NEWSLETTER

CITY AND COUNTY OF BRISTOL INDOOR BOWLS CLUB



CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Cedric Gunson

We have had a good response for the recent mixed friendly matches, although there were a few last minute pleas to get the required numbers. I would like to remind everyone that all members are welcome to play in these matches, and it would be great to see some of our newer members putting themselves up for selection.

Our tour to Torquay is rapidly approaching, and I would be pleased to receive payment balances as soon as possible. Once I know who is travelling by coach and who is travelling by car, I can get the printed programmes underway and start on match selections.

Don't forget the Ladies v. Men's match on 24 November - put your name down now!

RECENT MIXED FRIENDLY RESULTS

Friday Sept 27th v Lampeter Tourists	Lost 76/89	5 rinks	Home.
Sunday Oct 20th v Malvern	Won 112/92	6 rinks	Away.
Sunday Oct 27th v Mid-Glos	Won 149/134	8 rinks	Home.

JUNIOR SECTION

Thomasina Goodman

We would like to thank everyone who has supported BIBC Juniors by donations, attending Bingo evenings, purchasing raffle tickets and sponsoring football teams on cards - it is appreciated more than we can say. Without your continued support we would be unable to purchase new woods or pay for the juniors to attend away matches!

At this point I would like to reiterate the fact that <u>THE FUNDS RAISED COVER THE COST OF JUNIORS' ACCOMMODATION</u> and transport when going to Ireland and Jersey. <u>ADULTS, INCLUDING ALL COACHES, COVER THEIR OWN EXPENSES</u> on behalf of the Juniors, once again a big "THANK YOU!"

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 2019

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

Payment with reservation, please

Watch the Notice Board for further details

CLUB COMPETITIONS 2020

Entry forms for this season's Club Competitions are now available at reception or from Angela.

There are competitions in all the popular formats, and for all levels of experience. Let's have a bumper entry this year so that there is a good level of competition in all the classes.

If you want to play in the team competitions but don't yet know enough players, be assured that there will be other members in the same position: ask around or even advertise on the notice board. It is an effective way of getting to know each other and who knows - you just might win!

Entry cost is £2 per person per competition + appropriate rink fees. GOOD LUCK!



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 £44.00 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

LOCKERS

Lyn Griffiths

We have now taken delivery of additional lockers for both the men's and ladies' changing rooms - hooray!

I am sorting out numbers and keys etc., and am pleased to say that all members who have requested lockers have now been accommodated.

Everything should be sorted by 9th November. I shall try to contact those who are on the telephone, but if you do not hear from me please check your 'pigeon-hole' located by the book shelves opposite reception.

A 'Locker for Hire' form will be completed for you; on presentation together with the £7.50 fee, Angela or receptionist will provide you with your key.

Many thanks for your patience.

(Large lockers rarely become available. There is a waiting list, and I'm sorry that the wait is likely to take a while,)

FROM THE BOARDROOM

Autumn is well and truly here, with the leaves falling from the trees far quicker than we can clear them. Add the seemingly constant rain and road surfaces & pavements can become extremely hazardous. Please take special care at this time of year on the roads and paths around the club.

There have been a few instances lately of members parking in the disabled bays but not displaying a blue badge. Please only park in the disabled bays if you hold a blue badge OR if you are suffering a short term condition which makes walking difficult. In that case, please let the office know you have done so.

There is also an increasing trend of members parking by the kerbside in non-marked areas, and even on double yellow lined areas when there are designated parking areas available. Whilst it is appreciated that there may, very occasionally, be times when parking is stretched beyond normal capacity, and 'wherever parking' is tolerated - please park in the proper bays whenever possible.

The World Championship preparations continue, and we understand that invitations have been sent to all the member nations for their men's and women's singles champions to take part. There are 51 nations, and it would be unrealistic to expect them all to be able to participate, but it is confidently expected that there will be a truly worldwide contingent.

After the Christmas break, we will be seeking volunteers to help at the championships, especially markers and scorers. For four days (Mon - Thurs) all nine rinks will be in use from 0900 until 1900, so quite a number of volunteers will be required.

On the subject of volunteers, we still require more for the day to day operation of the club. Bar and reception duties are especially stretched at times, and volunteers for evening bar duties are in very short supply. It is the volunteer system which enables us to maintain subscription levels at those set in 2009. There cannot be many facilities like ours with a maximum subscription cost of £1.25 per week (£65 p.a.) so please consider volunteering for few hours per month and help us keep prices down. Just let Angela or any of the directors know if you can help.