

NEWSLETTER

CITY AND COUNTY OF BRISTOL INDOOR BOWLS CLUB



FROM THE LEAGUE MANAGER

Steve Neal

With only about 14 weeks to go in the winter Leagues it is time to get on top of the outstanding matches and try to arrange any postponed games in a timely manner.

Beginning of February, I will have to start thinking about the two Summer Leagues, if you are planning not to enter your team or enter a new team, I would be grateful if you can let me know.

Happy New Year

Registering players for your team

Teams are unable to register players after 31st January 20 unless they obtain permission from the League Manager or a member of the Bowls & Social Committee. Exceptions will be made for ill health or if it will affect the completion of the teams fixtures.

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Postponed League Matches

Please can you advise me of rearranged dates for all outstanding matches up to 6th December 19 ASAP. If you have already advised me please ignore.

Rule 55 to 66 for postponed League Matches will take affect for Matches from 10th December 19, if you have any problems arranging please advise me.

Friday Aft Open Pairs- If you have an outstanding game against Beemay, I will contact you in early January.

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PATIENCE

The Club operates with a large proportion of volunteer helpers across all areas of its operation, and attempts to cope with widely fluctuating levels of demand for bar and catering. This will occasionally mean, on days of unusually heavy demand, that waiting times for food and drink are longer that we would wish.

When this occurs, we would ask that members bear with us. There have been some recent incidents when volunteer bar staff have been confronted over waiting times for meals, which is both unnecessary, counter productive and upsetting.

If our volunteers consider that it is not worthwhile continuing due to pressure from their peers, we will be faced with the possibility of reducing the services available, or employing paid staff. This would eventually and inevitably lead to increased prices which nobody wants.

New volunteers are always welcome, especially for evening sessions, reception and maintenance duties.

If you would like to help, please let Angela or a director know.



CLUB COMPETITIONS 2020

Eric Seavill

The draws for most of the club competitions have now been made and can be found on the Club Competition board by the bar. A number of games were due to be played before Christmas and I would like to thank those players who did so. Clearly there were time constraints and I was informed of a number of illnesses. However I would like to remind those who haven't played that round yet that the closing date for the next round is 2 February.

The draws for the remaining competitions will be made early in the New Year once we have decided if there are enough entries to make a viable competition!

We have 12 entries for the Top Club and the draw is also on the board. The first game will be played on Saturday 18 January. This is a week later than initially planned as we are hosting the Liberty Trophy on 11 January

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Cedric Gunson

With the disappointment of Somerset Patrons not being able to raise a team to play us on Saturday January 4th, we look forward to entertaining 8 rinks with Chew Stoke on Sunday January 5th.

The following weekend will see 70 of us gather for our annual Torquay Tour when we will be playing 12 - 4 rink matches against Tourists from Burnham & Bridgwater and Local Club sides. A full programme will be published shortly.

I'm still looking for more players for both our HOME matches over the w/e 18th/19th Jan 2020.

I report that we did manage a 3 rink match @ Minehead just before Christmas which we lost on all 3 rinks.

We have 11 team entries so far for our Gala Day on Saturday February 22nd 2020. May I remind everyone that Entry Forms are available @ Reception.

MIXED FRIENDLY MATCHES

Our Mixed Friendly Captain, along with the Bowls & Social Committee and Board of Directors are becoming increasingly concerned with the lack of response to the team sheets that are posted on the board, already we have had to cancel one match due to not having enough names fulfil the required number of rinks - despite having a membership of around 800.

We accept that competitive games against other clubs are 3-4 hours long, as opposed to 2 hours for a club league game, but the longer competitive game is what gives our Club it's name and reputation. To repeatedly cancel games can only give the Club a bad name, and the resultant loss of these games could affect the Club's revenue.

All we ask is that you seriously consider putting your names down for as many games as you can manage, even if there are enough names on the sheet already, so the captain can select the best side possible.

If you already do so, then thank you and please continue. If you don't then please reconsider.

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WORLD SINGLES & MIXED PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS

April 20th to 24th 2020

at Bristol Indoor Bowls Club

In response to the invitations sent to National Associations, acceptances have been received from those countries listed below, with the majority sending both their Men's and Ladies' champions.

AUSTRALIA	MALAYSIA
CANADA	NAMIBIA
ENGLAND (INDOOR ENTRY)	NETHERLANDS
FIJI	NEW ZEALAND
GUERNSEY (defending IIBC champion)	NEW ZEALAND
GUERNSEY (INDOOR ENTRY)	NORFOLK ISLAND
HONG KONG CHINA	PAKISTAN
HUNGARY	PHILIPPINES
IRELAND (INDOOR ENTRY)	SCOTLAND (defending IIBC champion)
IRELAND (OUTDOOR ENTRY)	SCOTLAND (INDOOR ENTRY)
ISLE OF MAN (INDOOR ENTRY)	SCOTLAND (OUTDOOR ENTRY)
ISLE OF MAN OUTDOOR ENTRY)	SOUTH AFRICA
ISRAEL	SPAIN
JAPAN	SWITZERLAND
JERSEY (INDOOR ENTRY)	TURKEY
JERSEY (OUTDOOR ENTRY)	UNITED STATES
MACAO, CHINA	WALES (INDOOR)
	WALES (OUTDOOR)

The playing schedules are currently being produced by the World Bowls committee and, once they are published, will enable us to start organising schedules for markers, scorers etc. Many thanks to those who have indicated their willingness to volunteer for these duties. A volunteer form will be produced with details of times required etc. hopefully immediately after our scheduled meeting with the World Bowls representatives on 24th January.

There will be a very large contingent of volunteers required over the five days of the Championships, and all members are invited to register. In addition to those involved at rinkside, we will need bar staff, receptionists, stewards and other helpers to make the event a success.

Please keep an eye on the Reception desk for the volunteer forms, and return them as quickly as possible.

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



FROM THE BOARDROOM

Not only a New Year, but a new decade. A Happy and prosperous New Year to all - and may it last for the whole of the 20's.

At last, the weather relented a little and allowed the car park reorganisation to be completed, so that the number of parking places for members is now optimised. One new feature is the three Reserved Parking Spaces along the South Liberty Lane side of the building.

These have been created for the staff and volunteers who work during the evening sessions and are the last to leave the building when locking up, as it was considered apt to allow them reserved spaces for their own safety.

The response to the World Championships invitations was tremendous (see Page 3), and we can look forward to a bumper gathering. Sponsorship opportunities are available should any member wish to promote their business, more details next month. Please let your colleagues in your outdoor clubs know about the Championships so that we can fill the Club with supporters.

The Club leagues are currently scheduled by a computer software package called Horizon (as you may have seen on the scorecards). A year or so ago, Horizon were taken over by a company that has its own bowling software package called Bowlr. The Club has been informed that support for the Horizon software will be withdrawn later in 2020, and we have therefore decided to change to the new Bowlr package in time for it to be tested during the 2020 summer season, and introduced fully for the 2020-21 season in September.

Steve Neal, our league manager, will be working very hard to integrate the new system throughout the spring for which the Board is extremely grateful. The new system should allow members to view rink schedules and bookings in more detail than at present, and there are other benefits which could be brought online as familiarity with the system improves.

Finally, concerning the Newsletter, many members admit that they do not always read it and some later complain that they were not aware of events that are taking place. Please discuss the Newsletter with your friends and colleagues to make sure as many members as possible are kept up to date.

Happy bowling!