

CITY AND COUNTY OF BRISTOL INDOOR BOWLS CLUB



New Year, New Director

In the absence of a January newsletter, a Happy New Year to everybody.

At the January Board Meeting, we were pleased to appoint a new Director to the Board, Dave Byett. Dave is a relatively new member of our Club, but has had many years of experience of managing his outdoor club(s), and has already made some suggestions which have been both practical and useful.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AT BIBC

Lewis Toman

It is pleasing to report that members have been extremely supportive in volunteering for the multitude of roles that are needed for us to run the World Bowls Championships in April. These take place from Monday 25th to Friday 29th April. Practice sessions start from Wednesday 20th April. The Falkland Islands team has already booked their practice sessions from Wednesday to Friday.

The club league season finishes on Friday 15th April so we have just four days to convert the club into a venue suitable for the event. This will include major seating changes and fitting the national flags of around 30 countries onto the rinkside walls.

There are six major groups and a further nine small groups of volunteers. Each major group will have two team leaders and they will shortly be invited to a meeting to explain their roles and team members. They will then contact the members in their group, explain the role and prepare a rota so that we have all activities covered every day. At a later date, once we have all the final details, all volunteers will be invited to a major meeting

It is proposed that we make this event exemplary and further details how we plan to do this will be advised in due course. Each volunteer will be wearing grey trousers and a club shirt. We plan to provide each volunteer with a badge (see photograph on Page 4) and to display volunteer photograph montages. Could all the volunteers please help by advising reception what first name they want on their badge e.g Michael or Mike, and to check that their photograph stored on the membership system at reception is good quality.

All the countries have to submit their entry forms by the middle of February following which we will be meeting with representatives of World Bowls, the International Indoor Bowls Council and the English Indoor Bowls Association, to finalise details.

A limited number of tickets will be available a few weeks before the event so it is suggested that if you plan to attend you acquire your ticket in advance. These are free to club members who will need to show their membership cards on entry.

Exciting times for the club which will demonstrate that we are a fully International Indoor Bowls Club.

For updates and league information, please see the Club website

www.bristolindoorbowls.org.uk

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WINTER 2021-22 SESSIONS

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

SUMMER LEAGUES

The temperature may be sub-zero with freezing rain, but it is time to start thinking about Summer Leagues.

Last year we opened the Club every weekday for the first time with, initially, mixed success. Some days were busy, others not so, and one day the tumbleweed could be seen blowing across the rinks. Only one league was run. However, as the summer wore on, more and more use was made of the rinks, and increased use in the coming summer is looking probable.

So - if you would like to join a new summer league, there will be ample opportunity, but we need to know what you would prefer. It would be great to have at least three leagues during the week maybe open triples, open pairs or open Australian pairs (these being the most popular formats) - but what do ***you*** want?

Please discuss with your friends and let us know. Have a word with Cheryl or perhaps put a proposal in the suggestion box by reception.

This summer may well prove to be a hot one, so playing in a temperature controlled environment with a cold drink readily available may be an attractive proposition.

You know it makes sense!

RINKSIDE SAFETY

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 are still remaining 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 as soon as possible after finishing your game.



POSTPONED LEAGUE MATCHES

Steve Neal

There are a considerable number of postponed league matches, due mainly to the virus, that remain unplayed.

Please arrange to play these matches as soon as possible as there are only eight weeks left in the season, with only a limited number of rinks available.

It is the responsibility of the team which postponed the match to arrange the times and should ideally offer their opponents a number of optional dates, and to arrange the rink booking once a date is agreed on. Wednesday evening may be a good opportunity to play these matches.

As a result of the backlog, it is possible that Roll -Ups which have been booked may have to be cancelled to accommodate the completion of League and Club Competition matches.

IMPROVEMENTS

As usual, the Club will be closed for the first two weeks in May for annual maintenance works to be carried out.

As part of these works, it is hoped to install a new carpet in the function room, using the uplifted carpet tiles to replace the patched areas in the lounge carpet and to replace the office carpet.

This will make our facilities more attractive for members and visitors alike.

JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

Thomasina Goodman

Our Juniors are playing against Poole Juniors at BIBC over the weekend of 5th - 6th March, in different formats at 10am and 2pm on Saturday 5th, and 10am and 1pm on Sunday 6th.

Our Juniors are, by and large, somewhat younger than their opponents, but always put up a spirited show and show great maturity in their play.

They would really benefit from, and appreciate, support from the members. So if you have a couple of hours spare to come along and watch one (or more) of the matches over that weekend, please come along.

We have heard that one of our Juniors, Oakley Trent, has been selected for the Somerset Unified Juniors team to play against Isle of Wedmore B.C.

Well done, Oakley.



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 16th August 2021**, card payments have again been subject to a minimum transaction of **£15.00** as charges are disproportionately high.



IS THERE A FREE RINK?

The screen outside the office, showing rink bookings, has been provided a mouse to enable interrogation of dates beyond the previous 5-day rollover screen.

Whilst bookings cannot yet be made on this screen, you will be able to see rink availability before booking a rink at Reception.

Please make use of this facility as Reception is regularly congested whilst various dates are being investigated to make a rink booking.

PLAY OR PAY?

There has been an increase lately in booked Roll-ups not being played, and teams not turning up for League matches without advising their opponents or the Club.

This has resulted in unused rinks, even at the busiest of times.

If you are unable to take up your booked playing slot **PLEASE ADVISE THE CLUB.**

Should the situation not improve, it may be necessary to consider seeking rink fees for unused bookings as rink fees are the major income for the Club.

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

The 2022 Members Handbook is now available to download from the website, and in the attachment to the email for this Newsletter.

Amongst lots of interesting information, the Handbook includes club, League and club competition rules.

SOMERSET OPPORTUNITIES

Alan Graves

Somerset County Men are formulating a team to play Berkshire at Bristol, and it would be great if some Bristol players were selected. Please contact Alan Graves or Cheryl if you would like to know more.

Somerset County Men would also like to promote an Over-80's (possibly Over-70's or Over-75's) tournament to be held at BIBC in the summer, and we would like to gauge the level of interest from BIBC members. Again see Alan or Cheryl

AND FINALLY.....

There is now a notice on the main notice board showing what is happening at BIBC each month including events and matches that we are hosting.

FACE MASKS



FROM 24th FEBRUARY 2022 H.M GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT ALL COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS WILL BE LIFTED.

BRISTOL INDOOR BOWLS CLUB RECOGNISES THAT SOME MEMBERS MAY WISH TO CONTINUE WEARING MASKS WHEN MOVING AROUND THE CLUB AND SUPPORT THEIR RIGHT TO DO SO.

WEDNESDAY EVENING UMBRELLA

Since the Cub was opened, it has been used to play national matches, catch-up league matches, club competition matches, coaching sessions or just roll ups.

Such was the level of interest, that a new Umbrella session has been started, and would welcome more members. No need to book - just turn up.

6.00pm to 8.00pm

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP BADGE

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