

CITY AND COUNTY OF BRISTOL INDOOR BOWLING CLUB



FROM THE LEAGUE MANAGER

Steve Neal

Now a month into the Leagues and only one League Schedule changed after a team withdrew on a Monday afternoon, it seems to have worked quite well sending out the Schedules in early September, which is a bit later than normal. So far, we have managed to find players for teams where needed. If you add or remove players from your team, please enter in the book on reception.

The Website now has a link for 2018/19 Leagues, with a separate link for the Singles League.

The New Friday Triples 2pm. & Sunday Evening Australian Pairs will not take place due to lack of entries' Have a good Indoor season

Postponed Game- Six week Rule (Rules 59-72)

A postponed game must be arranged and played within six weeks of the postponed match scheduled date. It is the postponing team's responsibility to offer dates, but if no dates are offered after two weeks, then the opposing team can offer dates, one of these must be accepted to avoid penalties being imposed. Teams are liable for rink fees if not played.

Box Ladder Leagues

Monday Afternoon Australian Pairs has started with four teams, if you would like to enter this League, please let Angela or myself know and I will add the team when the next box starts.

Wednesday Afternoon Singles has now started with 15 players, there is still room for a couple of players when the next box starts.

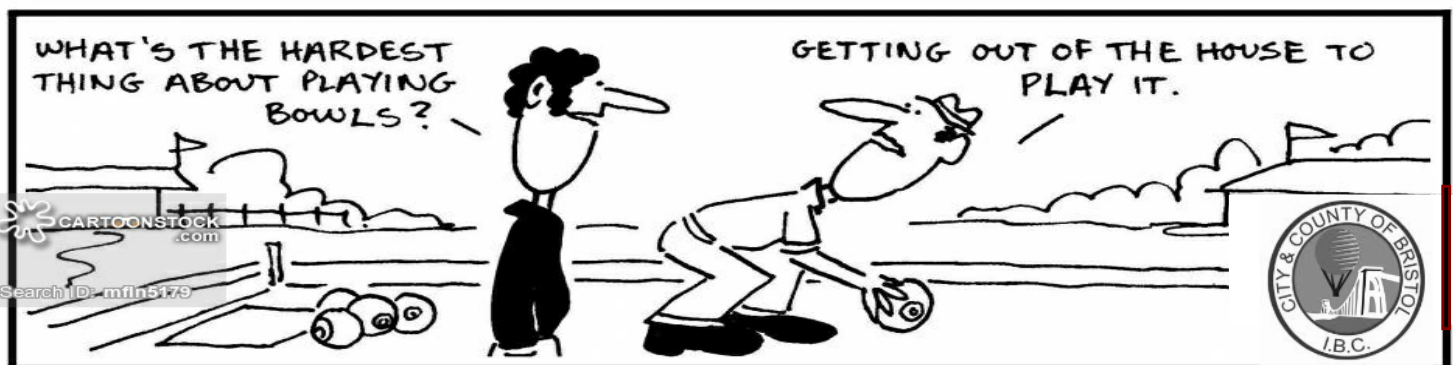
Looking to join a League Team Winter 2018/19

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. There is also a file on reception where you can enter your contact details or see if a team is looking for players.

Email: leaguemanager@bristolibc.co.uk .

Mobile 07974 107729



RENEWALSUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2018-19 ARE NOW OVERDUE



CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Cedric Gunson

Recent Friendly Results

Sat Oct 20th – Bristol 119 / Yate 68. HOME – 5 rinks.

Sun Oct 21st – Bristol 95 / Malvern 129. AWAY – 6 rinks.

All members are welcome to play in the Club Friendly matches, which take part on most weekends. The majority are home matches, simply because we have the best and largest facilities in the South West.

Away matches will normally have coach travel organised.

Friendly matches are a great way to get to know other members and feel a part of our team. Bowls ability is not important, the best way to improve is to play against new people. You will be very welcome.

LADIES' FRIENDLIES

Lorraine Paget

First away match is against Cotswold IBC on Tuesday 6th November. Coach travel has been arranged. The cost will be £10.

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

NEW PLAYERS WILL ALWAYS BE WELCOME - just put your name down and turn up.

LOCKERS

For information, please note:

When lockers become available, a notice will be attached to the vacant locker in the changing rooms.

Several members have requested a locker –there is a waiting list so please be patient and do check the lockers in your changing room for availability.

Large lockers do not become available very often – if you have requested a large locker this will be allocated as and when one becomes available.

Do not pay for the hire of a locker until one is allocated to you.

A gentle reminder to those members who have a locker and have not yet paid (was the rental included in this year's subscription?) please pay at Reception confirming your locker number.
Many thanks.



Lyn Griffiths

In a recently published survey of sports facilities open to the public in and around Bristol, Bristol Indoor Bowls Club was the best rated facility of all (96%).

This was a survey by Bristol City Council with independent assessors. If you would like an electronic copy of this 208 page report, see Bob Griffiths.

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

There is always a slow build up to the beginning of the indoor season with some bowlers not returning until their outdoor bowling has finished and others taking a holiday between the outdoor and indoor season. This is generally behind us now and new club members will be finding out how the club operates whilst experienced club members will have quickly settled into the clubs busy routine. This creates a timely opportunity to remind members of some changes that have occurred and opportunities to participate in additional activities that they may not have considered previously.

The club relies heavily on volunteers to help in numerous activities. These are shown on the membership application forms and include tasks such as helping at reception, the bar, rink cleaning, property maintenance and support work in the kitchen. We always lose a few volunteers each season and I would encourage any of you who may have a little time to spare to consider providing some much needed support to help your club.

The new season also provides an ideal opportunity to remind members of areas to extend their bowling activity:

There is the Improver Coaching course held each Friday from 2.00 - 4.00 p.m. to help bowlers develop their bowling ability. There is also a new coaching clinic to help members deal with any specific bowling problems at the same time on the first Friday of each month.

Club members play in ladies and mixed friendly matches as well as representing the club in national competitions. Cedric Gunson, the club captain, invites all club member to put their name down on the mixed friendly availability sheets in the lobby area by the changing rooms. Please don't worry about your standard of bowling as this is an ideal opportunity to broaden your experience and meet more club members in a friendly bowling environment. Similarly Lorraine Paget the ladies captain invites all lady members to put their names down on the ladies friendly availability sheets on the ladies notice board in the lobby area. For those wishing to play at a slightly more competitive level the men's Somerset league offers an ideal opportunity, and those wishing to represent the club at national level can also put their names down on the men's availability sheets in the lobby and the ladies national availability sheet which is on the notice board in the ladies changing room. The club offers a wide range of bowling opportunities and it is vital that we see new names and faces representing the club each year.

National competitions are now underway and it is pleasing to be able to report that the club men's team won their first round match against Cotswold in the Denny Cup last weekend. The Top Club match against Westlecot proved a step too far and whilst we won the mixed fours match, and everyone played well in each match, we have to accept that were beaten by a stronger team, which contained three England internationals. You will see a number of national competition matches being played at the club in the coming months so do please support your club members when you see them playing.

For members who wish to play in more leagues the Monday afternoon 4.00 p.m. Australian Pairs league and the Wednesday afternoon 4.00 p.m. singles league are both being run using the box ladder format. This enables new teams/players to enter at the end of the completion of each box (i.e. you can enter these leagues throughout the season). The four umbrellas are now operational and provide an ideal opportunity to just turn up fifteen minutes before the start time and play in different positions against other club members. There has been some confusion over the Friday evening umbrella which starts at 7.00 p.m. under a different organiser to last year.

Sadly, once again we have found that a number of league teams have played using members who had not paid their membership fee by the end of September. We will now be applying the rule that any team will lose all of their league points when such a situation arises. We have provided a list of paid members at reception since the end of September so that League Team Secretaries could check that all of their team members had paid.

The early breakfast option seems to have taken off on a Thursday but demand has been limited on other days of the week. The trial has another month to run and then we will need to decide whether to continue this opportunity.

Probably the most important message is to say "enjoy your bowling" at the club and in summary do participate in the wide range of bowling and refreshment opportunities available and reflect whether you can find some time to help in a volunteer role at the club.

Lewis Tomou

GALA DAY

SATURDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2019

COMMENCING AT 10.00 AM

This event is held early each year in the form of a round robin competition.



Bowlers from any club, indoor or outdoor, are invited to create mixed fours teams and play a set of ends against the other teams in their group.

**Entry cost £40.00 per team,
to include tea/coffee on arrival
and a hot/cold buffet lunch**

1st Prize: £120.00 : 2nd Prize £80.00: 3rd Prize £40.00

**Entry forms available at Reception
or online at www.bristolindoorbowls.org.uk**

Closing date for entries: 10th February 2019



CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2018

**This year's Christmas Lunch will be on Friday
7th December 2018.**

Watch the Notice Board for further details