



# NEWSLETTER



## Melton & District Indoor Bowls Club Limited

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### Festive Season

It only seems like yesterday since we were preparing for Christmas 2015 and yet here we are again; where has 2016 gone?

On behalf of the Directors, I extend best wishes to all our members, young and old for a happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year for 2017.

Of course Membership renewals are due by 31st December, so if you haven't yet received your renewal notice, please speak to either Linda or Racheal in the office. May I remind you that all monies should be paid in through the till at the Bar so that we can trace all payments. For another year the Membership subscription has been held at the same rate that it was in 2012, and whilst the rate of inflation is still very low, many other costs have increased above the rate of inflation, so the membership at Melton represents very good value for money, when compared to other Indoor Bowls Clubs

### Membership Renewal Changes

I am delighted to announce, that at the Board Meeting held on Tuesday 13th December, the Directors agreed to make changes to the renewal date for Membership Subscriptions, as a result of requests from some members. These changes are as follows.

1. The renewal date for Membership Subscriptions will change from 31st December to 31st March each year.

2. Subscriptions paid by members for the 2017 year, will cover a fifteen month period instead of twelve months, thereby expiring on 31st March 2018, for no additional fee, so members will get three months free membership.

3. Members over the age of 85 by 31st December 2016, who are registered in a league and were intending to retire from the sport at the end of 2016, may extend their membership to 31st March 2017, for no additional fee. This will allow them to complete the current year's league games. If this situation applies to you, but you have paid your membership for next year in order to complete the current winter season's league games, we will refund your fee. To get this refund, please speak to Linda in the office.

4. These changes will eliminate the problem of teams finding it difficult to continue to the end of the winter season, because of losing members who are retiring from the sport at Christmas. Also, by moving the renewal date to 31st March, it will no longer clash with the Christmas period which is an expensive time of year for everyone.

This announcement is being made prior to the necessary changes to the company

rules being made, in order to effect them as quickly as possible. The rules and documentation will be amended shortly so that the necessary approvals can be obtained.

### Under 25 League

Sunday 27th November 2016 saw Brandon Giblett, Paul Warrington and Jordan Butcher taking on the strong side of Lewis Widdowson, Bradley Freer and Liam English of Charnwood at Charnwood IBC.

The camaraderie between all the players and both teams was excellent with neither team letting up or caving in under the pressure and actively applauding each other's play. The match was so tight that for those watching from the side-lines and those playing on other rinks, they could not fail to be impressed by the skills shown or the manner in which the match was conducted. In the end the match was drawn with each team scoring 14 shots

Unfortunately the home game against Church Gresley on Saturday 10th December has had to be postponed until Saturday 7th January 2017. This is mainly in part to the current success with our boys. As it happens three of our boys will be in action on that day as they will be playing a National Triples game at Church Gresley

This results puts Melton at the top of the North section of this competition with twice the number of points scored than any other team in the event. The teams entered are:

### North Section

Melton	20 points
South Forest	10 points
Charnwood	10 points
Church Gresley	0 points

### South Section

Rugby Leicester	10 points
Leicester	10 points
Kingsthorpe	10 points
Northampton	0 points
Barwell	0 points

Our Junior Club goes from strength to strength, so well done to the Juniors involved, as well as our coaching team under the guidance of Erica Warrington.

### Junior Club Christmas Gala

Saturday 17th December 2016 was a day to remember. Fourteen junior club members came together with twenty-eight other club members for a morning of fun in the form of a triples game.

The morning began with the spider event which was duly won by Dave Patterson while throughout the morning, spot prizes were awarded touching the jack.

Halfway through the morning, our resident Santa made a visit to the delight of our younger bowlers.



### Some interesting costumes here!

Throughout the proceedings a raffle was being run, alongside a target competition to win a large cuddly toy which was duly won by Paul Warrington for the highest score achieved.

Prizes were also awarded to the overall winning rink consisting of Paul Warrington, Jordan Butcher and Eva Radford, and the losing rink of Max Magee, Dave Patterson and Jean Ladkin.

A real thank you has to go to Medhi and his team for the lovely spread he afforded us at half-time and to Janys Burton for her help running the raffle.

Overall a sum of £93-20 was raised thanks to all those who donated prizes, helped out and took part.

Thank you all on behalf of the Junior Club Team and we wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



**Santa with our Junior Club Members**



**Glynis and Erica with Santa**

### **Brian Oxborough**

It is with great sadness that I report to you the death of Brian, who was a member from 1987 until he and Eunice left the area in 2002 to live in Worksop to be closer to their Daughter who suffers with M.S.

Brian was a Director for a number of years, looking after our Electrical services and supply, as he was an Electrical Engineer by trade.

Brian was eighty-two years old. We send sincere condolences to Eunice, Karen and all the family.

### **Brian Taylor**

Very sadly, Brian has also passed away following a short illness. He organised and ran, two gala's every week at the club, and made a significant contribution by doing that.

Brian will be greatly missed and we send sincere condolences to his family.

Once again, we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year

