

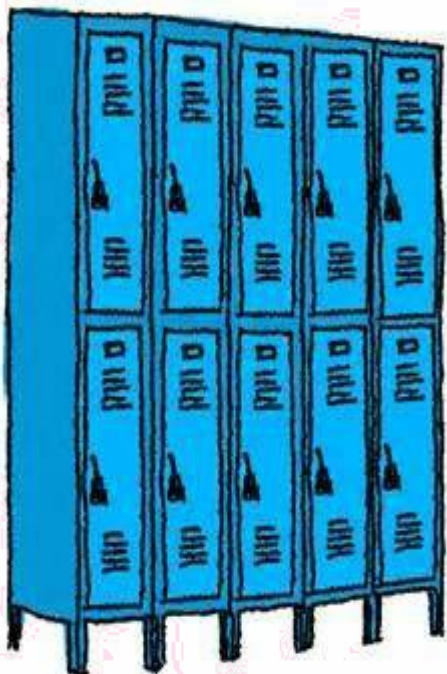
# NEWSLETTER

## CITY AND COUNTY OF BRISTOL INDOOR BOWLS CLUB



The Board have come to an agreement with Bristol Energy Cooperative to install solar photovoltaic panels on our roof which has the potential to generate a maximum 152 kW of electrical energy. This is at no cost to the club. They are taking out a 20 year lease on the roof, which our landlords, Bristol City Council, have agreed to. Over that period the club will benefit from the electricity produced and will purchase energy below market rates. At the end of the 20 years the club will own the installation.

The installation will start on 2 March, with work on the roof taking 2 weeks. Scaffolding will be erected externally either side of the storeroom extension and edge protection fixed around the perimeter of the roof the week before. Cables will be installed through the ceiling void between the electrical switch room behind reception and the plant room over the male locker room where the switchgear will be installed. It is anticipated that there will be very little disruption to club activities during the work and we should start to see the benefits from the end of March.



## LOCKERS

Can you remember if you paid for your annual locker fee for 2019-20 when you renewed your membership.

This fee applies each year, £7.50 for small and £10.00 for large.

It appears several members may have overlooked this section of the membership form.

If this is the case please can you settle this ensuring you leave your name with reception when you pay in order for me to update my records.

Many thanks

*Lyn Griffiths*



## 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. I will put the sheet with the existing Summer teams on the League table notice board in the next couple of weeks, please tick to confirm or mark as withdrawn if you are not entering a team.

### **Registering players for your team**

Teams are unable to register players after 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

### **Postponed League Matches**

Please can you advise me of rearranged dates for all outstanding matches up to 20<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> December 19, if you have any problems arranging please advise me.

Email: [leaguemanager@bristolibc.co.uk](mailto:leaguemanager@bristolibc.co.uk) .  
Mobile 07974107729

### **Wednesday Morning Australian Pairs**

It has been suggested that we split the League in Two divisions next year due to the number of teams in this league, we could have promotion and relegation at the end of each year, this would also mean that the newer teams would be playing against teams of a similar standard in Division 2.

I would still have the bulk of games at 10 am as it is now.

## CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Cedric Gunson

Our annual tour took over the first weekend of 2020 when 67 Of us assembled at TLH in Torquay to play 12 matches in the 3 days. Having won our first 11 matches, we finally succumbed by a couple of shots in our final game. I attach a complete copy of our results.

I will be circulating an Availability Form for next year's tour – January 15<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> 2021 – shortly. Steve Metcalfe has kindly intimated that he is willing to gradually take over the running of the Tour in the future – with my assistance.

Our last 4 matches have resulted in 2 wins and 2 losses. I continue to have to spend a lot of time raising teams.

We look forward to entertaining an 8 rink touring party of Ladies from Leicestershire on Sunday February 9<sup>th</sup>, closely followed by Gala Day on Saturday February 22<sup>nd</sup> – 15 teams entered so far – and then our annual Short Mat Challenge on Sunday February 23<sup>rd</sup>, when we need a minimum of 32 players.

Your continued support is required.

# GALA DAY

**SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> 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**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize: £120.00 : 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £80.00: 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £40.00**

**Entry forms available at Reception**

*Closing date for entries: 8<sup>th</sup> February 2020*

## **DON'T BE A MUG**

Following a recent league session the following were left at rinkside: 18 mugs, 2 cans, 8 glasses, 9 water cups, plates, 2 chocolate bar wrappers and 4 sweet wrappers. These had to be cleared by staff / volunteers. Following this, all sessions were monitored for the next two days, and after EVERY one there were glasses, cups etc. left by players for others to clear up.

It is the responsibility of players to leave the rink area clean and tidy for the following match (even if that match is the following day).

We are able to keep bar prices low by not employing people to act as waiters, so we would ask everybody to PLEASE take your cups and glasses back to the bar, and dispose of other rubbish in the appropriate bins in the lounge area.

# FROM THE BOARDROOM

We have had a further meeting with the organisers of the IIBC World Singles and Mixed Pairs Championships (April 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>), and names and numbers of competitors should be finalised by early February, so the playing schedules can then be formulated. It is likely that play will commence at 9.00 am Monday to Thursday, continuing well into the evening. Friday will be Finals Day and closing ceremony.

The initial matches will be a round-robin format, with final knock out stages. Initial enquiries will be posted on the Notice Board for volunteers to man reception, act as stewards and keep the lounge and function room clear & clean.

There will be a reception for the players and officials on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April, but as these will number around 100, places will be limited. More on this as details become clearer.

The decision to have solar panels on the roof has been investigated in previous years, but it was considered that the time is now right to proceed. There is no cost to the Club, and we will be able to purchase our power at a discounted rate. This rate will only increase in line with Retail Price Index for the next 20 years, and we were of the opinion that electricity prices would rise faster than RPI, so that we are future-proofing our outgoings.

The Club has recently upgraded its computer system and will also be changing the telephones to a broadband based system which will ensure that we are up to date and able to offer the best service to members. Operating costs will also be slightly lower.

A major part of cost limiting is the work undertaken by volunteers. The number has fallen in the last year which has placed extra strain on the remaining volunteers. If you are able to give us a few hours a week to keep the Club functioning smoothly, please see Angela or one of the directors.

Another successful tour to Torquay in January resulted in the Club winning 11 out of 12 matches, and a good time was had by all. Thanks to Cedric Gunson for organising it for the last eight years.

With the colder weather in February / March please be careful on the slopes around the club, especially early mornings and late evenings.

Happy bowling!