



## April 2017 Newsletter

### **Letter from the Chairman:**

What an exciting finish to the winter season we have experienced this year with club league and competition results now known, success for club members at the county finals and major national finals being played at the club.

A number of league results were very close and only decided in the final matches.

The club competition weekend, well attended by spectators, provided some unexpected results, with a few favourites losing. A full list of winners and runners up can be found on the club's website. The standard of play in some of the club finals was exceptionally high matching the standard of national events played at the club. The Somerset county finals saw success for Dan Beames winning the under 16 final and Jordan Sparey who won the under 25 final. Liam White did exceptionally well to reach the final of both the county under 25 and the men's singles.

The Men's Wessex league final between Clarrie Dunbar and Kingsthorpe was the first of three national finals held at the club in April. Kingsthorpe were well ahead until losing a big count with Clarrie Dunbar then taking the initiative winning by two shots. Kingsthorpe then returned for the Men's Denny Cup final and roles were reversed with Exonia building up a big lead before dropping a couple of big counts to give Kingsthorpe the initiative and the win. The Ladies' Yetton Trophy final saw Spalding initially build a big lead before a late surge by St Neots gave them victory. All of these national finals demonstrated that you can win despite initially being well behind in a match and provided excellent viewing of national competitions from the spectators point of view.

For further information on the Denny Cup and Yetton Trophy matches visit: [www.eiba.co.uk](http://www.eiba.co.uk)

Perhaps for the club the most pleasing aspect was the praise given by the Kingsthorpe Captain and the Competition Director of the EIBA who both expressed their appreciation for the manner in which the club hosted the events and provided such exemplary service to everyone visiting the club. May I add my thanks to all of you who provided your support at these events and helped to make them run so smoothly.

I am pleased to see that enough teams have registered to make an Australian Pairs league viable on Thursdays at 12.00 during the summer.

The decision has been taken, due to the falling number of teams, to replace next winter season Thursday 4.15 p.m. fours league with a pairs league. The exact format (Australian Pairs or Standard Pairs) will be determined by a vote of the teams that register interest to play. I hope that enough teams register to make this league viable next season. Steve Neal's report later in this newsletter covers other leagues that are seeking additional teams for next season.

We are now preparing for the works to be undertaken at the club during the shutdown period which starts on Tuesday 2nd May and ends with the beginning of the summer season on Tuesday 23rd May. Prior to then we have the club presentation evening on Friday 28th April to which all winners and runners up of club competitions and leagues are invited to a supper followed by presentation of their shields/cups/certificates.

Thanks to all of you for your support in what has been an excellent winter season. Enjoy your summer bowling and I look forward to seeing you all later in the year.

Lewis Toman

### **League Manager – Steve Neal**

League sheets are on the board by the ladies changing room for the 2017/2018 winter season

If you would like to enter a new team, please add in space at the bottom of sheet, complete a Registration form and pass to reception by beginning of August.

We often hear that members would like to enter teams for leagues but are put off by preparing rotas etc. Help is now at hand in the form of a BIBC guide to league teams, available at reception. Existing members, who are team secretaries themselves are also willing to offer their computer skills to help you and your team start your 'journey'. Just ask!

Also, if you are not planning to enter your league team next Winter season please indicate against your team on the sheet by the ladies changing room.

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**

**Friday 4.15pm Open Fours**

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**Sunday 6.30pm Open Fours**

We are starting an Open Pairs league (format to be decided) on Winter Thursdays @ 4.15pm to replace the Open Fours, if you are interested in entering a team please complete a registration form and return to Reception.

**A team in the Thursday 2.10pm Open Triples requires two more players for 2017/2018.**

**Also, a new team on Monday Evening Men's fours 7pm is looking for a couple of players.**

**Please contact Angela or myself if interested.**

If you think you may require players for your league team in 2017/2018 speak to myself, Angela 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.

Have a good Summer.

If you have any queries you can contact me on the email: [leaguemanager@bristolibc.co.uk](mailto:leaguemanager@bristolibc.co.uk)

### **Summer Leagues 2017**

The summer League will start week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> May 17.

### **Property – Ian Anderson**

During the 3 week May shutdown, the club propose to undertake a deep clean of the kitchen and bar, cleaning of furniture, carpets and upholstery and the redecoration of the function room.

It has been noted that the red chairs around the rink side and in the lounge, whilst being fit for purpose in the first instance are now showing signs of wear. Over the course of the next few months they are being reupholstered with more serviceable material.

Also planned, as the result of a member's suggestion, is the creation of stepped access from the lounge onto the rink side at the back of rink 5 together with a step down onto the green and a permanent disabled ramp onto the rinks along the side of rink 9.

We are replacing the gas fired warm air heating and ventilation system with new ventilation plant incorporating heat pump heating and cooling capacity to provide all year round improved environmental control of the bowls hall and the function room.

During the summer, we plan to construct a much needed storeroom extension 3 bays in width. The extension, which will be in keeping with the existing construction, will be divided into two areas with double door access alongside rink 9, one small store to store the short mat equipment, the other for wheelchairs and all the equipment that is accumulating elsewhere in the building and in director's garages!

### **Marketing**

Events during the summer, where all club members are welcome, include the North Somerset Agricultural Show on Bank Holiday Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May in Wraxall and the Bristol Harbour Festival Saturday and Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of July next to the M Shed. Both events, with the aid of gazebo, mat and bowls equipment, are designed to encourage members of the public to take up bowling by inviting them to try bowls.

We invite outdoor clubs to give us leaflets for distribution on these occasions, any promotion of bowls and its numerous clubs is better than none. As the popular advert says 'every little helps'.

### **Annual Maintenance Fortnight**

For those members who volunteer to help in the annual spring clean, please note that due to the planned property works this will be postponed until late August/early September.



Jordan Sparey, winner  
of Somerset County  
U25 Singles



Dan Beames, winner  
of Somerset County  
U16 Singles



Liam White, finalist in the  
Somerset County  
U25 and Men's Singles  
competitions

Dates for your diary:

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April Presentation Evening

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May BIBC at North Somerset Agricultural Show, Wraxall

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May Club closed for maintenance until -

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May Summer Bowls starts

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July BIBC at Bristol Harbour Festival by the M Shed.