

# NEWSLETTER

## Melton & District Indoor Bowls Club Limited

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### **EIBA National Championship finals**

Our contract with the EIBA to stage the National Finals has been re-negotiated for the next two years, although there are some changes.

Next year's event will take place earlier than the 2016 event, starting on Saturday 25th March 2017, and concluding on Saturday 1st April. There will be a maximum of sixteen entries in each of the Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours for both the Men and the Ladies.

Other finals to be staged during the week are

- The Mens Under twenty-five Inter-County Final on Sunday 26th March
- The Mens over Sixty Inter-County Final on Tuesday 28th March
- The Vivienne Trophy Ladies inter-Club Final on Thursday 30th March
- The Atherley Trophy Ladies Inter-County Final of Saturday 1st April

### **Fantastic 5's Begin Defence of Title**

The "Melton Pork Pies" have started the defence of their title in great form once again, having won their Round Robin group stage with one game to play, a great achievement. This takes them through to the Regional Final to be played over the weekend of 21st/22nd August.

Their opponents for this round have not yet been determined, but it looks as though it may well be the Fox Hill Club in Aylesbury, who have an excellent record in the competition so far this year.

For more information about this event, go to [www.eiba.co.uk](http://www.eiba.co.uk) click on Competitions, and follow the information on the screen

### **Board of Directors**

I thought it would be worthwhile listing the names of the Directors of the business and their roles so that everyone knows who to contact if they have an issue/problem.

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| David Brown:       | Chairman; Energy Supplies & Newsletter |
| Arthur Broadberry: | Deputy Chairman & Bar                  |
| Andy Bolton:       | Company Secretary & Health & Safety    |
| Ron Harris OBE:    | Finance                                |
| David Fry MBE:     | Personnel                              |
| Byron James:       | Buildings External                     |
| Peter Bailey:      | Mission 650 Liaison                    |
| Sue Lemon:         | Adult Liaison                          |
| Val Noone:         | Marketing & Promotion                  |
| Erica Warrington:  | Junior Club & Junior Liaison           |

Following Peter Breeze's resignation, we have a vacancy for a Director with responsibility for "Building Internals" and we are currently seeking out suitable candidates for this role. So if you have a yearning to be more involved with the running of the business, and think that you have some experience to enable you to make a contribution, please get in touch.

## **Club Office**

We have decided to refurbish the office in which both Linda and Racheal work as well as various others who use the computer system in order to carry out their duties. Such people as Chuck Kershaw, League Manager, Mick & Cheryl Rawle the Membership Secretary's they also need a suitable place to work.

The office has evolved over the years to accommodate the staff, rather than being planned, and we feel it could be better laid out, utilising the space available in a better way. The office is also well overdue a coat of paint to brighten it up.

A plan is being developed to carry out the refurbishment during the month of August/September, so there will be some disruption to normal service. Linda and Racheal will be re-located into the Conference Room along with much of the furniture, filing cabinets and other associated files currently on shelves and in cupboards.

There will be some building work going on as well as electrical work, plumbing, decoration and a new carpet being fitted so there will be no access to the office during this time.

It is anticipated that the work will take up to three weeks, so please bear with us during this activity.

## **Coaching**

We will shortly be posting a list of our qualified Coaches so that anyone wishing to have one to one coaching, will be able to contact one of the coaches directly and organise a session or two with them. There are no charges for this service, so if you want to improve your game you can now organise it yourself.

## **Coaching Training**

We are also planning to offer further training through the Bowls Development Alliance for our current Coaches to enable them to reach Level Two status. This is a more intensive training but necessary in order for the club to fulfil the requirements of the "Club Mark Scheme", which we expect to be applying for by the end of this year.

Any of our current Level One Coaches will be given the opportunity to undertake this training, should they wish to do so.

For other members of the club who might like to gain a qualification in coaching, the business would be happy to consider running another training course for those wishing to become level one coaches, at some time in the future. So if you are interested in this opportunity, please let David Fry have your name and we will let you know when we are able to make such a course available.

## **News for the BMC Meeting**

The Bowls Management committee met on Tuesday 5th July and here are some of the highlights of that meeting: -

### **Melton Times Sports Awards for 2016**

Sue Lemon reported that the club had received two nominations in the awards; Paul Warrington in the Junior Section and The Melton Pork Pies in the Team Awards for winning the National Title in the Fantastic 5's Competition in 2015.

Sadly, neither of our entries won the top award but both received certificates of Highly Commended. The event was well supported with more than two hundred people in attendance.

Well done to both our entries, it is a credit to them for getting into the last three in their respective categories.

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

Sue lemon has organised her Presidential Tour which will be to Worthing in Sussex over the weekend of 10th to 13th February 2017. Anyone wishing to be part of the tour should contact Sue directly.

### **Umpires Kit**

Paul Noone has organised the provision of an Umpires Kit which is to be kept in a secure location, (probably the Office) and access to it will require signature and key from the Bar, and it must be taken as a complete set and returned as such; it will be inspected on its return to make sure we don't lose any items.

Thank you to Paul for organising this.

## **Lottery Grant Aid**

We are currently comprising a list of equipment that would improve our ability to offer bowling to various groups including some disabled groups and indeed our own Junior Club.

Once this has been established, an application will be made using an agent to deal with the application process, rather than trying to do it ourselves. This will cost us a proportion of any grant awarded, but the agents are experts in obtaining grant aid, so it was felt that we should utilise their services. If they are unsuccessful, it will cost us nothing.

## **Fixtures for 2016/17**

Jenny McConnell reported that the fixtures for the forthcoming winter season have been completed and are ready for inclusion in the new Year Book when it goes to print.

She reported that Notts V.P's. and the Rutland Tourists will not be coming this year. It seems to be getting harder and harder to get friendly matches arranged. Gone are the days when we had such matches every weekend, and sometimes on both Saturday and Sunday.

## **Leagues**

With the announcement that the EIBA National Finals have moved to the earlier start date of 25th March, the last day for the completion of the leagues will now be 23rd March.

The 2016/17 winter season presentation night will be held on Friday 21st April, which allows two weeks to complete any re-arranged games. Easter next year is over the weekend of 14th to 17th April.

## **Winter Competitions**

The closing date for entries for the next winter seasons competitions is Friday 14th October.

## **Summer Finals**

The dates for the finals of the summer competitions will be as follows:

Novices - 19th to 21st August

Main - 2nd to 4th September

## **Cruise Holidays**

I have been approached by one of our new members whose wife operates a small travel agency from home, offering cruise holidays at very competitive rates. He has made a contribution to our chosen charity, "Wish upon a Star" which provides "Dreams" for terminally ill children and their families, in return for a small amount of advertising within this Newsletter during the forthcoming year and an A4 advert on the Notice Board.

If you enjoy cruising it would be to your advantage to look at what they have to offer.

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