

NEWSLETTER

CITY AND COUNTY OF BRISTOL INDOOR BOWLS CLUB



THANK YOU

Thanks to Club members for the support shown for the Club which opened on 1st. September for the first time since March.

At the time of writing, membership renewals were at around 431 plus 24 new memberships, which is better than we dared to hope after such long layoff, and with Government restrictions still in place. This number will be boosted when the league programmes start on 5 October, and some members have indicated that they will rejoin in the New Year.

The Board of Directors have not been idle during the shutdown, restructuring the Club's finances and negotiating better utilities contracts to protect the viability of the Club for the foreseeable future, barring any further Government restrictions being imposed.

It is encouraging to see members adhering to social distancing and the temporary changes to playing practices. It is important that we continue to observe these changes so that we can return to normality as soon as possible.

In order to keep the bar and food service available, we are obliged to follow the COVID-19 Regulations which demand table service.

All tables are now numbered, and the procedure is to find a table and wait to be asked for your order.

DO NOT GO TO THE BAR TO ORDER.

When eating and/or drinking, please pay at your table.

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When you leave your table, please wipe down the table top and chair arms with an antiseptic wipe.

These arrangements will mean that service is a little slower than previously, and we thank you for your patience.



For updates and league information, please see the Club website
www.bristolindoorbowls.org.uk



FROM THE LEAGUE MANAGER

Steve Neal / Mike Humphries

With the league programme starting week commencing 5th October.

I would be grateful if you can submit your team registration if you have not already done so.

Also a reminder that team secretaries are responsible for checking their players membership has been paid and have advised me of any players joining or leaving your team, any unregistered players being played will mean the game being awarded to the opposition. Details of paid members will be available on reception.

Have a good Indoor Season.

Looking to join a League Team Winter 2020/21

If you are looking to join a league team for 2020/21 Winter season.

Please email or text me giving details of the day and time you would like to play and I will circulate to team secretaries and try to place you in a team.

Email: leaguemanager@bristolindoorbowls.org .

Mobile 07974107729



UMBRELLA'S ON THE MOVE

The Wednesday morning umbrella is moving from 12.15pm to a start time of 10.00am as more rinks are available once the league programmes start.

For newer members, umbrella sessions are where you are placed at random into teams (usually triples) which is a great way to get to know other members, and have the opportunity to play in different positions within a team.

CONFUSED? YOU'RE NOT ALONE

Just to clarify the situation about face coverings in the Club.



Face coverings should be worn at all times when moving around the Club and in the changing rooms and toilets.

They may be removed when seated whilst eating/drinking.

They may be removed when on the rinks.

If you are exempt from wearing a face covering, you must maintain social distancing of 2 metres at all times.

CLUB TOUR 2021

*The Club Tour to Torquay on 15th - 18th January 2021 is still very much **ON**.*

The Hotel has full COVID precautions in place, and the playing times have been reduced similar to those at the Club. Play will start at 10am and finish at 5.30pm eliminating rushed breakfasts and late dinners.

Coach travel to and from the hotel from the Club is included.

There are a few remaining places, please see Steve Metcalfe for details if you can join us.

IT'S ALL IN THE TIMING

Players are still arriving more than fifteen minutes before their booked playing time, which is compromising hygiene practices.

The fifteen minutes at the end of a session are to allow finishing players to leave the rink and for the rink surrounds to be wiped down. There is not always sufficient staff or volunteer numbers to man reception and bar and to clean rinks simultaneously. The following fifteen minutes are to check in the incoming players who may then proceed to the changing rooms without crossing outgoing players.

Early arrivals can lead to backing up at reception and two sets of players in the changing rooms, leading to compromising of social distancing.

More volunteers are needed as the Club is becoming busier. More help in the Club could lead to relaxation of some of the timing issues, but in the meantime.....

DON'T BE EARLY, DON'T BE LATE

15 MINUTES IS REALLY GREAT

