



NEWSLETTER



Melton & District Indoor Bowls Club Limited

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Junior Club News

At the recent EBYDS event held on Sunday 22nd October, Isabelle Pymm finished a commendable 9th place; well done Isabelle.

On the same day, at the U18 County Trial event at Church Greasley, the team selection was made for the first game against Norfolk at Peterborough on Sunday 12th November (reported below). Four Melton Juniors were selected to take part, these being, Paul and Alexander Warrington, Isabelle Pymm and Toby King.

U18's Midland Junior League

Saturday 28th October saw six of our junior club members competing for the first time in the U18's Midlands Junior League.

The pairings of Toby King & Isabelle Pymm, Max Magee & Alex Warrington, Lewis Metcalf & Paul Warrington, were pitted against a team from Leicester.

The pairs take on each other in a series of seven ends games in a round robin format with only ends counting in the score tally. Toby and Isabelle won all of their games, while the other Melton pairings won two and lost one game each.

A good time was had by all. The final score was Melton 37 Leicester 26

U25's Midland League

Sunday 29th October saw Alex Warrington, Ethan Giblett and Paul Warrington

travelling to Charnwood for the first fixture of the new season.

Melton managed to draw first blood but Charnwood immediately responded to level the score. Not to be dismissed, Melton immediately retaliated by taking five shots on the 3rd end, and one on the 4th to take a 7 shots to 1 lead. Undeterred, Charnwood came back harder trying to break Melton's hold, and eventually doing so by going 10 – 7 up by the 10th end. Melton again dug deep and took three shots on the 11th end to level the score. However, despite their best efforts, Charnwood edged in front again and with the 16th end came the killer blow.

The final score was Charnwood 23 Melton 14.

Leicestershire U18 County

Sunday 12th November was the date for the first in a series of Under 18 County games with Norfolk taking on Leicestershire at Peterborough IBC.



The Leicestershire Team

(Waiting for their County Shirts to arrive)

Melton's own Toby King, Alex Warrington, Isabelle Pymm and Paul Warrington(Captain) alongside bowlers from Carlton, Leicester, Charnwood and Church Greasley, took on the very experienced if somewhat depleted side from Norfolk. Although Norfolk arrived with some notable players i.e. Aaron Johnson and Nicole Mousley to name but two, they unfortunately only had nine players, so the three travelling reserves from Leicestershire made up the numbers on their behalf.

Leicestershire managed to take an early lead but Norfolk fought back to get within three shots. However it was Leicestershire who fared better overall with perhaps inexperience, hope and a just a little luck favouring this new formed team. Leicestershire eventually won three of the four rinks.

While there are bound to be team changes in the forth coming games, it is with pride we can say Leicestershire has plenty young talent, and given the opportunities shall have teams at all levels to rival our neighbouring counties.

Next match - Leicestershire versus Nottinghamshire Sunday 3rd December at Melton 10 a.m

Final Score Norfolk 58 – 82 Leicestershire



What A Result!

(Well done Leicestershire)

Membership

I am delighted to report, that due to the continued efforts of our Mission 650 Team,

membership now stands at a total of 655 including Junior members, and the Junior Club members.

This is fantastic news and will help to maintain the excellent financial stability of the business.

As a result of this success, I can confirm that the Board of Directors has decided that there should be no increase in Rink Fees for the winter season for 2018/19. This will mean that by the end of that season, Rink Fees will have remained the same for a period of ten years. I don't know of any other club that has been able to maintain its costs for playing bowls at the same level for that amount of time.

We have also maintained the costs of the membership subscription since the last increase in January 2012, and in this current year, we have put the date for the renewal of membership back by three months to 31st March, thereby giving everyone an extra three months membership for free.

This is despite significant increases in utility bills. As an example, our energy costs for the next twelve months will be twenty-five percent higher than last year.

Furthermore, at the last review of the Membership Subscription, the Directors decided that no increase was required at that time so there will be no change in the rate for twelve month period commencing April 1st 2018.

The Directors continue to manage the affairs of the business in a prudent manner, thereby being able to give members the best value for money in the area, as well as the best facilities. We should all be very proud of what we all, as members of this club, own.

Membership Renewal

It would appear that some members are asking why their membership renewal forms have not been made available. You will recall that the Board of Directors took the decision earlier this year, to change the

date of the membership renewal to 31st March thereby giving members three months membership for free.

So don't worry, your membership renewal will be coming out next year, in time for you to get the usual £5:00 discounted rate.

Club Owned Bowls

You may be aware that the club has numerous sets of bowls for potential and new members to use whilst attending the club, prior to them purchasing their own set. Unfortunately, some sets have been taken out of the building and then returned afterwards, presumably when members have played an away game.

Please be aware that club owned bowls must not be taken out of the premises.

Mission 650 Team

The 650 team have been incredibly successful in recruiting and retaining members over the past four years, but their work would benefit from some additional help. If you would like to get involved with the job of attracting potential members and helping them get into the sport, they would like to hear from you.

If you would like to help, please contact Peter Bailey either by telephone or in person at the club

Obituary

Peter Haines

Peter was a founder member of the club together with his wife Glenys, who was a Past President of the Ladies Section when the club had two Presidents.

Sadly, Glenys passed away earlier this year and Peter has also recently died.

We send our sincere commiserations to the family.

Junior Club Gala

The Junior Club hold their Christmas Gala on Saturday morning 16th December. It looks like being a fun morning so why not join them and have a good morning.

There is a prize for the best costume and everyone is welcome and the organisers would appreciate some Raffle prizes.

Christmas Band Concert

A Christmas band concert has been organised for Sunday evening 17th December commencing at 6:30. The cost is £5:00 per person

Forthcoming events

Christmas special Gala V Lincolnshire VP's Sunday 10th December

Junior Club Christmas Gala Saturday 16th December @ 09:40am Fancy Dress competition with a £15.00 Tesco's Voucher for the best dressed
Open to all members
Raffle prizes would be appreciated

Band Concert & Grand prize draw Sunday 17th December @ 6:30pm Band concert Tickets £5 including a glass of mulled wine & mince pie

Christmas Raffle

Raffle Tickets for sale behind Bar
1st prize A Driving Experience at Prestwold Hall
2nd prize Little Retreat Gift Voucher
3rd Christmas Hamper
plus many more prizes.

Introduce a Friend Scheme



Look what you can do to Help the Club & Help Yourself !

Each year at membership Renewal time we have an average of 70 members choosing not to renew, some due to age, illness and others deciding that they are no longer able to bowl as they would wish. Therefore there is a constant need to recruit each year to maintain our target of over 650 members which allows the club to keep the rink fees at a very reasonable rate.

The “Introduce a Friend Scheme” is designed for you to bring a new person to our club to help with our recruitment.

The friend will be introduced to bowls through our Mission 650 programme receiving a free Taster Session, 3 free sessions with a coach & 1 month temporary membership.

If your friend then decides to join the club you will then receive a £10 voucher which can be used for 4 free bowling sessions.

Application forms are available in the racks behind the reception desk and must be filled in and authorised by a member of Mission 650 and then passed to the office before this offer can be implemented.



Cheryl Rawle - Membership Secretary