



CLUB REOPENING UPDATE

The reopening has been, in the main, a success.

The number of members bowling has been slowly increasing as confidence is steadily improving in the overall situation, except for Wednesdays where attendance has been consistently low. The Board has therefore reluctantly taken the decision to close the Club on Wednesdays for the remainder of the Summer season.

Our Short Mat friends, Avon Short Mat, have now taken a regular Friday afternoon roll-up session, which is set to continue throughout the Summer and into the Winter season.

We have also been in conversation with the British Wheelchair Bowling Association, and it is likely that they will be using Bristol Indoor Bowling Club as their headquarters in the not too distant future.

DRESS CODE AND BOWLS SHOES

Shorts

The EIBA Dress Code now refers to "EIBA/Bowls Manufacturer" shorts, so tailored shorts are no longer acceptable.

Shoes

The EIBA Dress Code now refers to "Any coloured flat soled shoes"

Coloured shoes is a new and welcome introduction. Over the last couple of years many manufacturers of bowls shoes have changed their design from a 'smooth and solid' flat sole to separate flat sections. These have not been approved as such by the EIBA or Bowls England but have become a very popular type of shoe. They provide a better grip, which is particularly useful outdoors, but the spaces between the flat sections can attract and retain dirt and debris which may then be deposited on an indoor bowls carpet.

If you wear this type of shoe, please ensure that they are only used for indoor bowling and that the soles are kept clean.

Many trainers now incorporate this latest design and therefore can be worn for indoor bowling, but please note that 'ribbed' or moulded soles do NOT meet the flat sole specification.

Both of the above changes have now been included in the Club rules.



WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AT BIBC

We have recently been advised that the inaugural World Singles and Mixed Pairs Championships, which should have been at BIBC in April 2020, but were cancelled due to the pandemic, as were the 2021 Championships in Australia, have been awarded to Bristol Indoor Bowls Club. The Championships will be held from 25th -29th April 2022.

There have previously been two similar 'world' championship tournaments, organised by separate indoor bowling organisations, one based in the Northern hemisphere, and one in the Southern hemisphere. These two organisations have now connected and the 2022 event will be a truly worldwide tournament.

The men's and women's national champions from some 50 countries will be invited to take part in men's and women's singles, and to form mixed pairs for a further title. It would be unrealistic to expect all countries, especially the smaller ones, to send representatives, but we expect between 16 and 20 nations to be represented.

The format will be round robin matches over four days with the finals being held on Friday. Play will be from 9,30am to around 8.00pm for the first four days, and on Friday morning for the finals.

There is much to organise between now and then, and the club is expected to provide hosting, stewarding and marking personnel, and catering for the duration of the matches. New volunteers would be extremely welcome, not only for the event but for the day-to-day operations of the club. Please speak to Cheryl or a Director if you would like to be involved..

Perhaps it should be explained that these championships are not a replacement for the invitational event held at Potters Leisure Resort each year, but are true world championships involving the national champions from around the globe.

Annual subscriptions and rink fees have remained unaltered for several years now, despite rising costs.

One major factor enabling the Club to keep costs down is Club members volunteering to undertake tasks in all areas of the Club e.g. maintenance, reception, cleaning, bar, administration, promotions etc.

New volunteers are always needed and training will be given in whichever area you would like to be involved in. Just have a word with Cheryl or a director to see how you can help keep your club viable.

V O L N T E E R

all that's missing is U!



FROM THE LEAGUE MANAGER

Steve Neal / Mike Humphries

The Summer programme has been amended after analysing responses to last month's issue. The revised schedule is as follows:

	10.00 - 12.00	12.30 - 2.30
Monday	Roll ups	Roll ups
Tuesday	Umbrella / Roll ups	Open Triples
Wednesday	CLOSED FROM 16.6.21	CLOSED FROM 16.6.21
Thursday	Umbrella / Roll ups	Australian Pairs
Friday	Roll ups	Roll ups
Saturday	Juniors / Roll ups	CLOSED
Sunday	CLOSED	CLOSED

Would all team secretaries let either Steve Neal, Mike Humphries or our new club manager, Cheryl Brown, know whether they are entering a team for any of the leagues. New teams are also very welcome and encouraged to enter.

The two leagues will commence from Tuesday 1st June 2021 and end on 26th August 2021.

When booking a session, the Bowlr system we now use will show the start times as 10.00am and 12.00pm. Please note that the second session will actually start at 12.30pm whilst COVID restrictions apply.

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Getting the club ready to open on 17th May involved a lot of hard work in deep cleaning the building. Our thanks go to Barbara, Steve, Cheryl and those volunteers whose efforts allowed us to reopen with no problems. Also to those who assist in cleaning the rinks, lounges, bar and toilets after each session of bowling.

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.

Common sense to prevail from 21st June 2021 (hopefully)

The Club's COVID Policy and revised playing rules may be viewed on the notice boards and Club website



IT'S ALL IN THE TIMING

Players should arrive no more than fifteen minutes before their booked playing time whilst COVID restrictions remain in place.

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.....

**DON'T BE EARLY, DON'T BE LATE
15 MINUTES IS REALLY GREAT
BUT HOPEFULLY AFTER 21st JUNE, A
DECISION CAN BE MADE TO COME IN SOONER**



With many of our members playing outdoors during the summer, and many staying away until Covid restrictions are lifted, there are no draft beers, lagers or ciders on sale at the bar as they would exceed their 'shelf life' before being sold.

Rest assured that these will be available for the start of our season in September. Cheers!!



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership renewal forms for the period May to August 2021 will be available for those members who did not rejoin in September 2020. The cost will be £20.

To reflect the loss of amenities in 2020/21, for those members who joined or re-joined in September 2020, the annual membership renewal form for 2021/22 will have the option to pay a reduced annual subscription of £40 (under 65) or £35 (over 65).



Don't forget Steve's Sunday Lunches at the Club.

Great value! Eat in or take away!!



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Licensed bar!!!

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