



Bristol Indoor Bowls Club Newsletter April 2024

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.





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2023-24 Club Competitions

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

| | 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

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| 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





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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....





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**BRISTOL ST ANDREWS
BOWLING CLUB
CENTENARY TOUR
TO SCOTLAND
2024**

**7-day tour of Dundee
and the Gateway to
the Highlands
Sunday, June 16th -
Saturday, June 22nd**

**VISITING
SOME OF
SCOTLAND'S
FINEST CLUBS**

**OPEN TO
MEMBERS AND
NON-MEMBERS,
BOWLERS AND
NON-BOWLERS**

Tour price includes

- 6 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast in selected hotels
- All Coach Travel – to and from hotel, to and from all matches
- Games in Manchester area and Borders area on outward and return journeys

Anyone interested in joining us is asked to contact
Pete@bsabowls.co.uk

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Enjoy Dundee -
'One City, Many Discoveries'

Pitlochry, Gateway
to the Highlands

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.



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| 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 |
| | 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 |

