



NEWSLETTER



Melton & District Indoor Bowls Club Limited

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Additional Fixtures

The following fixtures were agreed too late to be included in the new Year Book, so please note them in your diary.

26th November - Friendly v Notts HVPs

Top Club will be 15th October not the 22nd of October.

3rd December - County under 18 Leicestershire v Nottinghamshire.

Year Book Correction

The date of the EBYDS Finals day has been changed and will now be at Melton on Sunday 8th April 2018 and not on the 22nd as stated in the Year book.

Gala 23rd September 2017

The afternoon gala was another successful event with 42 members enjoying their game.

Farmhouse Chicken & Veg, with Apple Pie or Ice Cream to follow was served by Mehdi and his staff. Thanks go to them and also the Bar Staff.

The Spider was won by David Fry and the bottle of whiskey prize was kindly donated by Pat Wright. Thanks Pat!

A total of £128 was raised and will go to club funds. Thanks go to everyone who gave raffle prizes.

Rink Booking

In last months Newsletter, I reported the disturbing occurrence of rinks, previously booked by one group of members, (in that particular case it was the Thursday Night Gala team), being taken off them just prior to them starting

to play, for reasons of "Competitions take precedence".

In the early days of the club, when there was much more league bowling, it was necessary to limit the number of teams in each league to fourteen (seven rinks), and there were two evening session of bowls with full leagues every weekday evening. One rink was left spare for both evening sessions each day to allow for competitions.

It was the responsibility of the member wishing to book a rink for a competition (be it a club or national competition), to book the rink needed at least seven days prior to the date required. Any rink not reserved by that time was then free for any other member to book.

The system worked satisfactorily at that time, so there should be no reason why it shouldn't work now. I have therefore asked the Bowls Management Committee to consider re-introducing such a scheme to prevent further occurrences. The spare competition rink would be reserved and identified as part of the rink booking schedule.

For National competitions, the home player is required to offer three dates to his/her opponent, at least one of which should be at a weekend, so a member may well have three dates reserved at any one time for a given match. In this case, it is the responsibility of that player to cancel any rink not required at least seven days before the event, and should this not be done, and the rink stays booked in that members name, they would be required to pay for the rink unless it can be used by other members on the day.

There will be occasions when a member playing a national competition against an away player, may wish to use a specific rink, and if that is not the rink scheduled to be left free on

that evening, he/she would then need to contact either the captain both teams playing in league match or whoever else has booked the rink. It would be expected that members would respect the wishes of the member playing the competition and agree to changing rinks. If this occurs when a Gala is scheduled, the following list gives details of who to contact in that circumstance.

Mon. & Thurs. 6.20 to 8.20pm – Val Matts
Tel. 01664 812619

Fri. 2:00 to 4:00pm - Richard Muddimer Tel.
0116 260 2863

Tues. (New & Improvers open session) 2.00 to 4.00 pm
Peter Bailey - Tel 01664 560252 and/or Mick Rawle - Tel.01664 854691

Wed. (New & Improvers open session) 2.00 to 4.00 pm Neil Hughes
Tel. 01664 568864

For all other times, the likelihood is that a League Match will hold the rink, in which case the team captain(s) would be the first port of call (names/details are in the Yearbook) thereafter a call to either: -

Competition Secretary Mick Rawle – 01664 854691 or,

League Manager – Chuck Kershaw – 01664 853550.

Obviously the rink time slots in the early evening are the most popular but there are generally plenty of free rinks most afternoons and, of course, the late evening slot starting 8.30pm is also free. Please consider all available options prior to the above. Thank you.

A Tribute by Walt Reid

The following has its very loose inspiration from the West Country's Widdicombe Fair and roughly fits the music of that famous old song. It has been written by our very own author extraordinaire Walter Reid as a tribute to our Fantastic Fives National champions.

A TRIBUTE.

Paul Noone, Paul Noone lend us your big car,
All a-long out a-long Melton Mowbree,

For we be a-goin' to Egham so fair,
Wi' Sue Dixon, Eva Radford, Peter White,
John Robinson,
Jordan Butcher, wi' bowls bags and tattoos
and all,
Wi' bowls bags and tattoos and all.

But the President and Valerie quickly demurred,
All a-long out a-long Melton Mowbree,
'In our Mercedes you'll all be chauffeured',
Wi' Sue Dixon, Eva Radford, Peter White,
John Robinson,
Jordan Butcher, wi' bowls bags and club shirts
and all,
Wi' bowls bags and club shirts and all.

Said John, 'we need to borrow it for the Fantastic Five',
All a-long out a-long Melton Mowbree,
'Not a chance', said our Paul, 'I've seen you drive!',
Wi' Sue Dixon, Eva Radford, Peter White,
John Robinson,
Jordan Butcher, wi' bowls bags and Mintoes
and all,
Wi' bowls bags and Mintoes and all.

So off they were driven by the Club's President,
All a-long out a-long Melton Mowbree,
With Rita, Linda and Lewis they expressed
deep content,
Wi' Sue Dixon, Eva Radford, Peter White,
John Robinson,
Jordan Butcher, not a load of old cobblers at
all,
Not a load of old cobblers at all.

Well, the jousting that took place down in Surrey,
All a-long out a-long Melton Mowbree,
They won't be invited back, not in a hurry,
Sue Dixon, Eva Radford, Peter White, John Robinson,
Jordan Butcher, the writing was there on the wall,
And they acquitted themselves so very well.

Rink Booking System

A new larger touch screen is being installed to make it easier to see and use.