

CITY AND COUNTY OF BRISTOL INDOOR BOWLING CLUB



CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Match Results :-

- 5/1 – Bristol v Somerset Women – Won 111/104 – 6 rinks
- 6/1 – Bristol v Somerset Patrons – Lost 103/122 – 6 rinks
- 20/1 – Bristol v EIBA President's Team – Lost 121/147 – 6 rinks

Gala Day 7th Jan 2018 :-

We had 18 teams competing, with the winning team including three Juniors.

Torquay Tour 12th/15th Jan 2018 :-

We played 11 matches against 11 different teams and won all 11. 59 members travelled down.

Next year's tour is booked for the weekend 11th/14th Jan 2019, staying at the Toorak Hotel in the TLH Complex.

Short Mat Challenge 11th March 2018 :-

We require 40 players for this mixed format round robin competition. Please enter via the sheet outside the changing rooms.

Friendly matches :-

We need more players for the w/e 3rd/4th Feb.

SELECTORS MATCH REPORT

21 January. Wessex League .

BIBC v North Wilts.....BIBC Won

21 January. National Under 25s Mixed Triples Competition .

BIBC v WestlecotBIBC Lost

**SOMERSET COUNTY INDOOR BOWLS
ASSOCIATION**

ARE LOOKING TO APPOINT A
LIBERTY MANAGER
FOR A THREE YEAR PERIOD

CLOSING DATE 29TH MARCH 2018

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:
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FROM THE LEAGUE MANAGER

With the recent flu epidemic and members going on winter holidays, there is an increasing backlog of unplayed league matches, which need to be rearranged.

With the box ladder system used in some of our leagues, rearranged matches need to be played before the end of the current box fixtures to have any relevance.

On a more pragmatic level, unplayed league matches affect the projected cashflow into the Club, which is a major element of the Club's business plan.

Many of our leagues can accommodate additional teams, and we would particularly like to see newer members forming themselves into teams and enjoying the competition that leagues provide.

Also, playing against more experienced players is a tremendous help in improving your own appreciation of the game and it will inevitably improve your game.

LADIES

A few more ladies are needed for 6th February Tuesday Home at 12.00 pm.

£10.50p meal included .

Bristol Ladies v Malvern.

All members welcomed.

Results.

Bromsgrove : cancelled by Bromsgrove

Newport cancelled by B.I.B.C.

Registered Players

Reminder that a player cannot be registered for a team after the 31st January 18.

If after the above date you need to register a player to enable your team to keep going and be able to complete your Matches for the season.,speak to Steve Neal or a member of the Bowls and Social Committee. A File is now on reception for team secretaries to check their registered players, Steve has some recent updates to players, which he will do in the New Year. Any changes please enter in the book on reception.



JUNIOR NEWS

Congratulations to "Tommie's Twos" who won this year's Gala Day organised by Cedric. The team consisted of three Members of BIBC Junior Section and one of their CoachesJess and Bec Thorley, Ben Beames and Junior Coach John Marshall...they won all of their games ending up with +38.

A first for BIBC Juniors....**WELL DONE !!**

The team would like to thank all their fellow competitors for their support throughout the competition.

The Juniors are off to play in Poole against Dolphin Indoor Bowls Club Juniors 17th-18th February and are also going to Ireland in April to play against teams from Scotland, Ireland and Channel Island Juniors - all very exciting. All made possible by your continued support...**THANK YOU.**

JUNIOR FUND RAISING EVENTS

As most members are aware last year in February when the Jersey Juniors were in Bristol "Pig Racing" was organised while they were here, it was also attended by a few club members and was a great success raising money for the Junior Travel Fund.

After the event many other members said that they would have liked to have come along so....due to public demand!..... BIBC Juniors are organising another "Pig Racing" evening on **SATURDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2018**you can sponsor a race, own a pig (just for that evening!!) and/ or bet on a race.

There will be rolls with the usual "FREE" crisps for just a £1.00

Please come and join us, an evening like you have never had before, something completely different that may even cause some laughter?

JUST AS A REMINDER...the Juniors are still holding their Bingo evenings on the **FIRST** Friday of every month and they are proving to be very popular so why not come along (even if you are not really a bingo fan!) bring your friends and family, it's all played in good fun and you'll enjoy the company.

They are also planning on holding a "cream tea" afternoon so watch this space for further information!!

Enquiries are also being made with Sainburys and Asda for the Juniors to do bag packing again as they have done previous years. This has in the past been quite lucrative ..so fingers crossed!

Some Do's and Don'ts in the game :

Learn, and play by, the Laws of the Game.

Have your bowls ready to play when it is your turn.

Remain quiet and at least 4 feet behind the bowler on the mat.

Always be **UP** especially when the shot is against you. Compliment a good shot, either by an opponent or your own team and sympathise for a 'bad break' but don't overdo either.

Win gracefully and lose graciously.

Do not '**CALL**' bowls into, or out of the head -it is bad etiquette.

Do not drop, dump or bounce bowls onto the rink surface.

Do not under-rate an opponent.

Finally: no alibis!

(Reproduced from Belfast Indoor Bowling Club Newsletter)

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The New Year has certainly reminded us of Mother Nature's power but fortunately to date we have avoided the snow scenes that have affected many other parts of England. It is always pleasant to arrive at the club and feel the physical warmth which the air conditioning system is providing. We are still fine tuning this system so you may see some activity around the club as we get the control settings to behave exactly as we want.

Reflecting on behaviour; you will see notices around the club reminding bowlers of a few of the Laws of Bowls that some may not be aware of and others choose to disregard. The two rules we have focused on are 1) possession of the rink 2) the position a bowler should be in once their bowl comes to a stop. If anyone is unclear on these two rules please either read the Laws of Bowls at reception or speak to a club officer or director as we want everyone to enjoy the game of bowls understanding the rules.

We would also request that all members comply with the no smoking, vaping or use of e-cigarettes rule whilst inside the building. Use of mobile phones is also raising concerns and I would remind all bowlers that mobile phones are not to be used for any purpose whilst people are on the bowling area or walkway.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Bob Griffiths to the board of directors. He and his wife Lyn have been providing an increasing level of support to the club and he has agreed to become a Director and undertake a number of key communications and support roles.

You will be aware that on Saturday 20th January the EIBA Presidents team played against our club. Prior to the match starting the EIBA President Margaret Allen formally opened the new store - an event that is a requirement of Sport England when they provide a grant. We are also grateful to David Rhys Jones for securing media coverage of the opening in his article in the Western Daily Press.

We have a unique bowling event occurring at the club in March at which teams from BIBC and Avon Short Mat will engage in a competition involving both sports. The format is similar to Gala Day with teams playing in fours in one hour sessions but this time teams will be playing two games of long mat and two of short mat. We need 40 members to participate in this unique event and hope that many members will put their names down on the mixed friendly availability sheet.

We received a visit from the English Indoor Bowls Association (EIBA) Chief Executive on 25th January. This event was part of his tour meeting clubs across the country to explain the current role of the EIBA and to listen to clubs and counties views on how the EIBA should be supporting clubs in the future. As I am sure you would expect we were able to put forward a wide range of suggestions and look forward to seeing in due course how this influences the manner in which the EIBA support clubs in the future.

The early round "play by dates" for club competitions are now rapidly approaching and I would recommend that games are played in good time to avoid possible frustration with rink availability the closer we get to the play by dates.

Lewis Tomlin

AND FINALLY.....



As is usual, over the weekend of the annual tour to Torquay, members of the Bristol team having the largest winning margin were awarded a Club pen. On one dining table, all the playing members were awarded a pen at some stage - with one exception. Of course, the identity of the person must remain a secret. We can say, however, that she is a ladies selector who is married to Bert Paget.