

CITY AND COUNTY OF BRISTOL INDOOR BOWLING CLUB



**The club will close for Christmas on Saturday 22nd December 2018
and reopen on Wednesday 2nd January 2019**



The revised session times have generally been accommodated with few problems, but a few members have reservations regarding the new evening session start time of 7.00pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

It is worth reiterating that the decision to change these start times was taken to allow those members still in employment to get to the club in good time for session start, and also to create additional one hour coaching and roll-up sessions.

FROM THE LEAGUE MANAGER

Steve Neal

From the 1st November matches the six week rule for postponed games will apply, due to the number of games postponed in September extra time had been given for teams to catch up on these games, if anyone has problems arranging games please let me know.

I have a man looking to join a team in an Evening League if anyone requires a player.

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 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 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 07974107729

RENEWAL SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2018-19 ARE NOW OVERDUE



CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Cedric Gunson

Recent Friendly Results

Sat Nov 17th – Bristol 90 /Greenbank 39. HOME – 4 rinks.

Sun Nov 18th – Bristol 92 / Alexandra Pk 96. HOME – 6 rinks.

Sat Nov 24th – Bristol 155 / Cynon Valley 131. HOME – 7 rinks

SHORT MAT CHALLENGE. – Sunday December 9th 2018.

I would like to have at least TEN rinks (40 players) participating in this event starting @ 10am.

Please make yourselves available – AN AVAILABILITY SHEET is on our Notice Board.

I'm happy to take names by phone or e-mail.

I have received a request from the Organiser of the Swansea and Bristol Annual Bowls Tour, John Jenkins, to enquire if I could raise a few more bowlers to go on this tour – a tour that Fay Hitchman & Myself have been on on several occasions and are going on this coming June to Weymouth (Sat June 22nd / Sat June 29th 2019).

I took on the task of arranging the 6 (6 rink) fixtures, which are @ Greenhill (Weymouth), Seaton, Melcome (Weymouth), Bridport, Lyme Regis and Poole Park. Both Saturdays are coach travel days.

Accommodation has been booked @ The Crown Hotel, Weymouth – cost £435 ea.

Depending on numbers each person will have at least one day off.

It is expected that we will have an early start when we play @ Bridport (Market Day) and Lyme Regis.

This tour has been going for 25+ years as a combination of Commonwealth Smelting Clubs in both Swansea & Bristol. Several Members of the BAWA Club participate today.

Please consider participating by contacting me,

Cedric

LADIES' FRIENDLIES

Lorraine Paget

Regrettably, we had to cancel a recent away match as insufficient players were available.

I would urge you all to consider these super friendly matches, both home and away, as they are most enjoyable.

Details of all our 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.

JUNIORS

Juniors v Parents/ Grandparents

The juniors vs Parents/ Grandparents was a great success and it is planned to repeat this in New Year.

Change of date

The Junior Bingo Fundraising event will be held on Friday December 14th to avoid clashing with the club's christmas lunch on 7th December.

Fund Raising for Juniors

The annual juniors match against the visually impaired will take place on 15th December at 10am Also on that Saturday we will be providing christmas lunch for the juniors with chicken nuggets and chips

February 16th -18th

Poole Juniors are coming to play a return match against BIBC juniors. Following the success of last years "PIG RACING" evening it has been arranged to hold another on the Saturday so Poole can be involved - EVERYONE WELCOME!!

April

The flights for Ireland have been booked leaving on Friday 5th April and returning on Sunday 7th.

"Friendlies"

As Purnell's IBC now have increased their number of juniors we have invited them to play against BIBC Juniors, dates in the New Year to be confirmed shortly.

Club Competitions

The junior under 12, under18 and adult/junior pairs entry forms are now available at reception. The draw for the junior/adult competition will seed the pairings to create as equal strength teams as possible.

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The December Chairman's letter takes on a seasonal flavour with the club's Christmas lunch proving to be increasingly popular. This year's event takes place on Friday 7th December and after the amazing no expense spared pantomime members will tuck into their Christmas lunch before being entertained by a brass band with carols.

You may have noticed the new signs and holders being used in the lobby to promote events being held at the club. These will also be used to assist visitors attending events at the club with directions showing where the Function Room and toilets are located. Another larger notice has been prepared which will be hung around the score board when national competitions are being played on rinks. This is to advise members when these important matches are being held to both encourage support for our players and ensure that great care is taken when walking past the end of the rink to not disturb players about to bowl.

Team members have played many matches recently in national team competitions. We are still in the mens over 60's two rink and the under 25 two rink team competitions. Congratulations to those team players and best wishes for continuing success. Other club individual and team entrants are still playing their early round national matches so do support them when they are playing at the club.

The club competition entry forms are now available for members wishing to enter this years competitions. The closing date is fast approaching so do please complete your entry forms shortly. Competitions are aimed at all levels of playing ability with novice competitions and an unwon competition to enable those with only a limited bowling experience to enjoy a competition against others with limited bowling experience. This year we have introduced a drawn pairs competition combining an experienced bowler playing with a novice. As it is a drawn competition teams novices and experienced bowlers will make separate entries and a draw will combine the entrants into teams. This is an ideal opportunity for experienced bowlers to encourage novices and for novices to enjoy playing alongside an experienced bowler.

We have the second short mat v long mat challenge match coming up on 9th December. Last year we lost this match so do please support the club, particularly those with short mat experience, by putting your name down to play in this event.

Sadly due to lack of people registering their availability the club had to cancel the annual mens v ladies match (not enough men) and the ladies match away at Malvern. It is always sad when the happens, particularly when it involves other clubs, as in due course it will reduce the number of matches available to our players. I know from personal experience that in the early years of bowling some members may feel "they are not yet good enough" to put their names down to play for the club. My advice is to put your name down and then when you play you will be pleasantly surprised how much you enjoy the game and in due course realise how much playing in these matches improves your bowling ability.

As a club we encourage organisations to come to the club for "corporate events". These can vary in length and content from a whole day to a couple of hours. A session of bowling is always included and use of the Function Room for meetings and refreshments are options that can be taken. If any member has contact with a business, sports or social group that might enjoy a corporate event at the club please contact Angela or one of the Directors.

As this is the December newsletter whilst it may seem a little early this is my opportunity to wish all members and their families a very happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Lewis Tomlin



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

New Year's Eve PARTY at BIBC

From 8.00pm until 2019

**BUFFET
MUSIC
BAR
FUN**

**Tickets
£6.00**

**Bring on
the
NEW YEAR!**

