

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2020

CITY AND COUNTY OF BRISTOL INDOOR BOWLS CLUB



Another month has gone by with us all in lockdown.

Firstly be assured that the Club will survive this situation, however long it may last, and it is our intention to enable you to play as soon as possible after the restrictions are lifted. Even if social distancing remains in place for a while longer, bowls is one team sport which can be played whilst observing the two metre rule.

The first weeks after we start playing again may offer the opportunity to defeat the best players as they will not have had the opportunity to practice either, so could be more vulnerable than usual.

During the shutdown, a deep clean of the club has been taking place by Steve Metcalfe, who has also been given permission to use the Club kitchen at no charge to provide a 'meals on wheels' service for local vulnerable, elderly people. The premises have also been made available to the Blood Donor service whose need for blood is as urgent as ever.

This week should have seen us clearing up after the World Singles and Mixed Pair Championships which were due to be played last week., and preparing for the summer indoor season in early May. Instead, we have a spanking new solar panel installation on the roof which would be providing us with a lower tariff electrical bill - just when we can't use it! But at least it's not costing us money.

Our financial director is taking benefit from the various governmental and financial schemes available during the present epidemic to protect the Club's financial position and ensure our preparedness for the restoration of normal services. Hopefully the Club will be able to operate normally from the start of the Winter season in September, so it is important that members renew their subscriptions as soon as possible to maintain the situation.

In the meanwhile, stay safe & healthy and keep your spirits up.

Cedric Gunson has said that he will not be seeking to remain as Mixed Friendly Captain next season, although he will offer full support to his successor. Who do you think would make a good captain? Perhaps you would like to consider it yourself. Please let us know if you have any suggestions or would like more detail of what is required.

Keep up to date with club news on the website: www.bristolindoorbowls.org.uk

Side effect of quarantine is it's really hard to end phone calls. Twice today I almost said "okay I have to run" before realizing there is nowhere to run to

