



Bristol Indoor Bowls Club Newsletter January 2024

Message from the Chair – Danny Kite

Several members have pointed out to me that they feel the disabled parking areas in front of the club may be being misused. Can I please therefore remind members that they should be displaying a Blue Badge if they use these areas. I admit I have forgotten to do so once or twice so will endeavour to do better myself. Please also remember that three of the spaces have been set aside for wheelchair use.

Club Captains

On a different note, I would like to pay tribute to Lorraine Paget and Steve Metcalfe for the work they have put in since the passing of our previous captain, Cedric. They have spent many hours of their time ensuring that the weekend social games have gone ahead as well as organising the Captain's Day event. They have provided a great service to the club, but, as with all things, change is inevitable.

They have decided that the time has come for them to retire and make room for some new talent to come along and take up the challenge. They will see the season out, but I am sure you will want to join with me in giving them a big thank you for all that they have done.

I have asked Lorraine to draw up a list of all that the job entails so that we will have a working "job description" for those that come after. The feeling of the board is that the position is one which should be voted on by club members. I would therefore ask anyone who is interested in taking on this role to make applications to the board so that candidates can be voted for at the next AGM.

Competition notes - Eric Seavill

Club Competitions

The Draws have now been made for the club competitions and are on the board by the bar. Please note that as the finals weekend is quite early this year, those who have entered will need to make sure games are played as soon as possible. We are unable to put a list of contact numbers on the board by the draw sheets, but please ask at reception or contact Eric Seavill if you require contact details.

Please remember that the first named player in singles/pairs/triples is the challenger and is responsible for making contact with their opponent.

Denny Plate

After a good run which saw us reach the last 16 of this national competition we lost to a strong Torbay team.



Bristol Indoor Bowls Club Newsletter January 2024

League Notes- Steve Neal

Summer Leagues

The Leagues will start beginning of May; hopefully we will have the same Leagues as last year.

Monday Afternoon Open Australian Pairs	12 noon
Tuesday Afternoon Open Triples	12 noon
Thursday Morning Open Australian Pairs	10 am

If you would like to enter a new team for any of the above Leagues, please contact Cheryl or League Manager by 20th April 24.

Existing teams will be emailed later in February to see if they wish to continue.

Postponed matches

Just a reminder, a game at the end of the season cannot be conceded, if it affects the outcome of a league.

Steve Neal - League Manager Mobile. 07974107729

Club Friendlies

Availability sheets are on the board near the changing rooms. Several matches have only a few names, so please think about making yourself available. These are very enjoyable matches, are very social and bring extra revenue to the club.

Date	Time	Opposition	Venue	No of rinks	Match Fee
Sat 27 Jan	2pm	Portishead RBL	Home	5	£14 inc meal
Sun 28 Jan	2pm	Newport	Away	6	£2 inc tea and biscuits
Sun 4 Feb	2pm	Malvern	Home	6	£14 inc meal
Mon 5 Feb	2pm	Wey Valley	Home	6	
Fri 9 Feb	2pm	Avon/Somerset Police	Home	5 triples	No meal
Sun 11 Feb	2pm	Long Ashton	Home	6	£14 inc meal
Sat 2 Mar	2pm	Congresbury	Home	6/7	£14 inc meal
Sun 3 Mar	2pm	WSM St Andrews	Home	4	Tea and biscuits
St 9 Mar	2pm	Keynsham	Home	6	£14 inc meal
Sun 10 Mar	2pm	Cotswold	Home	6/7	£7 in tea & cakes
Sat 16 Mar	2pm	Greenbank	Home	5	£14 inc meal
Sun 17 Mar	2pm	Crown Green	Home		
Tue 2 July	2pm	Henleaze	Away		



Bristol Indoor Bowls Club Newsletter January 2024

National Finals being held at BIBC

BIBC will be hosting the last 16 and finals matches of the EIBA Mixed Pairs and Mixed Fours from 23rd – to 26th February. During this time, no club matches will be scheduled.

This is a prestigious event, and many highly skilled bowlers will be taking part, so take this opportunity to come to watch what should be some highly skilled bowling.

At the time of writing we've not been provided with a great deal of information, except for a schedule of matches, as follows, so more information will be circulated when we know more:

Mixed Fours

Mixed Fours		
Friday 23 February	12:30pm	Last 16
	16:30	Quarter Finals
Saturday 24 February	9:30am	Semi Finals
	14:00	Final
Mixed Pairs		
Sunday 25 February	10:30am	Last 16
	14:30	Quarter Finals
Monday 26 February	9:30am	Semi Finals
	14:00	Final

Coaches Corner - Head Coach Danny Kite

Some points of etiquette to bear in mind:

- Please remember that you don't have possession of the mat until the previous bowl has come to rest; if you bowl your before the previous bowl has stopped, in a game with an umpire officiating, your bowl could be removed!
- When walking along the bank please be aware that someone may be preparing to deliver a bowl at the other end
- If a game is in progress and you wish to speak to one of the participants, please ask yourself, can my question not wait until after their game is over?
- After the last bowl in an end has been played please allow the "two" in a triples game or the "three" in a rink game to do their job in assessing the shots scored and measuring

More observations to come in the next edition.

Danny



Bristol Indoor Bowls Club Newsletter January 2024

In other newsDementia Awareness talk

Bristol Dementia Action Alliance (BDAA) are a non-profit making, community-based project, mostly resourced by volunteers.

They are also part of an “Alliance” of similar groups throughout the UK, working towards enabling their communities to become more dementia aware.

They operate on the generosity of sponsors, donations and goodwill, and their website shows:

1. **We aim to enable Bristol to become a “Dementia Aware Community”**
2. **We believe that people with dementia have the right to a good quality of life and to remain independent in their local community.**
3. **We believe that people with dementia have the right to live well, engage in and contribute to their local communities as long as they wish to do so.**
4. **We will address negative attitudes and raise awareness and understanding of dementia.**

BIBC have arranged for BDAA to make a short presentation and talk to the club members, followed by a question and answer session on

Wednesday 7 February at 3pm

We would urge as many BIBC members as possible to attend this one hour presentation, whether or not you have any personal experience with anyone suffering from this horrible disease.

You will find the talk very informative, receive advice on how to recognise some of the symptoms, and how you might provide support to those suffering from various types of dementia.

Please let Cheryl know if you wish to attend.

Please check the club website and Facebook pages for information and updates