

# NEWSLETTER

**Melton & District Indoor Bowls Club Limited**

**November 2016**

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## **U25 Midlands League**

Sunday 30th October saw the team of Ethan Giblett, Paul Warrington and Jordan Butcher in their first home match against a formidable team of brothers consisting Mathew, David and Jack Williams from South Forest IBC.

Melton took the early spoils giving them what looked like a comfortable but hard fought lead at the half way point. However, despite the boys best efforts, the lead was gradually eaten away resulting in just three points separating the teams with just one end left to play.

The last end appeared to last an eternity not only for the players but also for those watching on the side lines. As each bowl was played, the intensity grew, each not wanting to be the one that gave the game away. With three bowls to go, Jordan placed a wood hoping to counter any possible offensive to be made by their opponents skip. With baited breath, minutes passed before, with trepidation we watched their skip deliver his final bowl which

narrowly missed its target and thus the end was declared with one bowl remaining un-played.

Final score was **Melton 16 – 14 South Forest**

## **Editors Comment**

Since the Junior Club was revised and new opportunities introduced for the youngsters, including competitions against other clubs, our young players are making excellent progress, and this result demonstrates that in abundance.

Well done to our junior players.

## **Items from the Bowls Management Committee**

### **Volunteer Required**

The preparation of the Year Book requires input from a number of people, but it then has to be compiled and checked for accuracy. This year, Chuck, our League Manager did this job, and if a volunteer cannot be found to do it, he will continue, but he does have his role as League Manager to do also, so if there is anyone who would be prepared to assist with the

compilation and checking, it would be greatly appreciated.

### **League Management Control**

Occasionally, when the League Manager receives completed scorecards, there are only three names on one of the teams named in a Rinks game. In these circumstances Chuck will always assume that only three people actually played and thereby deduct 25% of the points scored.

It is therefore in the best interests of teams to make sure that all players actually playing in a game, are listed on the scorecard.

### **Substitution of a player in Competitions**

There has been some confusion of the rule relating to substitution of a player in competitions. Here at Melton we operate a local rule, whereby a substitute may play in any position except Skip.

This rule is different from the EIBA Competition rules and I have been asked to clarify this for members through the Newsletter.

### **Friendly Matches**

Members are asked to support friendly matches against other clubs, so please keep an eye on the notice board listing forthcoming matches.

### **Christmas Draw**

Tickets for the 2016 Christmas Draw are now available from the Bar at the costs of £1 per ticket, so please support the club by purchasing a few tickets. If you wish to make a donation towards the prizes, please see Yvonne Poulton.

### **Christmas Concert**

A Band Concert has been organised for Sunday 4th December, with tickets at £5 to include a minced pie and a glass of Mulled Wine. It should be a good night out.

### **Dress Code**

I have been asked to remind members that the dress code for bowling at all times is Grey bottoms and predominantly white tops (which includes M & D IBC Club Shirt).

### **Bowls Bags & Clothing**

Once again a reminder to all members to use the Changing Rooms for bowls bags and items of outdoor clothing rather than leaving them in the Bowls area.

This is a health and safety requirement from our insurers.

### **Changes on the board of Directors**

As a result of the recent resignation of Arthur Broadberry, a number of changes have been made within the Board of Directors.

Ron Harris will take on the additional role of Vice Chairman.

Val Noone will become the Director responsible for the Bar, and Peter Bailey will take on the role of Press Officer.

These changes take effect immediately.

## **Membership**

I am delighted to be able to report that membership of the club now stands at 661, which is excellent for this time of year.

Of course we expect the usual "*Age Cliff*" to occur in January, when some of our members decide to retire from the sport, and we have had a number pass away this year. So the challenge continues to attract new members, but at least we know that we have been very successful in doing this over the past four years.

We just need to continue doing it well, so every bit of help that you the members can provide will all help as we set out once again to recruit around forty new members to make up the shortfall.

## **Quiz Night**

Our next quiz night is on Sunday 27th November, so why not get an entry form and come and have some fun, as well as raising money for a local charity.

## **President's Tour 2016/17**

President Sue Lemon has been advised that there two couples may

have to drop out of her tour in February, so she has asked me to put the following notice in this Newsletter

I am looking to find anyone who would be interested in joining the Tour and who would be happy to drop into a place if any of the participants drop out. I have had early warnings that this might be the case with two couples that were planning to travel. Hopefully this will not happen, but I was a Girl Guide and like to be prepared.

## **National Championship Finals**

The 2016/17 EIBA National Championship Finals take place commencing Saturday 25th March 2017 and concluding on Saturday 1st April, and we will be asking for volunteers to act as Stewards during the event. Full training will be given to new volunteers but the task is a very simple and enjoyable one.

We will be putting up sheets for names for the various Stewarding slots in the New Year so please consider it, you will enjoy the experience.

## **E.S.M.B.A. National Finals**

For the first time, we will be staging the English Short Mat Bowling Association National Championship Finals over a four day period commencing Thursday 6th April 2017.

This is a new venture for the club and it will be interesting to watch, with up to 192 players on the green at one time during the fours finals.



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