

## CITY AND COUNTY OF BRISTOL INDOOR BOWLING CLUB



### FROM THE LEAGUE MANAGER

Steve Neal

I would like to thank all the team secretaries for the work they put in during the season, without them the Leagues would not function and we would not have leagues to play in.

With the snow this year, we had a couple of days leagues to catch up with and I would like to thank you for arranging them before the end of the season.

We had some very close finishes on the leagues, with four being decided on shot difference.

Congratulations to all the winners and runners up.

Have a good summer.

<b>Summer League 2018</b>		
Tuesday Afternoon Triples	Runners Up	Pretenders
	Winners	Allsorts
Thursday Afternoon Australian Pairs	Runners Up	Optimists
	Winners	PVG

<b>Winter League 2017-2018</b>		
Monday Afternoon Ladies Triples	Runners up	Two Plus One
	Winners	Emeralds
Monday Afternoon Open Fours	Runners up	Surfers
	Winners	Avonside
Monday Afternoon Australian Pairs	Runners up	Maoris
	Winners	Tuckered Out
Monday Evening Mens Fours	Runners up	Men in Grey
	Winners	Gas
Tuesday Morning Open Triples	Runners up	Travellers
	Winners	Abbots
Tuesday Afternoon Open Fours	Runners up	BAC (BAWA)
	Winners	Tommies
Tuesday Evening Open Triples	Runners up	Phoenix
	Winners	Dead End Kids
Wednesday Morning Australian Pairs	Runners up	Sydney Hopefuls
	Winners	The Dingos
Wednesday Afternoon Open Fours	Runners up	Trumps
	Winners	Downend Tuf Guys
Wednesday Afternoon Singles	Runner up	Brian Blight
	Winner	John Marshall
Wednesday Evening Open Fours	Runners up	Griffins
	Winners	Multicoloured Swapshop
Thursday Afternoon Ladies Fours	Runners up	Sapphires
	Winners	The Royals
Thursday Afternoon Open Triples	Runners up	Cygnets
	Winners	Bowls R Us
Thursday Evening Mens Triples	Runners up	Gas
	Winners	Two +1
Friday Afternoon Open Pairs	Runners up	Outcast
	Winners	Beemay
Friday Afternoon Open Fours	Runners up	Maqqies
	Winners	Shadows
Friday Evening Open Fours	Runners up	Bilbie Boys
	Winners	Badgers
Sunday Evening Australian Pairs	Runners up	Age Range A
	Winners	Age Range B



## JUNIOR NEWS

Thomasina Goodman

### 2018 ....What a year for BIBC Juniors!!

The Juniors for the first time ever played away against Poole Juniors and had the "best tournament ever" (described by several juniors) because not only did they enjoy the games but made new friends who they hope to meet again when Poole comes to Bristol in 2019!

They also played against Rhondda but sadly lost although it was a good learning curve for them all playing against several Welsh National Juniors.

It was decided to put a "Junior Team" into Cedric's Gala Day, so myself, John Marshall, Ben Kelly and Jess Thorley entered. But sadly due to my fall I was unable to take part so my sub was Becca Thorley! Didn't they do well to win the competition against such experienced players!!

In April, six Juniors entered "The Somerset Under 16's Championship" and for the FOURTH year running we had a Junior in the finals.....in fact for the second time in those four years we had a "Bristol" final with Jess Thorley vs Luke Kelly. Congratulations to Jess who brought the trophy back to Bristol and also for being our first Junior ever to win this competition twice in three years!!

The Juniors were invited to go to Ireland to play against teams from Scotland, Channel Islands and Ireland in April but due to many of the Juniors entering our Club Competitions and getting through to the finals sadly we had to decline but hope to go next year It was worth the sacrifice.... Jacob Young (who only joined us in September) won the "under 12's" against Madi King close game 7-6 6-5. Brad Cox won the "under 18's" against Dan Beames winning in the tie breaker. Brad and Dan teamed up to win the "Men's Pairs" 24 -15. Jess Thorley partnered Felicity Kite to win the Junior Senior pairs against fellow Junior Dan Beames and his partner Chris Kendrick.

Jess joined Felicity and new member Pat Mullens to win the "Ladies Triples" 19 -15

Four Juniors were in the "Ladies Pairs" Jess Thorley(16) with Taylor Sparey(17) against Becca Thorley (13) and Madi King (11)

*The Juniors have been invited to return to Jersey next February to play against the Channel Islands (Guernsey and Jersey Juniors) to reinstate the games which we had with Jersey prior to their "Juniors" getting too old to be classed as juniors"!!!*

*Thank you to everyone who have supported the juniors in 2018 not only for coming to the Bingo sessions, putting money in "Nigel's jug" and the "Pig Racing but more importantly for the support and encouragement given to all of them from Members during the Club Competitions...it was appreciated... they are the future of Bowls and Our Club and helps to change the concept that bowls is just for "old people"!!!*

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### **DATA STORAGE AND PROTECTION**

On 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018, the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) come into effect, which affect the way we treat personal information collected from members. We must comply with strict requirements concerning the storage of personal information, and must inform you of how we store the data, what we use it for and give you the opportunity to request the removal of your information from the database (which could only reasonably be requested if you were resigning your membership of the Club).

We have prepared a Privacy Statement which details the way we handle personal information and a copy is sent to you with this Newsletter. A copy will be displayed at the Club and will be available on request.

You will notice that membership renewal forms will in future include a statement that you are agreeable to the Club holding necessary information about you on our secure database.



### BIBC Competition Results 2018

Competition	Competitors	Winner/s	Score
2 Wood Open Singles	Bradley Cox v Reece White	Reece White	6 - 3 7 - 6
Junior Singles (U11)	Madison King v Jacob Young	Jacob Young	7 - 6 6 - 5
Junior Singles (U18)	Bradley Cox v Dan Beames	Bradley Cox	6 - 6 7 - 7 2 - 0
Novice Singles	Rod Ellis v Chris Blake	Rod Ellis	23 - 13
Unwon Open Singles	Patrick Steedman v Malcolm Howarth	Malcolm Howarth	21 - 18
Ladies Singles	Ros Constant v Wendy Toman	Ros Constant	21 - 8
Open Singles	John Marshall v Colin Davis	Colin Davis	21 - 18
Mens Singles	Reece White v Adam Knights	Reece White	
Mixed Pairs	Taylor Sparey & Reece White v Felicity Kite & John Marshall	Taylor Sparey & Reece White	29 - 15
Australian Open Pairs	Jerry Ashmore & Peter Sims v Derek Hayward & Keith Stokes	Jerry Ashmore & Peter Sims	28 - 14
Ladies Pairs	Jessica Thorley & Taylor Sparey v Rebecca Thorley & Maddison Kings	Jessica Thorley & Taylor Sparey	38 - 11
Mens Pairs	Derek Hayward & Keith Stokes v Bradley Cox & Dan Beames	Bradley Cox & Dan Beames	24 - 15
Mixed Aussie Pairs	Wendy Toman & Lewis Toman v Marion Ansell & Ray Wookey	Wendy Toman & Lewis Toman	20 - 19
Adult Junior Australian Pairs	Jessica Thorley & Felicity Kite v Chris Kendrick & Dan Beames	Jessica Thorley & Felicity Kite	9 - 4 2 - 5 1 - 0
Ladies Triples	Pat Mullen/Felicity Kite/Jessica Thorley v Jane Geater/Lorraine Page/Elaine Lewis	Pat Mullen/Felicity Kite/Jessica Thorley	19 - 15
Mens Triples	Ted Farrant/Gerry Wickham/Chris Blake v James Newby/John Marshall/Lewis Toman	Ted Farrant/Gerry Wickham/Chris Blake	15 - 14
Mixed Triples	Taylor Sparey/Reece White/Jordan Sparey v Margaret Ford/Chris Kendrick/Phil Iles	Margaret Ford/Chris Kendrick/Phil Iles	14 - 10
Top Club Main Comp	Greenbank v Portishead RBL	Greenbank	12 - 0 11 - 6
Top Club Plate Competition	Redland Green B v Alexandra Park	Redland Green B	12 - 1 9 - 7



## CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Cedric Gunson

### FRIENDLY INDOOR MATCH REPORT 2017-2018

A big thank you goes out to all those who participated in our weekend friendly matches over the past winter season. 124 Members participated, of whom a nucleus of 35 played more than 10 games. My records show that we won 22 matches, lost 11 matches and had 5 matches cancelled. The ladies were successful in beating the Men. Only 3 matches were played away from home. A complete results list can be found on our website. The season was extended by a week in order to accommodate the return of the IOW Tourists when their arranged visit in early March was cancelled due to the snow. Both these 9 rink matches were lost to competitive teams. We were also pleased to entertain both a Southampton Club and Surrey County in matches in mid March.

### MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM SURREY INDOOR BOWLS TOUR CAPTAIN

Hi Cedric (pronounced Ceedric I believe),

I am finally winding up the remaining tasks associated with our bowls tour. To that end I would like you to pass on our thanks to everyone at the club who took part in the match plus the catering and bar staff. You certainly have an excellent facility and a green more to my liking than some we played on. That said on our rink you will recall that there was some mean bowling which stretched us through to the end with my players just scraping through. We were certainly made most welcome by you all, with the friendly atmosphere and odd banter maintained throughout the game and afterwards.

Will you also please pass on my thanks to Bill Hatherall whose help and efficiency especially at the early stages of planning was very much appreciated by me. My tenure as President is nearly over and I am looking forward to a quieter time for a spell. That said I have had a great year rounded off by an excellent tour. Thanks again and Kind regards  
Mike

### **REFLECTIONS ON FINALS WEEKEND** by Eric Seavill

*Finals weekend of the Club Competitions produced the anticipated high standard of bowls with a number of matches being decided on the last or extra ends.*

*Highlights included Reece White retaining the Mens Singles title with a 21-20 victory over Adam Knights and, in a high quality game, Ros Constant winning the Ladies Singles against Wendy Toman. In the Ladies Pairs, Taylor Sparey and Jess Thorley beat Rebecca Thorley and Madi King in a match where the combined age of the four players was only 56 yrs!*

*The closest game was the Under 18s final in which Bradley Cox and Dan Beames drew both sets before Bradley prevailed in the extra ends.*

### AND FINALLY.....



# LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Another winter indoor season draws to a close and once the annual "shutdown" is over we will be operating reduced opening during the summer months. Leagues are being played on a Tuesday and Thursday, together with the Thursday morning umbrella and Saturday morning coaching.

The club management continue preparing for next season with finalisation of fixtures, preparation of the Year Book containing all the known events for next season and updated rules, generally reviewing all documentation to ensure it is ready for the start of the main season, undertaking recruitment activities and marketing. We will once again be running a summer four week coaching course for a class from Ashton Vale Primary School starting at 2.00 p.m. on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June and additionally this year we will be providing a bowls taster session at the club for pupils from Kings Forest Junior School, Kingswood between 12.00 and 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June. Bowls Roadshow events will be held at the North Somerset Show on May 7<sup>th</sup> and the Bristol Harbourside Festival on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> July in Millennium Square. Any members who are able to support the club at any of these events please contact either Wendy or Angela.

The conclusion of this season saw some amazingly close finishes to some leagues and club competitions. For me the most surprising competition was the novice singles, which I marked, where almost every end was won by a shot finishing within a foot of the jack! Many competitions were only decided on the last end which made for enthralling viewing and nerves of steel by the players. Some league results were only decided on shot difference which created an interesting final few league matches.

Presentation Evening on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May will see the club competition and league winners and runners up presented with their awards and certificates. If this event is anything like normal the function room and lounge will be full bringing the season to a memorable conclusion. It will also provide an opportunity to reflect on other successes enjoyed by club members at county and national level.

We have now been advised by the English Indoor Bowling Association (EIBA) that next season the national competition inter area finals will be removed and the winners of all the EIBA areas will attend the national finals. This will provide a much fairer system correcting the previous unjustness of four areas playing inter area finals whereas the other 14 area winners went directly to the national finals.

At county level congratulations to three club members: Reece White on reaching the final of the Somerset under 25 competition, Luke Kelly on reaching the final of the county under 16 competition and special congratulations to Jessica Thorley on winning the county under 16 final.

You will be aware that a sugar tax has been introduced on drinks. This immediately impacts on the products we buy resulting in a 20p increase in the price of normal coca cola. Our bar tills are currently being updated to accommodate this change. We are not currently anticipating any further bar price increases for next season. Food costs continue to rise and the catering prices will need to increase although any increases will be kept to the minimum. An experiment is being tried next season offering the breakfast menu from 9.00 a.m. each midweek day. If this proves popular it will become a regular feature at the

The weekend of 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> April saw the Open Singles Circuit event at the club, at which 72 players from across the country competed in a singles knockout competition. A number of our club bowlers participated in the early rounds. The eventual winner was Imogen Cracknell, a 16 year old bowler based at Taunton Deane. On her way to the final she had to win six rounds including beating last years winner. In the final she won the deciding end against Ryan Whitlock of Torquay in the tie break to receive the winners cheque of £1000. Unsurprisingly she is now attending the England trials and based on the event at our club should now become a regular player in the England squad.

You will probably notice a few changes when you next come to the club as the chairs reupholstery is nearing completion, spring cleaning and redecoration is underway, the carpet in the gents changing room is being replaced and the use of notice boards is being changed to enable ladies friendly matches to be shown on what is currently the "For Sale" notice board which will move the the lobby area by the water drinks machine.

May I thank all of the volunteers who put in such an enormous effort to keep the club going and to wish you all a pleasant summer whether you are bowling indoors, outdoors or simply taking a short break from bowling.

*Lewis Tomlin*

## POINTS OF ETIQUETTE

- Do not wave your opponents bowl through the head
- Acknowledge a fluke shot with an apology
- Congratulate your opponents when they play a good shot

The next Newsletter will be at the start of the new season September 2018