

OCTOBER 2019

CITY AND COUNTY OF BRISTOL INDOOR BOWLS CLUB



CHANGES TO DRESS CODE AND BOWLS SHOES

Shorts

The EIBA Dress Code now refers to "EIBA/Bowls Manufacturer" shorts, so tailored shorts are no longer acceptable.

Shoes

The EIBA Dress Code now refers to "Any coloured flat soled shoes"

Coloured shoes is a new and welcome introduction. Over the last couple of years many manufacturers of bowls shoes have changed their design from a 'smooth and solid' flat sole to separate flat sections. These have not been approved as such by the EIBA or Bowls England but have become a very popular type of shoe. They provide a better grip, which is particularly useful outdoors, but the spaces between the flat sections can attract and retain dirt and debris which may then be deposited on an indoor bowls carpet.

If you wear this type of shoe, please ensure that they are only used for indoor bowling and that the soles are kept clean.

Many trainers now incorporate this latest design and therefore can be worn for indoor bowling, but please note that 'ribbed' or moulded soles do NOT meet the flat sole specification.

Both of the above changes have now been included in the Club rules.

MORE TEAMS REQUIRED FOR THESE LEAGUES

Monday Australian Pairs 4.00 to 600pm This is a Box Ladder League (especially suitable for newer bowlers)

Wednesday Evening Open Pairs 7.00 to 9.00pm

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUE 1st SEPTEMBER

Please remember that your membership was due for renewal on 1st September 2019.

Only paid up members are permitted to play in league matches from 1st October or points will be deducted from their team





CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2018

This year's Christmas Lunch will be on Friday 13th December 2019.

Payment with reservation, please

Watch the Notice Board for further details

LOCKERS

We are experiencing a high demand for lockers from both existing and new members, and requests for larger lockers from existing small locker users.

This time of year is especially difficult for locker allocation, as until the membership renewals are complete we do not know if any currently allocated lockers will be coming available.

There is waiting list for large lockers (both men's and ladies') which is unlikely to be satisfied during the season, and will be dealt with strictly in order of application.

Despite purchasing new men's small lockers last year, supply is struggling to meet demand. So if you're waiting for a locker, please be patient.

Lyn Griffiths



GALA DAY

SATURDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2020

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 <u>per team</u>, 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

Closing date for entries: 8th February 2020

PegasusLife

Born out of a desire to rethink the way the UK is addressing the ageing population

We want to provide housing solutions that take a modern approach to some of these very real problems.

While we are set to see significant increases in the percentage of the population over 60, there will also be considerable growth in the number of people over 85, with nearly 20% of the current UK population expected to see their 100th birthday.

Retirement housing helps prevent some of the largest hurdles facing elderly people in the UK today. While the physical health problems that arise with old age are well documented, issues such as mental health and loneliness are still misunderstood and remain largely unspoken throughout society. Retirement housing provides support on a physical and emotional level, improving the health, security and overall well-being of those who live there.

PegasusLife has provided sponsorship to Bristol Indoor Bowls Club.

FROM THE BOARDROOM

The 2019/2020 League programme is underway, and the Box Ladder fixtures will begin in October.

Membership renewal is in full swing, with the receptionists working flat out to keep up with demand, and demonstrating ever improving camera skills. New membership, both novice bowlers and those moving indoors for the winter, have been running well ahead of the 2018 figures, so we must be doing something right. Open Day was very successful in helping with recruitment.

Some of you will be aware that we had a parking problem on a recent Thursday when, in addition to a full league programme and heavy lunch requirement, there was a corporate event for around 75 people in the function room. Some comments were made about the TrustFord parking arrangement being responsible, and in some part this was the case. The Board are taking steps to create additional parking spaces to offset those used by TrustFord, and we would ask that you bear with us until these new spaces have been created. It must also be borne in mind that the TrustFord parking and corporate events enable us to maintain subscriptions and rink fees at the level set in 2009.

Thank you for your patience (although it was amusing to see John Duggan acting as parking steward).

The new pump services at the bar are now operational, with Thatchers Gold and Hobgoblin IPA available on draught, and Ringwood's Razor Back cask ale replacing Doombar (which is still available in bottles for the present).

The Club Competitions will be taking place a few weeks earlier in 2020 due to the date of Easter, and to accommodate the Singles and Mixed Pairs World Championships, so keep your eyes open for the entry forms which will be out soon with some matches probably needing to be played before Christmas.

On the subject of Christmas, the Club Christmas Lunch is scheduled for Friday 13th December. There is a change to the booking arrangements this year in that payment will be required at time of booking in an attempt to avoid the confusion last year. We are not planning to perform a pantomime this year, but are hoping to be able to offer some other pre-lunch entertainment (watch this space).

Members Booklets and Year Books in hard copy will be available for those who require them by early October, and are already available on the Club website.

Happy bowling!