



# NEWSLETTER



**Melton & District Indoor Bowls Club Limited**

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## National Champions Again

For the second time in three years, Melton has won the Fantastic Fives National title. This is a tremendous achievement, as we have got to through the final stages of the event for the past three years, winning in 2015 and again in 2017.

Our team in the finals consisted of John Robinson, Sue Dixon, Peter white, Eva Radford, and Jordan Butcher.

Over the course of the event this year, the following players also took part: - Linda Thornton, Lewis Parnell, & Rita James

The format of the finals is a Round Robin and by the end of those matches, three of them were tied on fifteen points each, so it all came down to a very close one bowl play-off which the Melton Pork Pies won.



Victorious Melton Pork Pies

What a wonderful achievement for our players and the club; I am sure that Royce

Varley would have been looking down on them, and spurring them on and feeling very proud of their achievement.

The team will be presented with their trophy at the Summer Presentations event on Saturday 23rd September at around 6:00pm, so why not come along and congratulate all the winners of this summers competitions.

## Name the New Junior Club Member



This is the new Mascot of the Junior Club and he/she needs a name. If you can think of an appropriate name, and would like to enter a competition to win a £10 voucher

to spend in the club, please place it in an envelope together with a one pound coin and drop it on the box in the office and don't forget to include your name. Entries must be in by Wednesday 4th October, so that the winning name can be chosen and announced by Friday 6th, in readiness for the first round of the EIBA David Cornwell Trophy on Sunday 8th.

Some of the names received so far include the following: -

Madge, Madi, Quasimodo, Barney, Barnaby, Steve, Jackson, Jacky, Woody, Bowly Bear, Charlie, Cosmic, Mowbray, Polly, Woolie, Paddington, Tommy, Honey, Fred, Garry, Mylow.

All the proceeds from this will go to the Junior Club funds.

### **Rink Booking**

On two occasions recently, people playing in the Thursday Gala have had their rink taken off them under the guise of "Competitions take Precedence". In the latest incident, a group of four people had paid for the rink, but were told by another member that competitions take precedence. The Gala organisers were uncertain of the rules and in the absence of anyone in authority too ask, assumed that the people wishing to take the rink were within their rights to do so. The four people who had paid for the rink had to return home, some distance away. The club has offered them a free session of bowls by way of an apology for what happened.

I have reported on this issue previously so it is disappointing that there should be another incident.

For the avoidance of doubt, when a rink has been booked by someone, and another person or persons wish to use the same rink at the time previously booked, they must contact the person who has booked the rink and ask their permission to take the rink over.

Under no circumstances must the rink be taken without the permission of the person whose name is against the booking.

Failure to comply with his rule may incur disciplinary action against the offender.

### **New Staff Member**

We wish to welcome a new member of the Bar Staff; Poppy Marriot who joined us recently will provide weekend cover. Poppy works as a teaching assistant at Birchwood special needs school and is enjoying her new part time role.

### **Cancelled Games**

Members are reminded that when League Games are cancelled (not postponed to be played later), the rink fee must still be paid by both teams.

It is the responsibility of the Team Captains to make the payment to either the Office, or the Bar, making it clear that the money is for a cancelled game.

### **Gilbert Forster**

It is with sadness that I report the death of Gilbert who passed away recently. Gilbert, known affectionately by everyone as "Gill" was a regular face within the club, and supported many club activities. We send sincere condolences to Helen and all the family.

### **John Favell**

I must also report the death of John Favell a long standing member and also a supporter of many of the club's activities. We send sincere condolences to Sylvia and all the family.