



NEWSLETTER



Melton & District Indoor Bowls Club Limited

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Recognition for Two Club members

Two of our fellow club members have been recognised for their individual sporting achievements in the Melton Times Sports Awards for 2018.

Chris. Rogers was voted “**Sportsman of the Year**”, for his success at both Club and County level. Chris. has been bowling at Melton since the age of six, when his Grandfather, John Wiles a former Director of the business, introduced him to the newly formed Junior Club, back in the early 1990’s. He has played regularly for the County for some years now and also represented England at Under 25 level.

He has made it to the National final stages of various competitions over the years and continues to regularly perform to an excellent standard.



Chris. receiving his award from Richard Westmorland with finalist Gareth Thorley.

Erica Warrington was also successful at this years event, winning the “**Coach of the Year**” category.



Erica receiving her award from John Southerington with finalist Simon Atherley

The citation for Erica’s reads as follows:

Erica is the Head Coach of our Junior Club and a Director of the business She is a mother of three boys, and a coach at the “Waterfield Leisure Centre Swimming Club” twice each week, where she is also a Timekeeper for competitions and training, as well as a Gala Marshall.

At the Indoor Bowls Club, she organises a weekly training session for twenty Junior Club members each Saturday morning, as well as evening sessions when preparing our Juniors for external competitions at both County and National level. She is a member of the Club’s “Bowls Manage-

ment Committee”, and organises speciality Galas’ for the whole club.

As a direct result of Erica’s dedication and support, last year our Juniors achieved the following: -

- *County Under 18 Junior League Champions and they are unbeaten so far this season.*
- *Several Juniors now play for the Leicestershire County Under 18’s team and two Juniors also now play in the Senior Mens County team.*
- *One Junior member is the current Under 18 County champion.*
- *Two Juniors made it to the English Bowls Youth Development Scheme National Finals, one in the Senior group and one in the Junior category.*
- *One Junior Member is currently in the 2018/19 Area Finals of the English Indoor Bowling Association Under 18 National Competition.*

All the above is done as a volunteer, and Erica’s dedication commitment to sport for young people is second to none.

We are immensely proud of our two colleagues and we send our heartiest congratulations to them both on such a wonderful achievement.

Other Club News

Project Activity

As I advised in the January edition of this newsletter, we are planning to undertake a number of projects to improve the facilities within our premises.

The work will take place during April, **commencing Tuesday April 23rd**, (which is the date of our A.G.M), and is planned

to be completed by Tuesday 30th April, so the club *should* re-open for bowling on Wednesday 1st May.

The Bar and Restaurant will be open as normal every day except Monday and Tuesday 29th & 30th April, when there will be no access to the building for safety reasons, whilst a new door is installed between the Lounge and the Changing Rooms/Toilets area, and other work over the Lounge area is carried out.

I must stress that we are undertaking a significant amount of work in various areas of the building during this outage, and whilst we will be doing our best to meet the planned timescales, should anything unforeseen arise during the work, the re-opening may be delayed.

Overall, the work will consist of the following: -

- **Replacement of the Under-felt** on the Bowling Green and a thorough cleaning of the existing carpet (Approx. four days in total). You may have heard that it was planned to turn the carpet over, but after consultation with the carpet specialists, it was felt that this was not necessary at this stage. This will be looked at again in a few years time.
- **Removal of redundant cables** within the roof space, mainly above the Lounge area but some of these will be over the Bowling Green back to the main panels and other redundant equipment all within the roof-space. These are cables left in situ when the original heating and ventilation system was removed and the Air Conditioning installed, around fifteen years ago.
- **Updating of the Emergency Lighting system** to meet current regulations. The current system is only activated when

power to the building is lost. In the event that power was lost only a specific area of the building, such as the Toilets and Changing Rooms, which are all on one circuit, it would be totally dark within the Changing Rooms. The system is being rewired to account for this.

- **Updating of the external lighting** around the building, by removing the existing orange coloured lighting and replacing it with LED. The orange lighting uses 400W bulbs the manufacture of which is being phased out, so they will soon become unavailable. The replacement lighting will use LED fittings which are less than 100W, so a saving on each fitting of more than 300W, which equates to about 11p per hour per fitting.
- **Repair Work on the Vinyl flooring** in a number of areas including toilet areas, lounge and Kitchen.
- **Replacement** of the Suspended Ceiling in the Kitchen. This has been in place since the building was first opened in 1987 and is in urgent need of replacing, The opportunity to carry out this work is limited because the Kitchen is in use six and a half days each week. We are also changing the lighting here to 600 X 600 LED panels.
- **Removal of redundant plant within the roof-space.** This again is part of the original Heating and Ventilation system located above the Lounge, and will require part of the suspended ceiling within the Lounge and Restaurant areas to be removed, in order to remove the various items of redundant plant.

Some of this work can be undertaken at the same time, but obviously, work above the Bowling Green cannot be done whilst contractors are working on the carpet.

Similarly we cannot have people in the building when men are working overhead in the Lounge area.

We apologise for the inconvenience caused by the disruption of normal bowling facilities, but the Board of Directors feel that we need to carry out this work at some time and that we may as well "*Bite the Bullet*" now, whilst we have the funds available, rather than paying more than we have to, to the Tax man.

Don Welch

Don passed away recently following a short illness. He was very well known in bowling circles throughout the county, having competed in more or less every mens and mixed competition at both club and county level.

He represented the club in every inter-club competition at local and National level, and won virtually every club competition over his thirty-one years as a member.

Don also won through to the final stages of a number of EIBA National Final events.

He was intensely competitive in every game he played, without ever being aggressive. He was very self critical if he felt that his performance was less than excellent.

He was well known for having a phobia about reaching seven points and becoming stuck there; he would always try his hardest to avoid landing on seven shots at the end of an end.

Don will be sorely missed by many of our members, and we send our deepest condolences to Don's family.

Further Changes to Waste Handling

After much research, we have managed to locate a company who specialise in the

removal of food waste, which they then sell to a Biomass Conversion plant.

This new system will be in place by the time this Newsletter is published, which will hopefully resolve the odour problem for good.

We are also looking at alternative sites for the large red waste bins.

Wills'

Do you have a Will in place? It is surprising just how many people have failed to put their wishes into a Will, thereby securing what they would want to happen to their assets, regardless of the size of the estate, when they have passed away.

A local company is offering our members the opportunity to make a Will or to revise and existing will, as changes in legislation may affect an existing will or trust.

MAKING YOUR FIRST WILL or CHANGING YOUR WISHES?

Ask yourself the following questions and if you answer NO to any of them then you should get a professional consultation.

If you choose the right professional that consultation should cost you nothing.

- Should your spouse or partner remarry after your passing would you want their new partner to inherit what is yours?
- Would you want a child from a prior relationship to lose their inheritance to your second family?
- Would you like your child's inheritance to be lost in their divorce?
- Would you want a disabled child's benefit affected by inheritance?

- Would you want an addicted child to be left to manage their own inheritance?
- Would you like your Local Authority to take money from your estate without any challenge at all?
- Would you like your child's inheritance to be lost to HMRC in unnecessary tax?
- Would you want estranged family making claims on your estate?

Even if you have made a Will are you certain it is up to date? It costs nothing to find out

2017 saw new Inheritance Tax rules and not all existing Will Trusts are suitable and 2019 sees changes to probate costs that can be minimised with the correct Trust.

Call Nicola at Lawbrook Grace LLP on 01664 733 732 for a FREE, no obligation, confidential consultation- Because peace of mind is priceless!

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