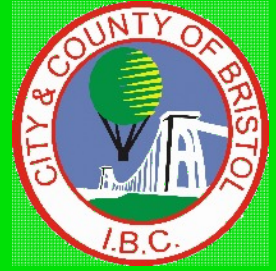


NEWSLETTER

CITY AND COUNTY OF BRISTOL INDOOR BOWLS CLUB



COACHING CORNER

Danny Kite - Head Coach

As head coach here at BIBC I have a team of coaches with me who want to help you to achieve the standard of bowling which you are aiming for. We are all volunteers who take no payment for the help and assistance we offer; you just need to pay the usual fees for the use of the rink.

For us to help you, there are various bits of equipment available to us. These include bowling arms and a launcher for the less able bodied among you as well as brightly coloured targets for those with poorer vision. The biggest asset we have, however, is the collection of bowls that are on the racks and the small bowls cupboard situated near rink one. This collection has been built up over the years from donations by retired bowlers as well as purchases made by the club on your behalf. One of my duties is to maintain the inventory and quality of this collection. To do this I carry out regular audits and have to say that the current audit has shown up some anomalies. As you may know the racks are marked with position numbers which correspond to numbers painted on the bowls. Could I ask any member that borrows a set of bowls from these racks that they put them back in the space allocated to them and not just dump them back into any available empty space.

More troubling is the small bowls cupboard. This used to be known as the junior's cupboard but has recently been made available to all members as the number of bowlers joining the club with smaller hands has increased dramatically. Here the bowls are numbered and put into boxes which are also numbered to correspond to shelf positions. The latest audit has revealed that not only have the boxes been put back in the wrong places, but one box has disappeared completely whilst another has three bowls missing from it. Can anyone who has borrowed bowls from this cupboard please check to see if they have inadvertently put them in a locker rather than replace them for others to use. This facility is for the benefit of all members who may wish to try a different size of bowl than their current one in use as well as our newcomers. Please use this facility rather than abuse it and give the management cause to remove it.

On a positive note, not only will our improvers course on a Friday afternoon be recommencing shortly, but at the end of October we plan to add a Wednesday evening session to the schedule for those who cannot make the Friday sessions. Please feel free to take advantage of these, they are available for all members not just those who have finished the introductory course. They are run by experienced bowlers who may be able to increase your tactical awareness of how the game is played. There are also "Coaches' Surgery" sessions which are currently available between 5.45pm and 6.45pm on a Tuesday and Thursday evening. The idea behind these is that a coach is available for informal chats or observations on any aspect of your game. Again, open to all members of the club.

Finally, I believe the club will also soon be purchasing some indoor slippers and shoe spray to be made available for members and newcomers to use rather than play in stockinged feet. Once again, a free facility being offered. Please use rather than abuse what the club is offering you.

League Manager

Steve Neal

All the Leagues are up and running, with one team withdrawing on Thursday Afternoon.

Two teams are looking for players on the Tuesday Morning Triples, if you would like to join a team in this League, contact me on my Mobile number 07974107729

For updates and league information, please see the Club website

www.bristolindoorbowls.org.uk

Leave us a positive review on Google



LADIES' LEADER

Jenny Tibbs

This season I have taken over the position of club representative for the Somerset Women's County Indoor Bowls Association [SWCIBA] and ladies club captain.

SWCIBA is not an exclusive association, and it welcomes ladies from all over Somerset who would like to play for Somerset against other counties. There are friendly games as well as competitive leagues so there are games for everyone.

Please keep an eye open on the notice boards in the ladies' changing rooms for the availability sheets and dates of up-and-coming games/matches, county and national, we'd love to see more Bristol names in the mix.

If you are concerned about travelling to games, we can usually organise car share's so come and give it a go. Also, don't forget the Bristol Indoor competitions, the entry forms will be out very shortly so come and give it a go.

Just let me know if you have any questions.



FIXTURES AND FITTING IN

After eleven years, our club friendly Fixtures Secretary, Bill Hatherall, has decided to stand down and we offer our grateful thanks to Bill for his sterling efforts in what can be a frustrating task in arranging a full fixture list at the start of each new season.

Before we had a chance to consider a possible replacement, Jane Geater stepped up and offered to take on the position; an offer which was immediately accepted. Jane will take her place on the Bowls and Social Committee and Bill will initially work with her to ensure a smooth transition.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2022

This year's Christmas Lunch will be on

Friday 16th December 2022.

Payment with reservation, please

Watch the Notice Board for further details



There is an increasing incidence of parking in disabled car park spaces by non-disabled drivers.

The Club has a considerable number of disabled members, which is reflected in the number of disabled parking spaces in front of the entrance. Please do not park there unless you are entitled.

Would disabled members please display their 'blue badges', which will enable us to identify any miscreants.



MATCH REPORTS

The first away friendly fixture of the season was at Malvern Hills on 23rd October.

The majority of the players gathered at the Club for a 10.30 departure by coach, all in high spirits and looking forward to a good day out. We had been warned that the usual route (via the Upton Road) was closed, so we embarked on what was a mystery tour of Gloucestershire and Worcestershire, eventually arriving at 1.00pm.

The match started with Bristol taking an early lead on five of the six rinks, and finished with a win for Bristol - but only on one rink! Malvern hit their stride after the early ends, and eventually won 112-85. However, we struck back by winning the majority of the raffle prizes following a hearty meal.

We look forward to Malvern Hills coming to Bristol in February to try and even the score.



Yetton Trophy

Bristol beat Clevedon

Next round v. Mid-Glos on 5th November 2022



Denny Cup

Malvern Hills beat **Bristol**

Bristol now in Plate v. Thornbury on 5.11.2022



Top Club

Bristol lost to Mid-Glos, having beaten Nailsea in the previous round



Egham

Clevedon beat **Bristol**

BOWLS PUSHERS

Thanks to all the players who have been returning the bowls pushers to the scoreboard end at the conclusion of their matches.

There are still, however, a few instances of pushers being left at the lounge end, presenting a potential trip hazard at changeover, and we would ask that all members abide by the rule..

A SOBERING THOUGHT

The bar now has a wide range of low- or zero-alcohol beers, lagers and ciders on offer (including Guinness) as well as the usual brands.

A question was asked at the Annual General Meeting as to whether draught lager and cider would be re-introduced. The answer at present is no, as draught ales have increased by around 15%, whereas bottles and cans have only increased by a small amount. The one cask beer we do sell (Fortitude) is because of a special deal with the micro-brewery which supplies it.

If membership numbers rise to pre-Covid levels and there is sufficient demand, the situation will be reviewed.

BRISTOL CLEAN AIR ZONE

The Bristol Clean Air Zone comes into force on Monday 28th November

If you are not sure whether you are affected, check at the following web address:

www.bristol.gov.uk/residents/streets-travel/bristols-caz

