



NEWSLETTER



Melton & District Indoor Bowls Club Limited

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Apology

I must apologise for not producing a Newsletter in the month of December 2017. This was due to a serious family matter in South Yorkshire, which required my personal attention throughout the month.

New Year

I wish happy New Year to all our readers at the start of 2018, the beginning of the thirty-first year of the club. Thank you for your continued support.

You can be sure that the Bowls Management Committee, other related Committees and the board of Directors have the best interests of our members at heart in all that we do within the club. On behalf of all our members I would like to thank all our volunteers for the work they do within the club.

Membership Renewals

You may remember that in the December 2017 issue of the Newsletter, I reported that the date of the annual renewal of membership was being moved from 31st December to 31st March.

So the membership subscription paid by members in December 2016 for the 2017 calendar year, would be extended at no additional cost to the 31st March 2018, thereby giving members three months bowling opportunity for free.

I am reminding members about this because a number of members have been

asking why their renewal has not been sent out in December as in previous years.

A notice has been posted within the club relating to this change as a reminder, so don't worry about missing the cut-off date for the discounted membership rate of £50; this date will now become 31st March 2018 and your renewed membership will last until 31st March 2019.

Polite Dress Code Reminder

I have been asked by the Bowls Management Committee to give a gentle reminder to all members, that the Dress Code whilst bowling on the rinks is a predominantly white top/shirt **unless otherwise stated**. This also includes Cardigans, Sweaters and fleeces etc worn over the top/shirt.

Thank you for your co-operation regarding this matter.

Pat Wright
Club Secretary

Junior Club News

Leicestershire U18's 'v' Nottinghamshire U18's

Sunday 3rd December saw the second in a series of friendly games between Leicestershire U18's and Nottinghamshire U18's at Melton.

Kitted out in their county shirts for the first time, Leicestershire got off to a good start with 3 of the 4 rinks taking shots on their first ends.

It was perhaps the rink consisting of Lewis Widdowson (Charnwood), Alex Warrington (Melton) and Kat Bowman (Leicester) who worried Nottinghamshire the most by winning 14-11 in a very close contest.

Despite all of Leicestershire's valiant play, it was the experience of Nottinghamshire's notable players that showed through, not that Leicestershire made it easy for them.

With good rapport between all players, it was a shame that there had to be a losing team. Unfortunately on this occasion it was Leicestershire.

Final score Leicestershire U18's 34 –
65 Nottinghamshire U18's

Next Match-10am Sunday 7th January 2018 @ Barwell 'v' Leicestershire County Ladies

Junior Club Xmas Gala

Saturday 16th December saw almost all of our junior bowlers coming together with other club members for a morning of fun and laughter with a few bowls thrown in for good measure all in fancy dress.

The morning started with a Santa spider which was won by our newest junior bowler Zac Stevenson-Wheeler.

Throughout the morning, alongside the five competing rinks of triples, were two target competitions each being contested with two cuddly toys up for grabs for the highest scorers? The first was won by Max Magee and the other by Alex Warrington.

Additional activities including a TV themed quiz sheet, was laid on for anyone not bowling, resting or just supporting the event. Overall winning rink honours went to

Grace Wade, Mark Wade and Bob Adams with the booby prizes going to Millie Patterson, Dave Patterson and Carol Pick.

The best fancy dress prize (independently judged) went to Tyler King who came dressed as a Christmas tree complete with working lights who received a £15 Tesco Gift card.

Thanks on the day have to go to everyone who took part, Emma Pymm for running the raffle and for Medhi for supplying the buffet at the conclusion of the game. Overall a sum of £118-40 was raised thanks to all those who donated prizes, helped out and took part.

Thank you all on behalf of the Junior Club Team.



New Summer Triples League (From Mick Rawle)

I propose that we start a Summer Triples League on a Tuesday morning (or failing that, a Thursday morning) on a Pro-Am basis. It is an opportunity for the really good players to judge the newer players in their own teams with a view to recruiting them into their teams later as people drop out, whilst giving the newer players an introduction to really competitive play, and teaching them the finer points and rules of the game.

The league would be open triples with up to 9 players in each team, 3 would have more than five years experience, (the more the better) and six would have less than five years experience. The time is not dependent on being a member of this club, but time bowling (outdoors plus indoors). Each team on the day would have one experienced player as skip and two less experienced ones as the number one and two. I hope this would even up the chances of teams winning this league – it would be a very open League.

If you are interested in this League please let me know in an email to mick.rawle@ntlworld.com telling me which day you prefer and whether you have more or less than 5 years experience, or speak to me or leave a message for me in my box in the Captain's Room – marked 'Competition Secretary'. I will collate the list and let Chuck Kershaw, our League Manager know if we have enough people to be able to publicise this League further before March.

Success at the Melton Times sports Personality of the Year Presentation

At the presentation night for the local heroes of sport, our club did very well indeed.

Firstly, Izzy Pymm was voted Runner-up in the Junior Sportswomen of the year.

Colin Wagstaff was Runner-up in the Disabled Sportsperson.

Les Gillett also got the Runner-up position, this time in the Sports Personality of the Year category.

Finally, our Fantastic Fives Team "The Melton Pork Pies" won the Melton Times Sports Team of the Year Award.

This is a credit to the players and their coaches where applicable.

Club Finals 2017-18 Season - Mick Rawle

I would like to see as many Finals played in March this year as possible, and I will get notices put up on the Competition Notice Board and around the club to promote them. If you are in many Finals earlier games will be permitted.

The last date for any Final must be Saturday 10th March as I need to send the results to County a few days later. The County Finals start at the beginning of April. If any match is not played by the 10th March the person/team who delayed it will forfeit the match.

Please let me know as soon as you can the date and time that you wish to play the Final and I will book the rink and organise a marker where necessary.

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Obituary

It is with regret that I report the death of the following members during December and January.

Ray Radford, a regular bowler and supporter of club activities. We send sincere condolences to Eve and all of their family.

Mick Hughes, whilst Mick played only on a Sunday morning in recent years, he was a very competitive bowler and achieved many success at County level, both indoors and outdoors. We send sincere condolences to Irene and all of their family.

Barry Rabjohn

Barry was a member of the club for many years, but sadly passed away following a short illness. We send sincere condolences to Barry's family.

From our very Own Poet

Joni Mitchell's 'Both Sides Now' keeps running through my mind (Wow if only I had her insights and talent) so here is a little pastiche with apologies to her and you.

Vectras and Drakes Pride everywhere,
Plus Aeros technicolour flare,
And cringing from a sour Skip's stare,
I've experienced bowls that way.

For now they only block the Jack,
Horribly short, none at the back,

The Skip's face changes red to black,
I've played at bowls that way.

Carriers and mats and rolling orbs,
All the finer points that one absorbs,
And egos bouncing back once more,
When bowls will not obey.

It's too little green or much too tame,
Everyone seeks to shift the blame,
But with a wrong bias soak up the shame,
I've played many bowls that way.

As you enter the club it's like an old flame,
You love it 'til you lose the game,
But when you've won you're glad you came,
You've had your 'fix' that day.

I've viewed the rinks from both ends now,
I've won and lost and still somehow,
It's always my good shots I recall,
I don't remember my bad bowls... at all.

Club Equipment

It has been brought to the attention of the Board of Directors that some of the club's property has gone missing. Specifically, this relates to the Bowls and Bowls Carriers provided for the use of newcomers.

It appears that some of the smaller size bowls have been taken and larger size ones left in their place, this suggests that someone has found that they need a smaller bowl and rather than buying them has use club stock to swap them.

Also, we had purchased a number of new bowls carriers so that people could carry the bowls to the rink in safety, and again, some of these new carriers have been removed and replaced by carriers in a much worse condition.

This is "THEFT", and if we find the culprit or culprits, they will be dealt with through the club's disciplinary procedure, which may result in their exclusion from club membership.