

NEWSLETTER

Melton & District Indoor Bowls Club Limited

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Open Day Saturday 1st October

This year's open day was a great success with 33 people attending the club to try out the sport. Of these, there were six couples and a number of potential junior members. Our thanks must go to all those who came down to help on the day, as well as those who helped on the previous Saturday, by promoting the club and the event in the Town centre.

The current membership now stands at 657.

Quiz Night, Sunday 27 November

For the second time this year, Racheal has organised a fund raising quiz night, and if we get anything like the number of entries we did last time, it will be a great success. Details of the event are posted with the club, so why not come along and have a good laugh and demonstrate your knowledge prowess.

Arthur Broadberry

After almost thirty years continuous service as a Director of the business, from its inception at the beginning of 1987, Arthur has decided to stand down from his position as a Director with immediate effect.

As one of the founder Directors Arthur has covered most roles within the Board, including for the last ten years or so, the position of Vice Chairman, as well as overseeing the Bar activities.

Arthur was also one of the original committee formed in 1984 to investigate to feasibility of creating an indoor bowls club in Melton Mowbray, so no-one else in the history of the

club has served continuously for a longer period, so this is a significant achievement.

Of course, Arthur's long suffering wife Bettine has been supportive throughout, and given the strains that can be put on family life when one partner is involved so much with the ups and downs of helping to start and run a business, we must thank her as well.

Arthur now has a role as a Director of the E.I.B.A. which also puts additional demands on his time, and of course none of us are getting any younger, so we wish Arthur the best of luck with his E.I.B.A. role, and both him and Bettine many more years of happy retirement.

2016/17 Yearbook

Apparently the Yearbook for this season contains a number of minor errors. Preparing the data for this book is a complicated affair, involving input from a number of people and co-ordinating all this activity into a final draft, which then has to be checked prior to printing. This takes a great deal of effort, and with the best will in the world, mistakes can easily happen.

As a result, the BMC are looking at how best to compile the Yearbook in future, bearing in mind the considerable effort required if the person doing it, also has other work to do for the club.

One of the items missed within the Yearbook, was the Tuesday Gala which continues to attract lots of members, so any concerns about its future are unfounded, and this event will continue throughout the winter season.

Also from Jenny McConnell

Please note we have some Friendly Games that are not in the year book due to late receipt of requests for games.

Home v Notts H.V.P's Sunday 18th December 2016 - 6 Rinks of Triples 12:30pm and a meal after the game.

Home v Barwell Sunday 30th January 2017 - 6 rinks - 2pm and a meal after the game (this one an error on my part sorry).

Please check the Year Book for the Friendly games. You will meet and play against some very nice players from other Clubs.

Availability sheets for the games are on the notice board next to the League Results Board.

Under 25 Midlands League

(sponsored by Aero Bowls for the next 5 years)

This is a newly formed league between 9 local clubs split into two groups consisting of: -

- a) Charnwood, Church Gresley, Melton and South Forest
- b) Barwell, Kingsthorpe, Northampton, Leicester and Rugby Thornfield

They will play games both home and away as 18 end triples.

The top club from each group will then play for the title at a neutral club in March 2017.

Under 25 Midlands League

Sunday 9th October 2016 saw a team consisting of Ethan Giblett, Brandon Giblett and Jordan Butcher away to Alice Atkin, Jack Hart and Will Davies of Church Gresley.

A very close and tentative start was made by both teams which saw a score of 4 – 4 after four ends. Although heads remained tight, Melton remained the dominant winning 13 of the 18 ends played.

Final score saw Melton win 34 – 7

Future U25 Matches -

Melton "v" South Forest at home on Saturday 29th October at 10am

Melton 'v' Charnwood away on Sunday 27th November at 9-30am

Melton 'v' Church Gresley at home on Saturday 10th December

Eva Radford

Eva has been involved in many activities within the club over the years as well as her excellent performances on the green, but she has decided to stand down from her role as a Meeter & Greeter. In this role, Eva has introduced many potential and new bowlers to the club over the past three or four years and we must be very grateful for her commitment and enthusiasm.

No doubt Eva will continue to play bowls and enjoy the clubs facilities, so we wish both her and husband Ray, for all the help and support given to the club over the years.

Thelma Stubbs

I must also report that Thelma has resigned as Club Secretary following recent surgery on her knee. Thelma has given much to the club over the years, and her wealth of secretarial experience has been a major asset.

I know that husband Vic has been very busy looking after Thelma and keeping the house in order over the past weeks since Thelma's operation, so we wish them both continued good health and many more years of happy retirement.

I understand that Pat Wright will be taking over as Club Secretary

End of British Summertime

Don't forget to put your clocks back on Sunday morning 30th October as we reach the end of British Summertime for 2016. Welcome to dark nights and cold mornings!