he is being filmed and interviewed as part of the promotion of bowls at the next Commonwealth Games.

Those of you who visited the club during the Open Singles Circuit event would have witnessed some incredibly high standard of bowling with the eventual winner Paul Maynard of the Foxhill club demonstrating a standard of bowling that matched many internationals. Barry Barry was runner up and Paul Brown, Reece White and Paul Bryant all won their first couple of rounds against some very high quality opposition.

The Wessex League Final between Clarrie Dunbar and Kingsthorpe will be played at the club on Sunday 9th April when again a very high standard of bowling will be available for members to watch free of charge. The semi-finals and finals of the Denny Cup and Yetton Trophy will then be played at the club on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd April respectively. These will present club members with the opportunity to watch club teams from across the country compete for what is generally considered the premier English Indoor Bowling Association club competition. We are very fortunate to have been selected to host these prestigious events and I would strongly recommend that members take advantage of the opportunity to experience the atmosphere and skill at these major occasions. Hosting national competitions is contested by clubs around the country and we cannot expect to maintain such a high number of important events every year so I recommend that you take full advantage while the opportunity exists.

Looking ahead there are a few leagues that need a few more teams to make them viable for next season. These are the Thursday 4.10 open fours league and the Sunday 6.0p.m. open fours league. We are also looking for a few more teams to register for the summer Thursday 12.00 Australian pairs league. These are opportunities for all club members but I would like to take this opportunity to request that new members consider forming teams to join these leagues. That is the way that a club develops and please don't

worry that you are not yet good enough - it is by playing in these leagues that you will develop your game and you will be pleasantly surprised how quickly your bowling improves by playing in leagues.

The league season is now in its final stages so just a reminder that all postponed league matches must be played by April 14th. The club annual presentation evening will take place on Saturday 29th April where all league and competition winners and runners up are invited to receive their awards.

Lewis Toman

Club Competitions – Tony Down/Eric Seavill

The club competitions reach their finale on the weekend of 1 & 2 April. A full schedule of each day's matches will soon be on the noticeboard at the club. You will see that it is not "all the same faces" this year so please come along and support your favourites as enthusiastically as possible!

Somerset County Competitions

There has been some great bowling at the club by the U25s in the club competitions. This has continued in the Somerset County competitions with Liam White not only qualifying for the U25 singles final but the Singles final as well. His opponent in the U25s final will be Jordan Sparey also of BIBC.

In the U16s Open Mixed Singles five BIBC juniors, three girls and two boys, entered the competition. Bailey Shute, Daniel Beames, Jess Thorley and Madi King won all their games to get through to the quarter finals. Daniel Beames won his semi-final to gain a place in the final. All the Somerset finals will be played on Saturday 1st April, Good luck to all three bowlers.

League Manager – Steve Neal

To those who are tempted to take the plunge and enter a team into a league, there is now a **BIBC “Beginners Guide to Running a League”** available at reception. This might prove to be of help with all the little nuances involved in understanding league teams.

Planning ahead Summer 2017

We are thinking of starting an Australian Pairs League on Thursdays @ 12.05pm in the summer, if we can get enough teams to start a league up.

A registration form is attached for anyone interested. Please either hand forms to reception or email to the club.

Also, if anyone would like to add a team to the Summer Open Triples League which is on Tuesdays @ 2.00pm the same form can be used.

Also, sheets are on the board, next to the league tables board for the Summer Leagues, where you can register your interest for the above.

Planning ahead Winter 2017/18

Sheets are now on the board by the ladies changing room for the 2017/2018 winter season

If you would like to add a team, please add in space at the bottom of sheet, complete a Registration form and pass to reception. Also, if you are not planning to enter your team next Winter season please indicate against your team on the sheet.

We would like to have a few more teams in the leagues below if anyone would like to enter a team. Also, there are spaces in other leagues.

Wednesday 6.20pm Open Fours

Thursday 4.15pm Open Fours

Friday 4.15pm Open Fours

Friday 6.20pm Open Fours

Sunday 6.30pm Open Fours

A team in the Thursday 2.10pm Open Triples requires two more players for 2017/2018, Please contact Angela, Wendy or myself if interested.

If you think you may require players for your league team in 2017/2018 speak to myself or Wendy. We can advertise in the Newsletter for players. Finding players at the start of the season can be more of a problem, when some bowlers are still playing outdoors.

We are nearly at the end of the season, thank you for your support and understanding while I have been learning how to use the League Software after taking on the role last summer. If you have any queries you can contact me on the email: leaguemanager@bristolibc.co.uk

Summer Bowls 2017 at BIBC

The club is closed from Tuesday 2nd May & re-opens Monday 23rd May

Saturdays

The club is open on Saturdays from 10am to 12noon for:

Juniors

A New Umbrella at 10am (just turn up 15mins beforehand and play)

Rups (Roll Ups)

Tuesdays

The club is open from 10am to 4pm for:

A New Umbrella at 10am (just turn up 15mins beforehand and play)

Triples league at 2pm

Rups all day

Thursdays

The club is open from 10am to **4pm (new this year)** for:

An Umbrella at 10am (just turn up 15mins beforehand and play)

New Australian Pairs league at 12noon

Rups all day

Wessex League Update March 2017 – Peter Birmingham

Our Wessex League campaign came to a crashing halt with defeat against Exonia in the last 16. The team was hampered as our opponents had a number of players in the Devon Liberty Trophy squad. A clash between Liberty Trophy and Wessex League meant our match was postponed from Saturday to Sunday.

Unfortunately, this change meant we had a few key players missing and so our selectors had to make a number of adjustments to balance the side. Unfortunately, it was all to no avail as both away rinks lost and one of the home rinks also suffered a disappointing defeat.

The one bright spot was the rink of Reece White, John Marshall, Jordan Sparey and Nigel Green who delivered a fantastic performance to win by 10 shots.

So, it was a disappointing end to the season in the Wessex League and means Bristol will not be contesting the final which we host on 23rd April 2017.

Thanks to all the players who have represented the club this season and the selectors who have experienced some challenges this year particularly with player availability for certain matches.

Somerset League – Chris Lowden, League Selector

Bristol V Purnells.

We got off to a rather bad start to our final match of the season, with one player failing to arrive at the away venue meaning we had to lose a quarter of the score on one rink. Having said that the remaining seven players knuckled down to the task in hand, rejigged the side and did very well to win on Nigel

Green's rink 24-22 but had to lose a quarter meaning a loss 18-22. With the other away rink, led by Richard Doughty also going down by 5 shots it all rested on the home side to turn the match around but after 16 ends with the home rinks down by 11 shots overall it all looked a bowl to far even though the rink led by Gerry Coffield was always up but the rink led by Eric Seavill was down 8-17.

The last 5 ends saw a dramatic turn around with Gerry finishing 26-11 and on Eric's completion his score turned around to 22-17 which meant an overall win for Bristol. Well done to the team.

League summary.

Bristol managed to finish 3rd in division 2 of the Somerset league despite North Petherton claiming all the points and a total of 40 shots due to the fact we could not raise a team for the 1st game of the season due to the club's involvement in other national competitions.

Overall this year we have seen a number of new members putting themselves forward for matches and proving themselves to be an asset to the team. I hope you were made to feel welcome and enjoyed the season and continue to make yourselves available next season as it is easier to select a side with 20 names rather than 15 or 16 names. Everyone gets a game in the Somerset league at some point regardless of age.

Finally, a big thanks to all the stalwarts who continue to put their names down for every game, too many to list individually but you know who you are. Hope you continue next season to make Bristol a force to be reckoned with.

Mixed Friendly Captain – Cedric Gunson

The weekend of the IOW's visit was very successful with 9 rinks being used on both Friday and Saturday and 7 rinks on Sunday. It is expected that they will return in 2018. They won on all 3 days.

Now that our season's matches have been completed, it's time to thank all of you who have supported the Club and Myself throughout the season in playing in as many matches as you were available for.

Out of the 35 matches we played at weekends we Won 19, Lost 11, Drew 1 with 3 cancelled by opposition. The Gents beat the Ladies in our annual match. These results are all listed in the appropriate web page.

I hope all of you have a pleasant bowling Summer whether Outdoor or Indoor and, no doubt, I will catch up with some of you sometime.

My thanks to all those who took part and supported these friendly weekend matches.

I look forward to meeting some of you again @ Henleaze B.C. when you team up to play a shortened game followed by a BBQ on Friday July 21st 2017 @ 6pm. An availability Sheet is on our Indoor Notice Board when we hope to play 6 rinks of 4's.

For those of you, who regularly play Outdoors, Henleaze B.C. host a Gala Day on Sunday May 14th, to which you are invited to enter. An Entry Form is attached.

Have a great Summer, Cedric.

Dates for your diary:

Saturday/Sunday 1st/2nd April BIBC Finals Weekend.

Saturday/Sunday 22nd/23rd April EIBA Denny Cup and Yetton Cup Finals.

Friday 28th April Presentation Evening.

Monday 1st May BIBC at the North Somerset Agricultural Show, Wraxall

Tuesday 2nd May closed for building and Maintenance work

Monday 23rd May Summer Bowls starts

Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd July BIBC @ Bristol Harbour Festival by the M Shed