

CITY AND COUNTY OF BRISTOL INDOOR BOWLS CLUB



WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AT BIBC

It has recently been confirmed that the World Singles and Mixed Pairs Championships for 2020 will be held at Bristol Indoor Bowls Club between Monday April 20th and Friday April 24th 2020.

There have previously been two similar 'world' championship tournaments, organised by separate indoor bowling organisations, one based in the Northern hemisphere, and one in the Southern hemisphere. These two organisations have now connected and the 2020 event will be a truly worldwide tournament.

The men's and women's national champions from some 50 countries will be invited to take part in men's and women's singles, and to form mixed pairs for a further title. It would be unrealistic to expect all countries, especially the smaller ones, to send representatives, but we expect between 16 and 20 nations to be represented.

The format will be round robin matches over four days with the finals being held on Friday. Play will be from 9,30am to around 8.00pm for the first four days, and on Friday morning for the finals.

We have invited the Mayor of Bristol to attend the opening ceremony on the 20th April, and the Lord Mayor of the City & County of Bristol to attend the closing ceremony, and both have accepted, subject to circumstances.

This is a signal honour for our club and is due in no small measure to efforts of our President, Lewis Toman, who in recent years has been promoting the club nationally for such an event. It elevates our facility, of course, from international standard to world standard.

There is much to organise between now and then, and the club is expected to provide hosting, stewarding and marking personnel, and catering for the duration of the matches. New volunteers would be extremely welcome, not only for the event but for the day-to-day operations of the club. Please speak to Angela, Julie or a director if you wish to be involved.

Many details remain to be resolved, but it has been agreed that entry to view the world championships will be free to BIBC members on production of a valid membership card.

Perhaps it should be explained that these championships are not a replacement for the invitational event held at Potters Leisure Resort each year, but are true world championships involving the national champions from around the globe.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUE 1st SEPTEMBER

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

Subscriptions remain unchanged, and there is a £5 saving for renewals before 30th September. Only paid up members are permitted to play in league matches or points may be deducted from their team



OPEN DAY Sunday 15th September 2019 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

Bring along your family and friends for a chance to try bowls FREE (all the equipment they need will be provided) and to sample the facilities at the Club. The Hungry Bowler and the bar will be open.

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Cedric Gunson

Now is the time to start thinking of Winter Bowls – it's less than a month away before the Club opens up for our NEW MEMBERS OPEN DAY on Sunday September 15th, followed by CAPTAINS DAY on Sunday September 29th @ 2pm.

I have placed availability sheets for all our matches up to Christmas on our Notice Board. It is anticipated that matches will start with a match against Lampeter Tourists on Friday September 27th.

The match and BBQ with Henleaze @ Henleaze Bowls Club. on Friday July 19th was unfortunately cancelled due to conflicting commitments and the prospect of heavy downpours.

A full list of fixtures is published, which includes Tourist matches with Leicestershire Ladies County IBC, Lampeter and Oxford together with our annual 3 day visit from the IOW.

With the advent of no further Ladies matches, we have included a mixed 6 rink Coach away match @ Minehead on Sunday December 15th.

We have had to move GALA DAY to Saturday 16th November 2019 – Entry Forms are available @ Reception.

Newsletters keep us all in touch. Any member can submit articles which they consider will be of interest to other members. Submissions by 25th of the month, please.

To Bob Griffiths - circle.98@virgin.net



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, and their notices will be appearing on the notice board soon

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 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

Closing date for entries: 8th February 2020

CAPTAIN'S DAY 2019

Sunday 29 September 2019 @ 2pm.

Registration from 1pm.

Dress theme :- Green and white

£5 entry fee, including tea/coffee.

Usual team scoring (2 pts win, 1 point draw), plus individual 'football' scoring (4 pts nearest jack, then 3 pts, 2 pts and 1 pt.)

Teams to play 20 ends, winning teams moving up one rink after a set of five ends.



FROM THE BOARDROOM

Another season is upon us, and it's time to clean the grass stains off your woods and get back on the carpet.

A lot has happened since the club moved to it's summer programme and many of you moved outdoors. The first thing was the unexpected resignation of Lewis & Wendy Toman from the board of directors in May. They had both worked hard on behalf of the Club for over nine years, with Lewis, as Chairman, guiding the Club back from near the brink of extinction to the status it now holds as a World Standard facility.

Continuity was achieved with Mike Humphries remaining as Financial Director/ Company Secretary, Ian Anderson as Property Director, Margaret Ford as Facilities Director and Brian Blight taking on Marketing responsibilities in addition to Business Development. Bob Griffiths, after some persuasion, took on the position of Chairman. Fredricka (Fev) Norris agreed to join the board in August, and has initially taken on responsibility for the schools programme.

Lewis Toman has agreed to become the inaugural President of the Club; a non executive position with ceremonial duties attached.

Chairmanship of the Bowls & Social Committee, which had previously been occupied by the Club Chairman, has been separated and is now chaired by Steve Neal.

Financial stability has been achieved with the deal allowing TrustFord to occupy the car parking spaces at the West end of the building during the working day, allowing us to maintain annual subscriptions and rink fees at the level set in 2009. Not many clubs can make a similar claim.

The news that we have been selected to host the inaugural World Singles & Mixed Pair Championships by the newly amalgamated world indoor bowls organisation represents the culmination of the efforts of all our members to make our facility amongst the best in the country. We have all exceeded that by achieving recognition as a world class organisation and all members should feel proud to have helped achieve that honour.

2019-2020 will be a season to remember, and enjoyed by all who take part in the activities of the Club.

Happy bowling!