



Malvern Priory Bowling Club Newsletter

July 2018

Malvern Hills District Community Sports Awards 2018

Brian Palmer has been chosen as one of the top three nominees for the Unsung Hero Award in the Malvern Hills District Community Sports Awards for 2018.

The Awards evening will take place on Thursday 12th July at the Bank House Hotel, Bransford.

We wish him well and thank him for all the hard work he does to make the club a better place.

Match players - calling all new players

Don't be frightened to put your name down for matches. We now have a healthy and enthusiastic number of new members who are proving to be very good players, they should come forward to play at friendly club matches. New members don't be shy, add your names if you would like to play.

At times the number of players may be more than we need so putting your name on the list may not always guarantee a place. Don't be deterred by this as often people drop out for various reasons and you will be needed.

The club policy is to share opportunities for all members.

President's message

Advanced Tactics and Team Play Strategy!

Unfortunately the county coaches have failed to respond to the coaching request for the club. The secretary to the ECBS (Stella Clarke) is extremely embarrassed despite continued reminders to them. I am looking into an alternative coaching arrangement with Stella.

Inter-club pairs elimination competitions, involving Priory, Manor Park and Victoria Bowling Clubs.

Please note that the inter club competition entries between Priory, Manor Park and Victoria can be found on the Manor Park website.

Wayne Braddock
President

Captain's message

Hi to you all.

We are approximately half way through the outdoor bowling season, which to my mind has been really successful. The green is playing well, and is looking a treat. My thanks go to Brian Palmer for all his hard work in organising everything in order to achieve this.

The membership increase has been incredible, with an overall figure of 60+ being reached.

Jackie Oakey has spent many hours on this project alone, so a big thank you to her.

We still struggle on occasions, to 'field' enough players for our friendly matches against local teams, which is an ideal opportunity to play on other greens against different players. Please put your names on the relevant forms. (newcomers especially welcome)

The main thing is to enjoy your bowling.

Roy

Club Captain

Victor -ious Victoria

Unfortunately Priory Ladies lost to Victoria Ladies in our second match, losing on all 3 rinks. We did, however, have a lovely afternoon and enjoyed their friendly hospitality.

Our next game is away to Manor Park Ladies on Tuesday 10th July at 2.30pm. We do not have enough players signed up for this match 2 more are needed volunteers please!

Venturing further a field I am happy to report that Priory Ladies will be represented in 7 competitions promoted by the county and other clubs, good luck to all.

We are now on the map officially as at the end of June I attended the WBA Lady President's Lunch at Pershore. This was a very sociable occasion with an assembly of representatives from most of the Ladies' clubs in Worcestershire. The message sent out by Lesley Wood, our president was to just go out on the Green and have fun. It seems obvious to me that we've already got this message at Priory.

Lorna Rodway
Ladies' Captain - 01684 563352

Les Thomas Trophy

Malvern Priory are now half way through this season's matches and are running fifth in the table of eight teams. We have had some good close matches; the current situation is that we have won six, drawn two and lost eight. We have every confidence in our future progress and look forward to advancing further up the table.

Greville

Club membership

Membership now stands at 65 full members and 4 social members. 26 new bowlers have joined since the start of the season! Again, I encourage everyone to take full advantage of everything that the club has on offer - the roll-ups, friendly matches and our many social events.

Also, don't be frightened to volunteer to help in the kitchen for events & match days (speak to Jackie or Gail) or at Brian Palmer's regular green maintenance day on Mondays (just one or two hours of very light exercise helps keep the green looking trim!). They will be delighted with your assistance - if everyone volunteers a little bit of time when they can, we can lighten the load on those who keep the club operating at such a high level.

Brian Wheeler
Membership Secretary

Black mats - IMPORTANT

Because of the very hot weather the black mats attract the heat and have burned the green beneath. Can we please ensure they are picked up immediately after use during a game and placed on the artificial grass.

It will take a considerable time for the grass to regenerate.

Brian Palmer

Civic week activities

We had a successful stand at Civic Week Sunday in the Park where we met a number of potential new players. This was followed up by a Civic Week Bowling Club Open afternoon last Friday when we welcomed a group of new people who came to 'have a go'. This resulted in a further two new members signing up.

Very many thanks to the volunteers who came so willingly to promote their club and a big thanks to Wayne who provided the pergola which was a great shield from the hot sun.

Jackie

Prizegiving

Unfortunately due to changes at the Worcestershire Golf Club we are no longer able to hold our annual prize giving lunch there . We have arranged to hold it this year at The Swan at Newland on Tuesday 23rd October 12 for 12.30 pm at a cost of £21 per person to include the tip.

I will shortly be sending out a menu for you to choose from together with a form for you to list your choice and return to me together with a cheque made payable to Malvern Priory Bowling Club.

Our prize giving lunch has always been a very special occasion and we look forward to seeing many members new and old, partners, friends etc there.

Jackie

Roll up stewards

We need volunteers. We need two roll up stewards each roll up session, 1 to check people in and the other to supervise rink allocation outside. New members are encouraged to participate. Please contact Roy Barber or Brian Wheeler.

It is important that all members share the responsibilities of helping with the club chores. Currently too much is undertaken by too few. If you can help please come forward.

Home Match - equipment

Have you Volunteered for Home match day rink preparation. If you can help please contact Club Captain Roy Barber on 01684 566249.

Last Sunday 1st July the green was not cleared completely with a score board, rink markers and number being left on the green after the match over night. Can all players please make sure everything is cleared and put away tidily after they have played. To replace these items is costly as they cannot be bought singly.

Brian Palmer

Rink Booking

There is now a register for booking a rink should you wish to use rinks. With increased membership it is not convenient for internal club matches to be held during roll up times. This register will help you to see when rinks are available.

Roger and Di Maingot will be updating this on a regular basis.

Legionella

As everyone knows we had an audit not long ago. Part of the requirements are that all hose pipes should be flushed through before use. When our irrigation system is first turned on, the person in charge must make sure there are no persons in the vicinity of the sprinklers or spray from the sprinklers for at least 1 minute.

This is a mandatory requirement of the club.

Brian Palmer

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Locker rooms

A very big thank you to new member Bob Kell who has fitted clasps to all the lockers in both rooms which needed them.

For safety reasons, if possible do not use a locker at the top to store your woods.

Don't forget to give Jackie one of your keys clearly labelled with your name and locker number.

Malvern Priory Bowling Club Championships

Matches are progressing well. Don't forget to book your rink in the Red rink booking folder which is on the counter near the suggestion box.

Club e mail address: malvernpbc@gmail.com
www.malvernpriorybowlingclub.com

Fixtures - reminder

Please note I have re-arranged matches with Crystal BC

Thursday 6 September, **Home**, 2.30 pm, whites. 4X3

Saturday 22 September, **AWAY**, 2.30 pm, whites, 4X3

Di Maingot
Fixtures Secretary

Dates for your diary

12th August President's day BBQ time 4.00 pm start
Tickets £7 per person. Bar Licence will be applied for.
Tickets from Jackie Oakey on 01684575957 or email jackie.oakey@gmail.com Bring along your friends and family for a great time. Country member Peter Storry is supplying the club with a large bbq and he will be in charge of cooking.

18th August Saturday - Bridge Drive 10.30 - 4.30 pm - £12.50 per head. We will be serving morning coffee and biscuits, lunch and tea and cakes at the end of play. TICKETS ARE SELLING FAST. AS AT TODAY 4TH JULY JUST 4 TICKETS LEFT.

1st/2nd September - Club finals

15/16th September - Interclub finals - we are hosting this event. Volunteers will be needed for refreshments and other duties.

9th September - 12.30 pm End of season pot luck lunch - Bring a dish sufficient to feed 6 people. Members and partners/wives/husbands are all welcome.

29th September Saturday 9 am- putting the green to bed. Lunch to be provided.

23rd October -- Annual Prize Giving at The Swan at Newland, 12-12.30 £21.00 per person including tip for a 2 course meal. Details to follow with menu and order form.

2nd or 9th November - AGM - date to be confirmed

December - date to be advised - Christmas get together

If anyone has any ideas for social evenings or would like to organise them please contact Jackie Oakey on jackie.oakey@gmail.com

Club Shirts and jackets

There is a small quantity of club shirts in stock at £22 each. If you would like a club shirt contact Jackie Oakey - jackie.oakey@gmail.com. Additional shirts, caps and jackets can be ordered but take 4 weeks for delivery.

Members news

We recently had to say goodbye to Phil Saunders who has moved away from the area. We wish him well and hope he finds a friendly bowling club nearby.

Glenys White is currently under the weather in Lugg Ward of Hereford Hospital. We hope she is soon back on form and wish her well with her recovery.

A very big welcome to the many new members who have recently joined the club. Some we have not seen for a couple of weeks so we hope you are well and will soon return for more fun.

Keep the Clubhouse tidy

If using club woods can you please make sure they are put away tidily in their respective bucket or box and stowed neatly under the seating in the men's locker room. This applies also to U3A members.

The Green

We have now let the maintenance i.e spraying and scarifying to the groundskeeper of the Worcestershire Golf Club. He will be scarifying the green once a month and applying weed killer and fertiliser three times a month. The green, before the drought, was far better than it had been for many years but to go to the next stage it requires professionals.

Maintenance - Monday maintenance is now down to the dedicated few, who work like beaver from 9 till 5. This has paid off as the bulk of the work has been done. However, this has to be maintained and it would be good to see other club members taking participating.

The achievements have been - we have fixed 80% of the artificial grass to the paving stones and each week we reducing the amount of necessary maintenance.

As I have mentioned before, due to the chemicals and fuel being kept in the shed there is limited access for club members. This was stipulated in a health and safety audit.

If you look in the store room (back door) you will now find sufficient tools, neatly stored on the wall, to enable members to sweep and garden without going into the shed. Please keep it tidy.

A volunteer is required as a back up for mowing the green should Tony not be available. This is good exercise. If you can help please contact me on 01684 575957.

Work Outstanding - fit the blinds in the kitchen.

Watering

Volunteers are needed to water the green, please contact me. THIS IS URGENT.

Brian Palmer

Cleaning and tea rotas

Thank you to those who have volunteered to clean and do match teas. The cleaning rota sheet is on the board. We must ensure the club house is cleaned regularly throughout the year, particularly when there are matches or functions on. With all the Health and Safety rules and regulations in place we must ensure the club house is kept clean, particularly in the kitchen and toilets. We now have 3 new matching kettles. Please help to maintain good standards.

Many hands make light work so why not lend a hand at doing teas and keeping the club house clean and tidy.

Suggest you bring your own rubber gloves and cloths when cleaning - cleaning products will be provided.

Car Parking

For those who are not aware of the Parking Permit Wheel you can register for a 2 hour residents parking permit if you pay your Council Tax to Malvern Hills District Council. This permit can be used in any car park within the MHDC area. The car park opposite the Splash is just a short walk up Swan Pool Alley and through the Secret Garden to the club house. The annual cost is £25 and can be done online. This would save people having to walk from College Road or further.

Hanging Baskets

A big thank you to Phil Bunyan who very generously donated and planted up our hanging baskets. They are looking stunning. A big thank you also to Peter and Joy Storry who provided us with garden tokens to fill the tubs I donated to the club. Phil you are doing a sterling job with the watering of the tubs and baskets they look fabulous, I am sure everyone agrees with this.

Jackie

