

## CITY AND COUNTY OF BRISTOL INDOOR BOWLING CLUB



### FROM THE LEAGUE MANAGER

#### Registered Players

Reminder that a player cannot be registered for a team after the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019.

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 myself or a member of the Bowls and Social Committee.

A File will be on reception for team secretaries to check their registered players, I have some recent updates to players, which I will do in the New Year. Any changes please enter in the book on reception.

#### 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.

Email: [leaguemanager@bristolibc.co.uk](mailto:leaguemanager@bristolibc.co.uk) .

Steve

### LADIES' FRIENDLIES

Lorraine Paget

Hope you all had a good Christmas and are looking forward to a good year's bowling in 2019. Our last two games were regrettably cancelled, so we are looking forward to the next Ladies away game at Newport on Wednesday 23rd January 2019.

My message to you all is **Help! Help! Help!** Please try and support us as I have only **five** names on the availability sheet, but need twenty four.

Please let me know by the 16th January as this game involves booking a coach.

#### Situations Vacant

Just a reminder I am still looking for a Vice Captain. Wishing you all a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Lorraine.

**WE WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR**



## CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Cedric Gunson

### Recent Friendly Results

As we have a 9 rink friendly match @ 12 midday on Monday February 18<sup>th</sup>, may I suggest as I have struggled to get teams together this season, that 2pm Monday League Players now due to play @ 4pm actually postpone their league fixture that day and play for the Club.

I report that I have got full 6 rink players for our matches on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 2019.

Our fixture with Cotswold on Sunday January 6<sup>th</sup> 2019 will be played in GREYS with Tea/Biscuits at halfway.

Our match with the Short Mat Contingent on Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup> 2018 was again a close run affair with the Long Mat coming out on top this season thanks to a rink we borrowed from them, who won all 4 of their matches.

Results can be found on our website.

Please continue to support future fixtures.

Torquay Tour.

60 of us are taking off for Torquay on January 11<sup>th</sup> 2019, where we are playing 11 matches with Outdoor Torquay Clubs during the 3 days away.

I have booked accommodation at TLH Toorak Hotel for our 2020 tour – 10<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Application Forms will be available @ Reception on Monday January 28<sup>th</sup> 2019.

*Cheers, Cedric*



# Safeguarding Bowls

## Adult Safeguarding in Bowls (3 hours)

### Who should attend?

This module is aimed at those individuals who have the responsibility to ensure their club is a safe place to play.

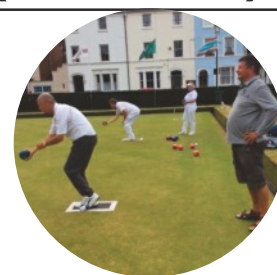
This is primarily the module for Club Safeguarding Officers/Volunteers to attend but also active coaches and other club members who would like to support the Club Safeguarding Officer in their role

### What is the focus of the module?

This module is aimed at those clubs who have adult only members.

### What does it cover?

- Provides an understanding of what safeguarding is and your role in safeguarding adults at risk in your club
- Helps to recognise signs of abuse and neglect of members
- Provides understanding on how to act upon a concern or a disclosure
- Raises awareness of relevant legislation and policies
- Tells you what support is available to you



Your next local module is at  
**Bristol IBC**

**Tues 22nd January 2019**  
11am - 2pm

**Please see Angela, Danny or a Director if you would like to attend this event.**

# LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

As mentioned in the December newsletter the Club Christmas Lunch was followed by many plaudits. The audience participation in the pantomime exceeded expectations and the food and brass band were excellent. We are now nearing the maximum number of people that we can accommodate in the Function Room for this event so next year I suggest you get your voice into good shape to be able to fully participate in the carols and book early.

The club competition entries are patchy this year with a shortage of entries for the ladies, novice and top club competitions. Face to face dialogue has encouraged some late entries and you will shortly see on the competition notice board which competitions will be running this year.

In December the final session for the potential NBDA level 1 coaches was held and I am pleased to say that all five of our members who attended are now Level 1 coaches. They are Pat and James Newby, Margaret Collins, John Marshall and John Bush. A coaches and helpers meeting is being held in early January to discuss future coaching strategy at the club and it is probable that additional novice coaching will become available at regular times in the mid week 6.00 -7.00 p.m. slot enabling new members to practice with others and develop their bowling skills.

We are aware that it is challenging for new members to find out how the club operates and recognise that we need to improve the support provided to them, particularly for those who join without previously knowing anybody else at the club. This became particularly evident when encouraging new members to enter the club competitions and they replied "what competitions". It is so easy to forget how difficult it is to settle into a bowls club and this simple member's response reinforces how much we need to improve our support to new bowlers at the club.

As members are aware the private hire of the club's Function Room is a vital source of income which has enabled the club to not increase items such as rink fees and subscription levels for eight years. We are experimenting with a late morning/afternoon booking on Monday 7th January for a wake for over 150 people. It is almost inevitable that this number of guests will need to spill out into the lounge area so we will be cordoning off an area for their use. This advance warning lets members know in advance what is happening and afterwards we will know the limits on number for future bookings.

The long mat v. short mat tournament resulted in a surprise victory for our club due to us borrowing a short mat team to make up our numbers. It was them winning all their games at long mat and short mat that swung the balance in our favour so I think you could fairly say that we won through courtesy of short mat!

This reminds me that we are still struggling to find players for ladies and mixed friendly matches. We will shortly be reviewing what number of these fixtures the club can support in future seasons. I hope that more members reading this message will make themselves available for these matches in the rest of this season.

2019 looks like starting with many major UK, European and worldwide issues to be resolved. Bowling is a good antidote as it enables us to temporarily forget the outside world and enjoy the comradie of our bowling colleagues. On that note may I wish you all a very happy bowling New Year.

*Lewis Tomlin*



# GALA DAY

**SATURDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> 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**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: **£120.00** : 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize **£80.00**: 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize **£40.00**

Entry forms available at Reception  
or online at [www.bristolindoorbowls.org.uk](http://www.bristolindoorbowls.org.uk)

*Closing date for entries: **10<sup>th</sup> February 2019***

**MORE TEAMS REQUIRED**