

# NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2021

## CITY AND COUNTY OF BRISTOL INDOOR BOWLS CLUB



# GETTING BACK TO NORMAL

The Club is now open six days a week, the Club league programmes have started, the weekend friendly matches are about to start, and the rinks are back to full length.

Membership passed the 600 mark in early October, including over 70 new members, even though there are still many members from 2019 and 2020 who have not rejoined.

The World Bowls / IIBC Singles and Mixed Pairs World Championships have been confirmed for next year (25 - 29 April) and our coaches are busy with new member and junior coaching. Whilst the world outside may still seem strange, BIBC is getting back to normal.

## WINTER 2021-22 SESSIONS

	10,00	12,00	14,00	16,00	18,00	19,00
<b>Monday</b>	Open Session	Ladies Triples	Open Fours	Australian Pairs Box Ladder	Roll ups & Coaching	Men's Fours
<b>Tuesday</b>	Open Triples	Umbrella & Open Triples	Open Fours	Open Session	Roll ups & Coaching	Open Triples
<b>Wednesday</b>	Open Australian Pairs	Open Australian Pairs	Open Fours	Open Singles Box Ladder	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	Umbrella	Ladies' Fours	Open Triples	Open Session	Roll ups & Coaching	Men's Triples
<b>Friday</b>	Open Session	Open Pairs	Improver Coaching & Roll ups	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>

There may be rinks available for roll-ups during all sessions, but sessions coloured  offer the best opportunity.



## CARD PAYMENTS

To accommodate the use of contactless payments during Covid restrictions, the lower limit on the use of card payments was suspended.

Since **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021**, card payments have again been subject to a minimum transaction of **£15.00**.

We are sorry that this is necessary, but charges for low value card transactions are disproportionately high.

**For updates and league information, please see the Club website**

[www.bristolindoorbowls.org.uk](http://www.bristolindoorbowls.org.uk)

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## JUNIOR NEWS

Thomasina Goodman

Our Juniors FIRST “ Friendly” game of the 2021 season was on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September.

BIBC juniors were invited to Manor Park Indoor Bowls Club to play against Leicestershire under 18's county team. Although our juniors ages range from 8 - 14 years we decided we should go. It was explained that this was a friendly and also the Leicester u 18's have been playing outdoors and wanted to practise indoors in preparation for the 2020 county game which would be taking place in October. It was the first time our juniors had played for THREE hours and they did exceptionally well.... with change overs for just 4 juniors half way. Needless to say that we lost quite heavily BUT our juniors all admitted they had enjoyed the experience and several spectators commentated on their excellent behaviour and attention to etiquette rules. This experience taught the juniors a lot and helped the coaches to be aware of where there is room for improvement. We all look forward to our next competition which is against Clevedon in October!

I would like our BIBC juniors to experience a game against adults to help them not only improve their play but also to understand the etiquette of the game more fully..... sooooo I was wondering if any members of the club would be prepared to come along on a Saturday morning to give our older children a game please?

If you are “up” for this challenge please either call/text me on 07906994240 or email me - thomasina26@btinternet.com or just give your name to Cheryl at club.

Many thanks

Thomasina

# IT'S BACK!

7pm for 'Eyes Down' at 7.30



Next session on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Following sessions to be confirmed.

Raising funds for our Junior section

### DID YOU KNOW?



- All players who are registered with a Somerset Indoor Club can play for Somerset County and Somerset County Patrons. Please complete the match availability sheets displayed regularly on the Club's notice boards.
- The normal cost of a game is c. £14, which includes a two course meal after the match.
- We wear whites for all matches with a club or county tie (ties approximately £7). Players either come wearing the Somerset County Green blazer, their club blazer or club jacket.
- For some games the County supply a coach with pick up points in Somerset. Car sharing is the norm for other matches.



## CLUB and NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Eric Seavill

A number of members / teams have indicated that they wish to complete their outstanding Club Competition semi-finals and finals from 2019-20.

Would those players / teams please arrange to get the matches played as soon as possible, and let Cheryl know when booking your rink that it is a club competition. Eric Seavill will be happy to mark any singles games if requested (via Cheryl).

For National Competitions, provisional rink bookings are made so that opponents can be offered a choice of date and time. Once a provisional booking is no longer required PLEASE let Cheryl know so that the rink can be offered to others.

## MEMBERSHIP CHECKS

From October, there will be random membership checks made when entering the Club.

Our membership records indicate that there are some players who have not renewed their membership for 2021-22, yet are continuing to play. Please bear in mind that any player in a league match who is not a current member of the Club will result in a **points deduction** from the team for each match in which a non-member has taken part. It is the team secretary's responsibility to ensure that their registered team members are paid-up club members.

Please make sure that you have your 2021-22 membership card on you when entering the Club.

Membership forms are available at reception for those who may have forgotten to renew.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Club will take place on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October in the function room from 7pm.

All members should have received notice of the meeting by post or email. If you have not, please ask Cheryl for details.

The business of the meeting should be a reasonably brief, leaving time for any questions or comments to be discussed with the directors and committee members. The bar will be open.



## CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2021

This year's Christmas Lunch will be on Friday  
10<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

Payment with reservation, please

Watch the Notice Board for further details



# NEW MEMBERS' EVENING

The Club has welcomed over 70 new members already this year, and we are pleased to announce that there will be a new members evening on **FRIDAY 12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER** from 7.00pm, providing an opportunity to meet the directors, committee members and coaches, with a free buffet included.

To assist the catering, we would ask all new members wishing to attend to let us know so that no-one goes hungry. The bar will be open (but you will have to pay!).

Watch the notice board for further details.

## DRESS CODE & SHOES

The Club operates a Dress Code but it is not being observed by all members.

A brief summary for general play:

All players must wear collared shirts.

Men should wear grey or black trousers or approved shorts (not sports shorts or track suit bottoms).

Ladies should wear grey or black trousers/skirt/culottes or approved shorts (not tights, leggings, jeggings etc.)

The specification for acceptable bowls shoes has been changed recently, allowing some grooving in a mainly smooth sole. We are not entirely happy with some of the changes, as there is scope for misinterpretation.

- Trainers with ridged treads are not acceptable.
- Soles must be predominantly smooth.
- Indoor bowls shoes should not be worn outside the Club.
- If you need to leave the building during play, overshoes are provided by the doors and should be worn over your bowling shoes.

You may have noticed that random shoe checks are being undertaken to protect our playing surface. Any small stones or grit carried onto the surface on bowling shoes can have a devastating effect on the carpet, such as the recent 5 metre seam split which took two rinks out of action for several weeks. This was thought to be caused by a sharp object catching in the seam and resulted in an invoice approaching £500 for the repair.

Please do not be offended if your shoes are checked, we are only trying to protect our major asset. Without a playing surface in good condition, we will just be a big tin shed with a bar and a pool table.

Thanks for your cooperation.