

NEWSLETTER

Melton & District Indoor Bowls Club Limited

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The Highs & Lows of Fantastic 5'

After a very successful start to their campaign to retain the title, Melton Pork Pies faced a challenging Semi-Final against Havering Blue from Hornchurch in Essex, on a neutral green at Bedford Borough IBC.

This proved to be a very tight game as you would expect at this stage in the competition. In the Singles, Les Gillet won comfortably by 14 shots to 7. In the pairs, Les and Sue Dixon were 2 shots down with two ends to play, but they turned it round and won by two shots.

The Triples was another tight game with Carol Orridge, Peter White and Don Welch behind by two shots with just one end to play, but managed to score an excellent three on the last end to win the game by one shot.

The fours proved to be a more straightforward affair with Sue, Carole, Don and Peter sticking to the task and winning by 8 shots to 4. This gave the Pork Pies an 8 points to nil win, thereby getting them to the finals day at Egham IBC on Sunday 18th September.

Four teams won through to the finals day which is a Round Robin

Competition with the winners being decided by the number of points won. There are two points available on each game so if one team wins each of their four games against their opponent they gain 8 points and the opponents get none.

Melton were without the skills of Les Gillet as he was in competition elsewhere on the day, but the rest of the team did their best. The pace of the green was very fast compared to Melton, and this proved to be a problem for our players who all found it difficult to get the right line and length.

However, they persevered, and in their first game against Worthing Pavilion who proved to be too strong and Melton lost overall by seven points to one.

In their next game against Moonfleet Smugglers (Weymouth) once again Melton players found it difficult to adjust to the green, whereas Moonfleet were more consistent, winning the game by six points to two.

Melton's final game was against Mote Park from Maidstone in Kent. In their first game against Monfleet, Mote Park had managed a draw, four points

each, and in their second against Worthing Pavilion had lost by two points to six. Once again, the opponents proved too strong for Melton and we went down by six points to two.

The overall result was Moonfleet came out on top, scoring a total of sixteen points. In second place were Worthing Pavilion with a total of fifteen points. Mote Park were third with twelve points and Melton in last place with five points.

Despite the result on finals day, we should be very proud of the Pork Pies team for their performance overall in the competition, well done one and all and thanks to Royce Varley and Tony Wright for organising the teams and their matches throughout the competition.

Mission 650 Tuesday Gala

Due to an omission in the 2016/17 Yearbook, the 650 Gala which takes place at 4:00pm every Tuesday is not shown, so I have been asked to point out that the Gala will continue throughout the winter season as before. We will also publish a notice to that effect within the club premises and we apologise for any confusion caused.

Office Refurbishment

It is some twenty years since anything was done to improve the office in which Linda, our Office Manager and Racheal our Bar Manager both work. Other people use the office facilities from time to time such as Chuck Kershaw the League Secretary, and

Cheryl and Mick Rawle our Membership Secretaries.

We felt that it was time to improve the facilities and at the same time re-decorate it. The two regular users were asked how they would like the office improved, and both of them requested a window to let some natural light into the room. The window has laminated glass to the outside and we have installed a security grille. A blind will shortly be installed in case the sunlight becomes too bright.

We also took the decision to make some significant changes including removing a short piece of wall that served no purpose, replacing the ceiling with more modern tiles, changing the layout so that Linda and Racheal were facing each other rather than having their backs to each other as before.

The walls have been re-decorated in the same colour as the rest of the walls within the building and new carpet tiles installed.

There were many cables trailing across the floor previously, and these have now been eliminated by installing a dado rail including both power and network sockets.

The overall result is that we now have a much improved layout, some natural daylight, and both Linda and Racheal are delighted with it.

Waste Management

Over the past few months, the cost of removing waste from our site has become more expensive, due to the

mix of waste that we put into the various bins.

There has also been a development in waste management due to the introduction of “Bio-Mass” processing plants all over the country. The nearest one to us located on the side of the A46 just south of the Widmerpool roundabout.

Bio-Mass processors put food (organic waste) into a type of boiler which heats the waste to a warm temperature such that gas is given off by the rotting food, and this is then used to provide energy for commercial boilers, thereby improving the nation’s recycling and saving lots of landfill.

We will take delivery of bins for the collection of our food waste. These will be collected twice weekly with a fresh cleaned bin being returned each time.

In addition to this we will have bins specifically for mixed recyclable waste such as paper, cardboard, plastic of all types, and metal. We have separate bins for glass and there will be one bin for general waste that doesn’t fit into any of the other categories.

The one plastic material that cannot be recycled is Black Bin Bags and so these must be put into the General Waste bin which will go to Landfill. The reason that Black Bags cannot be recycled like other coloured plastic bags, is that the colouring used for them is so strong that if they were to be recycled, they could only be used for making items that are black in colour.

The large red bin located in the car park will be removed as it will no longer be required. The new contract will commence with in the next few weeks.

These changes do of course mean that we will have to be more diligent in what we place into each of the bins, but we will be putting labels in the waste area stating what should go in which bin.

The result of these changes will be a further improvement to our Carbon Footprint so we can be confident that together with our other carbon reduction schemes we are doing our bit for the planet. Oh, and by the way it will save us around £800 each year.

Winter Leagues Begin

It doesn’t seem five minutes since we ended our last winter season and yet here it is again, with the first league starting on Sunday morning 25th September.

I hope that those who choose to play outdoors had a successful season and similarly those who continued playing indoors.

We wish everyone a happy and successful winter season.

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