



NEWSLETTER



Melton & District Indoor Bowls Club Limited

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Can You Help

When we hold our Open Days to try to attract more members, we provide those attending with shoes and bowls. However, the shoes do become unusable after a time and have to be destroyed and we are constantly looking for more bowls of smaller sizes, particularly for ladies.

If you do have any shoes that are useable or even a set of small sizes bowls that you would be prepared to donate to the club, it would greatly enhance the experience of the potential members thereby improving the possibility of them joining the club, and we still need to continue with our programme of recruitment.

On 18th July we signed up our 622nd member, so well done to everyone involved. During the next few years we will see a number of our original members reaching the age where their ability to play becomes limited, so they are more likely to reduce their bowling commitment. We need to fill that capacity wherever we can in order to maintain our low cost bowling structure, so anything that you can do to help is greatly appreciated.

Never Give Up

On Monday 15th May 2017 one of the teams in the summer Triples league, the "Jackeyes", were losing the game going into the last end, but managed to score a perfect 9 to make a come back to win 17 shots to 16. It just goes to show that you should never give up, no matter how challenging the score appears.

Mind you, had the opposing skip not fired but, instead drawn a bowl into even sixth position, his team would still have won. A sobering thought eh!

New Rink Booking System

The recently installed rink booking system located on the Bar now seems to be working satisfactorily, although we will be purchasing a larger tablet to make things clearer.

In addition, the television previously mounted in the Conference Room has been relocated on to the central pillar in the Lounge Area, and will display the current days bowling programme to assist members in locating the rink on which they are playing in league games.

Anyone needing tuition on how to use the system should speak to Racheal Freeman and she will arrange for a brief introduction which really is very simple.

Amy Butcher

Amy has left her position as Bar Assistant to join a travel company as a Holiday Representative. Amy worked for the club for a number of years and we thank her for her contribution to the business and wish her every success in her new role.

Traffic Inconvenience

You may have noticed the road closure on Bowling Green, caused by the company building the new housing development alongside Melton Town Bowls Club. As a result of this we have been allowing users of the Baptist Church to use our car park during the closure.

During the National Championships the Church does allow us to use their car park so this reciprocal arrangement suits both parties. For the duration of this work, please park with consideration, to allow the maximum number of cars to use the car park.

Friendly Match

The club has arranged a Friendly Match against Barwell at Barwell on Saturday the 12th August 2017 starting at 2 pm. Please put your names on the list on the Notice Board if you can play, and indicate if you can take anyone else with you in your car, or if you need a lift. Thank you.

Thank you, Mick Rawle.

Rink Closure

On Thursday 10th August, the Air Condition system throughout the building will be given its half-yearly service, and this will result in a restricted availability for bowling that day from opening time until around 4:00pm.

Accordingly, the rinks will be blocked out to allow this work to proceed. We apologise for any inconvenience caused, but this is essential work.

Stormwater System

The system which removes rainwater from the roof of the building is in need of some work. The building is thirty years old this year, and whilst most parts of the building have been updated over the years, the rainwater system hasn't had much attention, and a number of the outlets from the gutter on each side of the building have been found to be leaking.

This is due to the rubber/polymer seals in the fittings becoming hard and less flexible. We will therefore be renewing these which shouldn't cause much disruption to the business.

There is likely to be some extensive building work taking place alongside the steps leading up to the footpath on Bowling Green, the road alongside the building. We will close half of the steps (nearest to the building) whilst this work is carried out.

At present, rainwater from each side of the roof is drawn out of the guttering by a series of outlets and into a pipe which travels the length of the building. The water from the Car Park side of the building roof then travels across the width of the building through the space above the offices and Ladies changing room, and the two pipes (one from each side of the building) join together inside the space above the

kitchen area at the South-East corner of the building, where a single pipe drops vertically inside the building and then becomes horizontal alongside the steps mentioned earlier as it travels into the main stormwater sewer underneath the road known as Bowling Green, which runs between our building and the Melton Building Society building.

The purpose of this work is to separate the rainwater system from each side of the building at the corner where it drops vertically, and have two vertical pipes which will join into one in the manhole which is currently alongside the steps. The height of the wall at this point will be increased thereby allowing for the new pipe and will also result in a deeper manhole.

This work has been designed by a Structural Engineer employed by the company to resolve the issue with problems with our system.

Since all the work is taking place within our property boundary and the same volume of water will be discharged into the main stormwater sewer, we are not required to obtain any permissions to carry out this work.

A notice will be posted within the club to advise when this work is being carried out.

Defibrillator

Many members are not aware that as part of our Health and Safety policy, the club has a Defibrillator on site which is located at the Bar. This is a professional machine which is checked regularly and maintained to ensure its reliability.

All the Staff are trained in its use and in addition we will run number of awareness courses again so that any member wishing to learn how to use the defibrillator can attend. There is no cost for this course which lasts less than thirty minutes. We will post information about these courses in due course.