



NEW SEASON STARTS 1st SEPTEMBER

CITY AND COUNTY OF BRISTOL INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

FROM THE LEAGUE MANAGER

Steve Neal

With the Indoor starting week commencing 17th September 18, I would be grateful if you can let me know ASAP (if you have not already advised me) any changes to Team Secretaries or if you would like to enter a new team. I will start sending Schedules out after the bank holiday weekend.

WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR EXTRA TEAMS ON WEDNESDAY EVE OPEN FOURS AND FRIDAY AFTERNOON OPEN FOURS.

The Box Ladder Leagues will start beginning of October to allow new members a chance to join them. We are looking for more teams in the Sunday Australian Pairs, as at the moment we do not have enough teams to run this League.

Have a good Indoor Season.

Box Ladder leagues

Leagues normally run for approx. five to six weeks depending on number of teams. The league is reset after each box to enable new teams to join. This type of league is good for new members to get experience in playing League. If we have enough teams, leagues are split into two boxes with promotion and relegation after each box.

Mon Aft Open Australian Pairs	4pm	Box Ladder
Wed Aft Open Singles	4pm	Box Ladder
Sun Eve Open Australian Pairs	6pm	Box Ladder

New: Friday Open Triples League @ 2.10pm

We are planning to start a new Open Triples League in the winter, which will start beginning of October if we can get enough teams. With the 2.10pm session being very popular during the week, this is a good opportunity for new or existing members to enter a team.

If you are looking for players to make up a team, I have a couple of ladies interested.

Please complete a registration form and enter on the sheet, which will be placed on the friendly match notice board. The form can be obtained from Reception or Angela, you can also contact myself on Mobile 07974107729 or Email: leaguemanager@bristolibc.co.uk

If you need help with how to set up a league team and playing schedule for your team members, please contact one of the above.

Looking to join a League Team Winter 2018/19?

If you are looking to join a league team for 2018/19 Winter season, please email me giving details of the day and time you would like to play and I will circulate to team secretaries and try to place you in a team.

Email: leaguemanager@bristolibc.co.uk .

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE FOR 2018 - 2019

Don't forget there is a discount for payment by 30th September, and remember to include payment for your locker if you have one.



CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Cedric Gunson



CAPTAINS DAY

Sunday October 14th 2018 @ 2pm.
Theme :- All **blue** with **red** trimming.

FRIENDLY FIXTURES

Availability Sheets for our first 17 matches up to Xmas are on our Notice Board for all to complete and make themselves available for selection.

Our first home match is against Yate on Saturday October 20th closely followed by our away trip to Malvern on Sunday October 21st.

Please don't be frightened to put your name forward – new participants always welcome.

Let's hope we have a good season

Cedric

LADIES' FRIENDLIES

Lorraine Paget

First away match is against Cotswold IBC on Tuesday 6th November. Coach travel will be arranged.

Details of other friendly matches are on the notice board (now located outside the Ladies' locker room).

New players are always welcome - just put your name down and turn up.

Open day

Sunday 9th September 2018 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

Bring along your family and friends for a chance to try bowls FREE (all the equipment they need will be provided) and to sample the facilities at the Club. The Hungry Bowler and the bar will be open.

SHOCK! HORROR! STOP PRESS!

Our midweek daytime correspondent was an eye witness to a mind blowing, belief shaking, once-in-a-blue-moon event.

The club's constantly practicing, metronomic, super accurate open singles champion, C***n

D***s was observed delivering..... **A WRONG BIAS !!!!**

The world is going mad.

((Full name withheld to avoid litigation))



LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The club's AGM on August 9th enabled those attending to be advised on the large number of activities that have taken place since the end of last season and to receive the Directors' and Officers' reports. The Bowls Roadshow has been well utilised at five different events. The new roadshow trailer has been given club branding which provides additional advertising when being taken to the various events. Club coaches and helpers provided a months coaching to the Ashton Vale Junior School year 3 class who were then presented with certificates and medallions at a special school assembly. We hope that another Junior school will join in next year enabling us to start an inter school tournament. Coaching will be provided to groups of fifteen year old students from St Mary Redcliffe School during the main season which could become a breakthrough in securing interest from older youngsters to join our junior squad.

Through John Pearce, who runs the bowls shop franchise at our club, the coaching bowls held in the bowls storage cupboard have now been engraved to show that they are to be used for coaching only. It is timely that the additional larger bowls we secured last year will be available for use by the older students.

Mike Humphries advised that financially the club figures were in line with the Business Plan prepared at the time the bank loan was secured to fund the improvement works carried out over the previous season.

Whilst maintenance of an 18 year old building will always be required there are now no plans for major works until the bowls carpet is replaced once the bank loan has been repaid in three years time.

Ian Anderson explained that the air conditioning works have taken a very long time to settle down and a major adjustment is scheduled for August 20th after which we hope that the system will operate as planned. Despite not working perfectly the system has provided a far cooler atmosphere in the club during the very hot summer.

The property has experienced some settlement around the main entrance which has caused the glass panes to crack on each side. Reports from a Structural Engineer coupled with cctv testing of the drains has shown that the fault lies with one bad drainage connection which we plan to rectify as quickly as possible.

All of the blue and red chairs in the club have now been refurbished. In addition we have further red chairs in the store that will be used along rink 9 whenever we have major events at the club. The store enabled the club to acquire a significant number of items following the closure of Redland Girls School which meant that all the store shelving, racking and cupboards were free and the club now has sufficient space to store everything currently needed without needing external storage space away from the club.

Members have been extremely active in marketing the club. The new Recruitment and Retention Committee comprising Brian Blight, Bob Griffiths, Lorraine Paget and Felicity Kite has been active preparing a new club flyer and spreading the message about the club around Bristol. Brian Blight now attends the Chamber of Commerce working breakfasts where he has the opportunity to advise many businesses of the club's existence.

Bob Griffiths is a member of the Bristol City Council Sports Participation Steering Group which was set up to continue the Bristol Mayor's commitment to increasing sporting activity.

Wendy Toman advised that wearing her marketing hat she was currently busily engaged in placing adverts in the local papers together with editorial where possible. The club's Open Day is being held on Sunday 10th September when it is hoped that members will bring along family, friends and members of their outdoor clubs.

The club will be hosting a variety of events which provide an opportunity to encourage people into bowls.

We encourage people attending the monthly Blood Donor sessions to try bowls and will be doing the same at the Hidden Hearing consultation session at the club on October 5th. We will be hosting the Big Lottery funded session called "On and Off the Pitch" between 7.00 and 9.00 p.m. on October 3rd to assist those people working in sport with young people with mental health issues. Our junior coaches will be attending and if those involved in junior coaching elsewhere advise us of their interest we can take up to 20 people.

The club experienced a number of issues last year where standards of behaviour, dress and mobile phone use were not acceptable. The club rules have been updated to cover these situations and hopefully every member will note and comply with these rules. They will be shown on the main notice board.

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A point was made by members at the AGM that bowlers are beginning to ignore the rule that they do not enter the walkway off the lounge until the previous players have left the green. This is unacceptable and part of the reason why, when signing the membership renewal form, all members will be confirming that they will comply with the club standard of etiquette required. It was also pointed out that when bowlers use the steps from the lounge onto the walkway by rink 5 they do not take into account players bowling towards the reception. Again, etiquette requires that when a player is bowling nobody should move at or behind the head end until the bowl has left the bowlers hand.

Steve Neal, League Secretary, pointed out that there was a book at reception for the registration of players looking for league teams and team secretaries looking for players. The club will help where they can to ensure all league teams are able to continue when they lose players, and new teams to join leagues. He anticipated that the league schedules would be issued at the end of August

Danny Kite, Head Coach, advised that a coaches and helpers meeting was being held prior to the start of the season to discuss the help required with the heavy coaching requirements at the club.

A course for BDA level 1 coaches is being held at the club on October 27th and December 1st. For anyone interested in becoming a coach this is the way to start.

In recognition of the increasing traffic congestion the evening leagues and Friday evening umbrella will all start at 7.00 p.m. next season. This will enable working members to be able to reach the club in time to play. At the same time the session times throughout the day are being changed. The start times will be 10.00, 12.00, 14.00 and 16.00, with the end of session bell sounding 7 minutes prior to the second hour.

This will create a one hour early evening slot from 18.00 until 19.00 that can be used for roll ups, coaching and the start of any national or county competitions. If there is nothing booked then the rink lights will be turned off between 18.00 and 19.00.

The directors and officers were appointed in accordance with the AGM papers. They, together with all the volunteers and franchise bowls shop and catering team, were thanked for the enormous commitment they make to enable the club to flourish. The Chairman also reminded members that the paid staff all worked as volunteers in addition to the hours they were paid.

The AGM closed with the Chairman thanking all those who attended.

Lewis Toman

Annual subscriptions and rink fees have remained unaltered for several years now, despite rising costs.

One major factor enabling the Club to keep costs down is Club members volunteering to undertake tasks in all areas of the Club e.g. maintenance, reception, cleaning, bar, administration, promotions etc.

New volunteers are always needed and training will be given in whichever area you would like to be involved in. Just have a word with Angela or a director to see how you can help keep your club viable.

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