



# **BIBC Newsletter**

## **August 2023**

As the new indoor season approaches, in this newsletter you will find details of opening times, leagues, information on what's been happening, etc

Club membership runs from 1<sup>st</sup> September; please complete the renewal membership form sent with this newsletter and pass it to Cheryl by 30<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Winter season dates**

- Club open 6 days per week from Monday 11 September 23
- Leagues Start: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 23
- Christmas closedown from Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 23 to Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 24, reopen Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 24
- Easter closedown Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 24 to Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 24, reopening Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 24
- Leagues end: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 24

The club website and Facebook page contains a wealth of information, news and rink bookings can be viewed (Bowlr)

<https://www.bristolindoorbowls.org.uk/>

Various booklets, forms and flyers can be found on the reception desk.

## Steve Neal - Winter 2023/24 Leagues

Please see list of Leagues below, which shows if there are any vacancies for the coming season. If a League is full, you can register your interest in case a team withdraws.

Team Secretaries of existing teams are now receiving emails to check if their teams are being entered; if you know you are not entering, please advise Steve ASAP.

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League	Time	No of teams	
Monday Aft Ladies Triples	12 noon	10	Vacancies
Monday Aft Open Fours	2pm	13	Vacancies
Monday Aft Open Singles	4pm	16 players	Vacancies
Monday Eve Open Triples	7pm	10	Vacancies
Tuesday Morn Open triples	10/12 noon	23	1 vacancy
Tuesday Aft Open Fours	2pm	11	Vacancies
Tuesday Eve Open triples	7pm	12	Vacancies
Weds Open Aus Prs Div 1	10 am	19	Full
Weds Open Aus Prs Div 2	12 noon	19	Full
Thursday Aft Ladies triples	12 noon	9	Vacancies
Thursday Aft Open triples	2pm	19	Full
Thursday Eve Open triples	7pm	19	Full
Friday Aft Open Pairs	12 noon/10am	22	1 vacancy
Friday Eve Junior/adult Aus Pairs	6:30pm	9	Vacancies

### New and Existing members

If you would like to get involved and play, and either enter a team or join an existing team please contact Cheryl at the club. There are forms at reception for players wishing to join teams, team secretaries looking for players and pool player registrations.

### Afternoon Fours Leagues

If all last year's teams enter for the coming season the Leagues will stay as fours.

If more teams withdraw this year, we may change to Triples to see if more interest can be generated.

### Thursday Evening Men's Triples

The format for this league is now **2-bowl triples** with no limitation on the number of ends played. This change has been made primarily to benefit those members who play or aspire to play in the Wessex and Somerset Leagues and in Club and Individual Nationals. This format should also improve the bowling skills of all participants.

Previously the Monday Evening Fours provided members the opportunity to play with 2 bowls, but this is now a triples league.

This change has been endorsed by the Head Coach.

# Coaching and other news

## Access Sport and Disability Bowls

A message from Jonny Fenner – Access Sport

*We just wanted to say a massive thank you to being part of the recent Ignite multi-sport festival!*

*Thankfully the sun was shining for us and all the activities on offer made for a fantastic day! It was great to see such a variety of sports on offer and the participants loved all your enthusiasm, passion and expertise.*

*We're so grateful for your contribution to the event! We hope you enjoyed it also!*

*Initial feedback has been really positive, and we look forward to sharing more over the next few weeks including photos from the day.*

The Access Sport pan disability sessions have come to an end on Saturday morning for the rest of the summer season to allow for holiday commitments. They will continue on Wednesday afternoons as there are no leagues planned to run at this time and so there will be no disruption to other members.

## Autism Society

On Wednesday 30 August the club will be hosting a coaching session for the Bristol Autism Society.

This will be a largish scale event and five rinks have been set aside from 2-4pm.

Those coming will be those suffering from that condition (at various levels), along with members of their family and also carers from the society.

As well as these sessions, we have been invited to attend the following "less able bodied" events:

- Playday at Blaise Castle 11-3pm at Blaise Castle on Wednesday August 2nd
- Cancer in children event at the Eagle Church in Aztec West 1.30- 3pm on Friday August 4th
- Mencap Sports Day at Wellsway School Keynsham (hours TBA) on Monday August 21<sup>st</sup>

## Coaching cupboard and racks

Some of you may have noticed that the "small bowls cupboard" has been moved from the end of rink one to the end of rink nine. In time, the other racks of coaching bowls will also move as well as any of the other equipment we use. Steve Neal has also agreed, where possible, to not allocate rinks eight and nine for league matches. This will allow us more ease of access for wheelchair user coaching and hopefully more opportunity to get rink allocations when coaching new or prospective members It also means that we have all we need allocated in one area of the club.

Please be aware that the club has purchased some new bowls in the 000 and 0000 sizes and I will be introducing these into use shortly and in doing so rearrange the existing bowls from their current positions on the racks. We have also been donated some other second-hand bowls which are more relevant to us than the old Lignoids we have had available up until now. These older bowls will eventually be offered out for sale rather than just discarded. I will be taking charge of this project. Hopefully you will see this as evidence that the club is now forward looking and is happy to listen to any other suggestions that may help us to improve our service to the membership.

Danny

# Volunteers

On 31st of May, your coaching and helpers team came together to assist in a corporate evening held by the Rotary Club. Their members were hosting a visit from students from Oklahoma University. The idea was that the Americans would have the opportunity to do something quite British. This was following a very similar event that took place a couple of years ago. In fact some of the American organisers remembered a few of us from that event. On the night some 42 Americans and Rotarians took part in a short training session followed by a simple game amongst themselves. The feedback we have received so far is that they had a very enjoyable evening, so much so that Felicity was unofficially asked if she would like to move to Oklahoma to set up a bowls section over there. The games were followed by a running buffet in the function room and I believe the bar also did a fair trade.



I (Danny) would like to take this opportunity to thank all the BIBC members who came together to make this evening a success and also to advise our own membership that this type of event is one that has been successfully done a number of times for other local businesses.

Why not make a suggestion to your bosses or even to secretaries of any other clubs or organisations you belong to, to think about this type of evening as a good way for workers, colleagues and members to have a fun evening together.

Who knows, it may even help as with recruitment of new members.

# Junior News

As well as continuing regular dedicated sessions at the club throughout the summer, many of our Juniors have been enjoying the delights of playing outdoors, having joined a number of clubs – including Knowle and Congresbury.

We'd like to congratulate Oakley Trent on winning the outdoor Memorial Cup for the second successive time, playing at Knowle BC



Several former Junior members including Bradley Cox, Olivia Starr and Madi King (apologies if we've missed anyone) have all been achieving success at County and National levels and participating in events such as Open Competitions at various clubs in the area.