

# NEWSLETTER



DECEMBER 2021



## CITY AND COUNTY OF BRISTOL INDOOR BOWLS CLUB



### WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AT BIBC

It has been confirmed that the World Singles and Mixed Pairs Championships for 2022 will be held at Bristol Indoor Bowls Club between Monday April 25th and Friday April 29th 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 with more than thirty nations 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. We have invited the Mayor of Bristol to attend a reception for the players and officials on Sunday 24th April.

This is an honour for our club and is due in no small measure to efforts of our previous chairman, Lewis Toman, who was the moving force in bringing these championships to the Club in 2020 (subsequently cancelled owing to the Covid pandemic). Lewis has therefore been invited to take the lead in the organisation of the championships within the Club, and we are happy to report that he has agreed.

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 wish to be involved, and keep an eye on the notice boards for updates and specific requests for duties.

Many details remain to be resolved, but it has been agreed that entry to view the World Championships should be free to BIBC members on production of a valid membership card.

Competitors will be arriving for practise sessions during the week preceding the tournament, immediately after Easter, so there will be no opportunity for roll-ups from 19th April.

(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).

### WEDNESDAY EVENING OPENING

The Club will be open again on Wednesday evenings from 1<sup>st</sup> December as an open session. Some members have indicated that they might like to organise an umbrella, or possibly join a new league, and the Club will provide any assistance that they may need to achieve this.

It will be also be an opportunity to play national matches, catch-up league matches, club competition matches, coaching sessions or just roll ups. Such is the level of interest, that it is recommended that you book rinks in advance through Cheryl or reception.

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

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

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## 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	Roll ups & Coaching	Open Session
<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	See Reception	See Reception	See Reception

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

### ON THE CHANGE

There have been several issues recently relating to the changeover period on the rinks. Most members are now following the rules of not entering the rinkside until the previous bowlers have vacated, but there are also concerns that several players remain on the rink/rinkside talking instead of vacating the area for the following teams to commence their games.

No one is being asked to rush, safety must come first, but if you have been playing, please do not loiter but safely return to the lounge area.



### CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2021

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

Payment with reservation, please

See the menus on the bar for further details

**...and the New Year's Party too!!**



## CLUB COMPETITIONS

Eric Seavill

Entry forms for the 2021/22 Club Competitions are now available at Reception.

There are competitions in most formats, and for all levels of ability. Whilst the experienced players cannot enter the novice competitions, there is no bar to novices entering any competition. You could become an overnight sensation!

All competitions are knockout, and once the draws are published (on the notice board behind the water cooler) the players / teams concerned arrange their own date and time to play (there are 'play by' dates) and enter the results on the sheets.

There is a small (£2.00) entry fee per person per competition.

Good luck!


## KING ARTHUR WOULD BE PLEASED

The function room bookings provide a welcome income for the Club, and bookings & enquiries continue at a healthy level.


To provide a more welcoming feel, the rectangular tables in the function room have been replaced with round tables seating eight people, giving the room a 'softer' feel. The committee room has also been furnished with new round tables to increase the flexibility of the space for smaller functions.

Newer members may not be aware that both rooms are available for hire at reduced members' rates and club bar prices.

## AND FINALLY.....



*The Club will close for Christmas at 2.00pm on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and reopen at 9.45am on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022.*



*The directors and staff at BIBC wish you all a Merry Christmas, and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.*



## 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.



# FACE MASKS



**FROM 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2021, BIBC ENCOURAGES THE VOLUNTARY WEARING OF FACE MASKS WHEN ENTERING AND MOVING AROUND THE CLUB**

**MASKS ARE NOT REQUIRED WHEN SEATED FOR REFRESHMENTS OR WHEN PLAYING ON THE RINKS, BUT MAY BE WORN IF YOU WISH, To be reviewed in three weeks**

COVID-19 UPDATE from

ENGLISH INDOOR BOWLING ASSOCIATION - 30 November 2021

With the Government issuing new guidance due to the new Omicron variant of COVID-19 from today, we wish to advise you on how these affect the sport of Indoor Bowls.

The wearing of face coverings will be legally required by the public and public facing staff in shops, personal care services and public transport. At this current time this does not apply to Indoor sport / leisure venues but the EIBA would recommend that its affiliated clubs ask their members / visitors to voluntarily wear a face covering when they enter and move around the venue.

The face covering can be removed when they are on the green playing and when having a drink and or meal.

In addition if any of your members / staff live with or have been in contact with someone who has been identified as a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant they must self isolate for 10 days, even if they have been double or triple vaccinated.