

Message from the Chair – Danny Kite

As this is the final newsletter of the winter season, I would like to thank you for the support you have given me in my first term of office. It has been a steep learning curve but hopefully a number of positives have been and will be seen.

Suggestions have been made and some are in process of being acted upon.

The summer season will be starting soon and the number of participants in the leagues appears to be growing. Whilst the opening times are more restricted than during the winter, we have not forgotten the workers and so the club will open on Tuesday evenings from 4 pm onwards.

The Access Sports sessions will move to this slot as will the improvers course that has run successfully on Wednesdays during the winter. A few members have also asked about roll-ups during these hours. The answer is yes you can and if there are enough of you and the interest is shown we can look to start an evening league, it is up to you.

The juniors will continue to meet on Saturday mornings and there will also be attendance from local schools during the summer. Please let us know if you want more. Providing the interest is there, we will do our best to cover your needs.

Bowls Committee - Eric Seavill

CLUB COMPETITIONS

The Club Finals took place on the weekend of 23rd and 24th March. This was earlier than usual as we try to get the finals in before Easter and the start of the outdoor season. As a result a few semi finals were played later than was ideal, but in the end the weekend went well and all the finals were completed. All the games displayed a very high standard of bowls and many came down to a close finish. Congratulations to all competitors on reaching their respective finals.

NATIONAL FINALS

The club had a number of players involved in the National Finals at Nottingham this year.

Congratulations to Callum Gwinnell who reached the final of the Novice Singles, to Lydia and Fliss Sheldrake who were in the Somerset Under 18s squad that reached the Semi Finals, and to Richard Doughty and Eric Seavill who reached the quarter finals of the Over 60s Pairs. In addition Julie Deferville and Emma Price played for the South of England v the North in the annual Disability Bowls England game played at Nottingham.



2023-24 Club Competitions

Congratulations to all the finalists, and here are the results:

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	Winner(s)	Runner(s) Up
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Junior Singles	Jenson Slinn	Isabelle Billings
Junior Singles U18	Marshall Clark-Simpson	Oakley Trent
Ladies Pairs	Lyn Griffiths & Cheryl Brown	Wendy Toman & Audrey Mitchell
Ladies' Singles	Wendy Toman	Ella Baker
Ladies Triples	Sue Whale, Ella Baker, Emma Price	Lorraine Paget, Jane Geater, Sarah Buxton
Men's Pairs	Eric Seavill & Richard Doughty	Pete Collins & Neil Lock
Men's Singles	Harry Tinker	Paul Bryant
Men's Triples	Callum Gwinnell, Rich Coulter, Peter Degg	Mike Haskins, Tony Simpson, Andy Sheldrake
Mixed Aus Pairs	Liz Taylor & John Couch	Sue & Eric Seavill
Mixed Pairs	Ella Baker & Eric Seavill	Sue Whale & Rich Coulter
Mixed Triples	Evie Hicks, Jenny Tibbs, Eric Seavill	Rich Coulter, Emma & Vince Price
Novice Singles	Luke Murray	Peter Bell
Open Aus Pairs	Eric Seavill & Richard Doughty	Matt & Ken Kiff
Open Novice Pairs	Maggie & Clive Drake	Andy Sheldrake & Tony Simpson
Open Singles	Ella Baker	Callum Gwinnell
Two wood singles	Peter Degg	Marshall Clark-Simpson
Unwon Singles	John Gardiner	Peter Bell

League Notes-Steve Neal

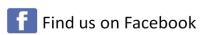
Summer Leagues

The Leagues will start beginning of May – there is a Thursday Aus Pairs team looking for another bowler

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

Umbrellas will take place at 10am on Tuesdays, 12 noon on Thursdays

The club will be open until 8pm on Tuesdays





Coaches Corner - Head Coach Danny Kite

Markers Awareness Course

I have been in contact with the Umpires Association and they have agreed to Sunday 19 May for them to run a Markers Awareness Course. Several members have shown an interest so I would ask them to pencil in this date in their diaries. Please give the names of applicants for the course to either Cheryl or Danny so that the necessary administration can be done.

I am arranging a meeting of the Coaches and Helpers group on Sunday 12 May from 10am to noon.

If any other club members have an interest in helping out with this group, please feel free to come along, see what goes on and maybe join the group.

Disabled and neurodivergent update

As I am sure you are aware, we have been working with Bristol Access Sport to make the club more accessible to those of us that are disabled or neurodivergent. However, I would like to make the point that these sessions are not there for just outsiders to come in but are there also for club members who might benefit from them. You probably read in our last newsletter that at least one of our members has achieved success in bowling, why not come along to these sessions so that we can build on this success. There are competitions and friendly matches being offered by Disability Bowls England which could be of interest to some members. Remember, we were one of, if not the first clubs in England to be awarded the Disability Kite Mark. Let us build on this and become one of the main hubs in the country. As a blue badge holder with an autistic nephew myself, I am always open to suggestions.

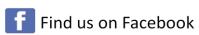
Under 30s section

Calling our younger bowlers. As you know our Junior Section is run for the under 18 age group, but were you aware that national competitions now run as under 30 rather than 18 or 25. We as a club are keen that teams enter such competitions and to foster a good team spirit I would like to envisage an under 30 section which could meet/play/train at set times.

However, it is up to you guys to help me make this happen. I, and some of the more qualified coaches would be willing to help with the training and offer advice when it is required. Please let me know if you think this is a good idea and if it is, we can call a meeting to see when and how the sessions might run.

Over to you....









Bristol St Andrews would be delighted if any of the members of Bristol Indoor could join us for our centenary celebration tour of Scotland. We already have a number of other clubs joining us for the week. The cost is £775 for the coach, all match fees and meals at the clubs, the 4* hotel with bed, breakfast and evening meal. If you have any questions or would like any more information, please speak to John Pearce (from the shop) who will be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

The itinerary is on the next page.

We have agreed with the indoor club to allow parking for the week and this is a coach pick up and drop off point.



Date	Time	Plan
Sunday 16 June	08:00	Leave Bristol
·	10:45	Comfort break in Chester/Potteries
	12:30	Arrive in Preston/Blackburn.Have lunch
	14:00	Bowls Fixture near Preston/Blackburn
	18:45	Arrive at hotel - Inn on The Prom (Lytham St. Anne's)
	19:30	Dinner at hotel
Monday 17 June	09:00	Leave Inn on the Prom Hotel
	10:45	Comfort break in Penrith
	13:30	Arrive at Melrose/Selkirk1.5 hours To have lunch and look around town.
	15:00	Leave Melrose/Selkirk
	17:45	Arrive at The Landmark Hotel Dundee
	19:30	Dinner at hotel
Tuesday 18 June	12:45	Leave Hotel
	14:00	Bowls fixture vs St. Andrews Bowls Club (Dundee)
	18:45	Arrive back at The Landmark Hotel
	19:30	Dinner at hotel
Wednesday 19 June	08:30	Leave Hotel
	10:00	Arrive in Pitlochry.3 hours to look around town and go to potential
		attraction/experience.
	14:00	Bowls Fixture near Pitlochry
	19:00	Arrive back at Landmark Hotel
	19:30	Dinner at hotel
Thursday 20 June	10:40	Leave Hotel
	11:00	Arrive in Dundee City Centre2 hours to look around
	14:00	Bowls Fixture near Dundee
	18:45	Arrive back at Landmark Hotel
	19:30	Dinner at hotel
Friday 21 June	09:00	Leave Hotel
,	11:15	Arrive in Peebles.
,	12:00	Bowls Fixture vs Peebles Bowls Club
,	18:45	Arrive at Shap Wells Hotel (Penrith)
	19:30	Dinner at hotel
Saturday 22 June	09:15	Leave Shap Wells Hotel to travel to Windermere
	40.00	
	10:00	Arrive at Windermere1 hour to look around
	11:00	Leave Windermere
	13:45	Arrive in Chester or the Potteries. Stop for late lunch
	15:00	Leave Chester/Potteries
	17:30	Short comfort break in the Midlands
	19:30	Arrive in Bristol