

CITY AND COUNTY OF BRISTOL INDOOR BOWLING CLUB



FROM THE LEAGUE MANAGER

Summer Leagues

Starting - Week Commencing 6th May 19

Tuesday Aft Open Triples @ 2.00pm - Starts 7th May 19

Thursday Aft Australian Pairs @ 12.00 Noon Starts 9th May 19

If you would like to enter a team in the above Summer Leagues, please complete a registration form and hand in by 15th April 19, Also add your details to the sheet on the League Tables notice board. The Registration form can be obtained from Reception or Angela.

Existing Summer Teams

Sheets are on the League tables board showing existing teams from last year.

Please can you tick to confirm you are entering your team for this year or advise me if you are not entering on Mobile 07974107729 or Email: leaguemanager@bristolibc.co.uk.

Looking to join a League Team this Summer

If you are looking to join a league team for this Summer.

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.

Mobile 07974107729 or Email: leaguemanager@bristolibc.co.uk .

Registered Players

Reminder that a player cannot be registered for a team after the 31st January 19.

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 which will be updated for the end Jan 19, 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.

LADIES' FRIENDLIES

Lorraine Paget

The last three ladies games have been cancelled due to lack of support.

It is nice, however, to see we have 21 ladies on the availability sheet for the next game Tuesday 5th February v Malvern at home. Please try and support the other games on the board.

Keep bowling Ladies.

This may be our last season of Ladies Friendlies (see letter from the Chairman), so let's enjoy it while we can.

Lorraine.



CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Cedric Gunson

I'm finding it increasingly difficult to understand as to why I'm not getting Members to put their names forward to play in our weekend Friendly Matches.

My e-mail communications are being ignored in that I seldom get a "Sorry, I'm unable to play because _____".

Is it because my mail is going into "Spam" or "Junk Mail" ?

I would love to see a full Availability Sheet the weekend before the match, so that I can actually "select".

We have lost 3 and won 3 since the last Newsletter.

61 Members attended the Torquay Tour this year. We were successful in winning 7 of the matches played against local Outdoor Club teams. The change of Hotel to the TLH Toorak proved to be a great success. Application Forms for next year's tour – Jan 10th/13th - are available @ Reception. I have arranged for 70 Members to be accommodated on this occasion.

Gala Day on Saturday February 23rd is filling up, but I require another few teams to make up the numbers to hopefully 24.

Recent results

Sat 26/1 – Bristol 142 / Keynsham 89 - HOME – 6 rinks.

Sun 27/1 – Bristol 102 / Long Ashton 89 – Home – 6 rinks.

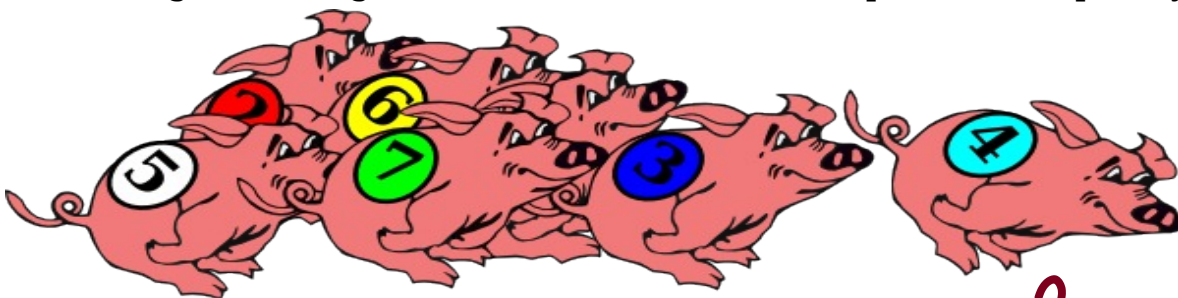
Cheers, Cedric

JUNIOR NEWS

Thomasina Goodman

On behalf of our juniors I would like to say a BIG Thank You to all the members who have financially supported the juniors either by offering items for sale, putting loose change in the jar or coming to our Bingo sessions it is appreciated.

Our Juniors will be playing against Poole Juniors over weekend of 16 - 17 February with the majority of our team being capable "Newbies". On the Saturday evening we will be holding (what is becoming an annual event) our pig racing evening to which everyone is invited it's a great evening lots of laughs and the usual rolls with free packet of crisps for just £1.



Skip

A SELECTOR'S PRAYER

Blessed are they who can play sport

Blessed are they who can still be taught

3 Blessed are they who accept with grace

To play in any selected place.

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Lead

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The experiment with the major wake proved extremely beneficial as we learned some useful lessons. Members were generally understanding about the amount of the lounge area occupied by the wake attendees. If we are asked for a large wake again we will fit low barriers across the lounge to ensure that members always have separate access to part of the bar. The main issue was car parking with every available space being occupied as the wake occurred at a time when there was changeover from two leagues each playing fours. To generate £1000 for the club in a few hours is something that the board consider is worth the temporary upheaval and we will always warn members in advance so that they do not spend time searching for parking space and just have to take the first one that they find available.

Thanks to a considerable amount of time talking to members the issue with shortage of ladies entering club competitions was resolved and those competitions are now all running this season. It is disappointing that this year no junior competitions or novice competition will be running due to lack of entries. This is the time of year when we rely on members to play their competitions by the play by dates so that all competitions can be kept running to schedule.

Following a coaches and helpers meeting a change in approach to coaching at the club was proposed. This was enthusiastically approved by the board and will be implemented as soon as possible. It has been felt that three lessons is inadequate to equip novice bowlers with the skills to start their bowling experience so in future the initial three weeks coaching will be titled "Introduction to Bowls". Following this novice bowlers will be encouraged to join "Novice Coaching Sessions" which will be held every Wednesday from 1800 - 2000 and Friday afternoon from 1400 to 1600. Novice bowlers who joined the club in the last two seasons will be invited to join these coaching sessions. The aim is to provide more coaching time to enable novice bowlers to consolidate their ability to draw accurately, then to move onto playing from varying mat positions and varying jack lengths, playing to displaced jacks, and very importantly developing the ability to "read the head". It will also provide novice bowlers with contact with other novice bowlers which may lead to new league teams being formed in due course.

A "Safeguarding Adults" course was held at the club recently to provide guidance on how to recognise vulnerable adults and then support them. It was illuminating to find out that there are so many categories of vulnerable adults including those temporarily or permanently caring for others, which then exposed them to the need for support and understanding. I think we are reasonably good but as with most things in life could always do better.

A meeting to discuss the future of ladies and mixed friendly matches was recently held with the club captains, the fixture secretary and myself. We have now been struggling for two years to find enough players to fulfil the mixed friendlies and many ladies matches have been cancelled due to lack of players either by us or our opposition. This brings a situation whereby it makes no sense to try to row against the tide so a decision has been taken that from the end of this season no more ladies friendly matches will be arranged and we will be reducing the number of mixed friendly matches. It is always sad when we have to report a negative situation at the club but it is unfair to put the club captains under continuous extreme pressure struggling to fulfil fixtures when members appear to be unwilling to play so many friendly matches.

Turning to a positive note the club tour to Torquay this year was a resounding success and Cedric has already booked 70 places for next years tour. Gala Day entries are steadily increasing and Cedric is now putting teams together with individuals who want to play but cannot form complete teams. If you would like to play in the Gala Day please contact Cedric.

Enjoy your bowling

Lewis Tomlin



Raising funds for our Junior section

ON THE WIDER FRONT



Club Competitions

The first rounds of the club competitions are now being played with some exciting matches being played between club members. The results of each game can never be taken for granted and moreover the scores rarely reflect the true nature of the game. Look out for these competition games and please encourage all of the participants.

Somerset Competitions

These matches also began in January with many BIBC players entering the competitions. For more information and results look at the Somerset County Indoor Website.

National Competitions - The EIBA web site lists all the competitions, (select Area 16) and BIBC has members who are progressing through the rounds including Reece White's team in the Mens Fours, Eric Seavill's Team in the Mens over 60s, Ros Constant in the Singles. Apologies to those omitted but we look forward to following your progress.



World Bowls Indoor Championships

We were glued to BBC 2, whilst not bowling at BIBC, watched and admired the quality of play of the Championships. Fantastic coverage for bowlers. Any of the matches you missed will be on iplayer.

New Members

The coverage of the World Bowls Indoor Championships on television will have attracted the attention of many people to consider taking up bowls. This your chance to talk to like minded possible bowlers and introduce to them to bowls. Invite them to the club for a coffee and they will be hooked!



DATA STORAGE AND PROTECTION

On 25th May 2018, the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) came 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 .

A copy will be displayed at the Club and will be available on request.

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

QUIZ

Answers at foot of page

1 - What Century was Bowls first Invented?

a - 14th, b - 15th, c - 16th, d - 17th

2 - What are the 3 main variations of Bowls called?

a - Indoor, Long Mat & Outdoor,
b - Short Mat, Long Mat & Outdoor,
c - Indoor, Outdoor & Short Mat,
d - Outdoor, Door Mat & Indoor

3 - When playing Bowls what does the 'Bias' refer to?

a - It describes the weight of the Bowl,
b - The inside of the Bowl that helps it follow its correct path,
c - Someone losing their balance,
d - A cheating Marker..

4 - The white ball (sometimes yellow) is NOT referred to as?

a - Dolly, b - Jack, c - Pill, d - Penny

5 - What is the maximum you can score in a 21 end game of Fours?

a - 168, b - 8, c - 160, d - 42

6 - Which legendary Bowler won Pipeman of the Year twice?

a - Willie Wood, b - Greg Harlow, c - Tony Alcock, d - David Bryant

7 - What is the maximum age limit of a player?

a - 100, b - 65, c - 90, d - Unlimited

8 - How many sets of Bowls can a player use in trial ends?

a - 1, b - unlimited, c - 2, d - 3

9 - What was the 2003 Film made about Bowls called?

a - Jack High, b - Blackball, c - Golden Eye, d - Shot Wood

10 - What is the Italian name for Lawn Bowls?

a - Bocce, b - Boules, c - Bowla, d - Spaghetti

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.

V O L N T E E R

all that's missing is U!

Quiz Answers
1a, 2c, 3b, 4d, 5a, 6d, 7d, 8b, 9b, 10a