

# NEWSLETTER

## CITY AND COUNTY OF BRISTOL INDOOR BOWLS CLUB



### **IMPORTANT CHANGES**

The current annual subscriptions and rink fees have remained unchanged since 2010.

Inflation means that to purchase goods that cost £100 in 2010 will presently cost £164, and the current Consumer Price Index inflation rate of 10.7% has forced the Club to review the subscriptions and rink fees **from April 24<sup>th</sup> 2023**.

#### ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

|                         | From 1 <sup>st</sup> September | From 1 <sup>st</sup> January | From 1 <sup>st</sup> May |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Adults (Over 25)</b> | £60                            | £40                          | £20                      |
| <b>18 - 25</b>          | £30                            | £20                          | £10                      |
| <b>Juniors</b>          | £15                            | £10                          | £5                       |
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The Joining Fee for new members (except Juniors) increases to £20 to reflect the increased cost of Club shirts

The discount for membership renewal before 1<sup>st</sup> October no longer applies

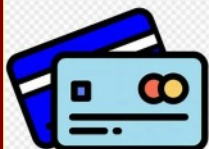
#### RINK FEES

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| One hour   | £ 2.00 |
| Two hours  | £ 4.00 |
| Four hours | £ 5.00 |

#### NEW CLUB SHIRTS

The new style Club shirts will be provided to members who are selected to represent the Club in National and County competitions and Wessex/Somerset Leagues. New members will be provided with Club shirts, which were delivered recently.

Members playing in Club friendly matches are encouraged to purchase a new style shirt, although this is not compulsory. They can be purchased from the Club at the subsidised price of £20, or direct from the manufacturer Karuta Sportswear [www.karuta-sportswear.com](http://www.karuta-sportswear.com) for £24.



#### **CARD PAYMENTS**

**From 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023 card payments will be accepted for all payments within the Club. Team rink fees must be paid as one payment, and we would ask members to make very small payments in cash whenever possible.**

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

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

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## League Manager

Steve Neal

Please remember that no new team members may be added to a league team after 31<sup>st</sup> January.

Catch-up matches should be played as as soon as possible following their postponement.

A late arrival to play doesn't give the opposition the right to claim the game. If all players agree, the game can either be started late and played to the bell (and into the next session to make up for the lost time if the rink is available) or it is rearranged. Also, please remember the rules for playing "one short" in Triples and Fours are set out on page 20 of the Members Handbook.

## SUGGESTION BOX

Two items from the suggestion box.

*Spectators watching the games for any length of time have to sit chairs which are not overly comfortable. Can the pink chairs at the scoreboard end be returned to the front row in the Lounge?*

The Board agree with this suggestion, and the chairs will be moved in the near future

*As a compromise, could the bowls pushers be left on the green on the T at the end of each match?*

The decision to store the pushers at the scoreboard end was made to prevent accidents at changeover, when there could be over a hundred people on the apron at the Lounge end, as players are still going down before the previous match players have cleared the area. If the pushers are left on the T, the first thing the lead will do is lift it and place it on the apron, creating the hazard.

## JUNIORS

Felicity Kite

Three of the Juniors from BIBC were entered into the Somerset Women's County Indoor Bowling Association Triples Competition after Glynn Jones had noted that there was not an entry from Bristol.

I duly entered three from our Juniors; Jenna Scott as lead, Holly Hutchinson as two and Sophie Hicks as skip and they were due to start the game at 6:30pm when they were drawn against Nailsea as the Challengers. I was a little worried that this would be too late for the girls but they were willing to "give it a go".

It was a slow start as they had to get used to the slow pace of the rink but managed to gain one shot on the second end.

Nothing was scored for the next four ends against their opponents who had scored 16, but on the 6<sup>th</sup> end they doubled their score. The following end they picked up a 7 so were well on the way to catching up with the opposition. Jenna was leading very competently by this time, having only used her new bowls twice before, and the 7 had given them the confidence that they needed to carry on. Three shots scored on the 9<sup>th</sup> end brought the score to 12 – 16. Two more on the 11<sup>th</sup> then two more shots brought them almost level and from then they kept the opposition to one shot each end, helped by Holly and Sophie getting into the "Head" as well as Jenna. The final score on the 18<sup>th</sup> end was 18 - 21 to Nailsea. Nine ends were scored by each team.

I was so glad that they were willing to enter and so very proud that all three had done so well and that they totally impressed onlookers from Nailsea. They were well behaved, very polite and a great credit to our club. Well done girls, I am very proud of you.



## Coaching News

Danny Kite

Calling all members. Please look at the notice boards where you will see an A4 advertisement for a possible markers course. We have negotiated the possibility of having the course centered here at BIBC but to make this viable we need to have 10-15 attendees.

A similar course was held here last year and was well appreciated by all who attended. They have since taken their newfound skills back to their outdoor clubs as well. You never know you may well learn some skills which may even help you in your playing career as well.

All who are interested are encouraged to contact Danny Kite so that he can coordinate the numbers with the organisers.

### CLUB RULES and ETIQUETTE

#### A few reminders

When playing, the correct dress code is a collared shirt (polo shirt style), with black or grey trousers, skirt or bowls shorts. Jeans, cords, leggings etc. are not acceptable.

When the session bell sounds, the end in play can be completed. If the jack has been delivered (in motion), the end can be played.

Bowls pushers must be returned to the scoreboard end at completion of each match.

Scorecards must have initials and surnames of all players.

Electronic scoreboards to be turned off at completion of each match.

No drinks are permitted on the rinks.

The 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!*