



Malvern Priory Bowling Club Newsletter

June 2018

Enthusiastic Lady Bowlers Pick Up The Challenge

Hurrah! The Ladies have played and won their first match.

The weather was pleasant, the Green played well, it was a most enjoyable afternoon. We played a 3 x triples game against Manor Park using rinks 1, 2 and 3 east west. After a very closely fought match we eventually emerged victorious but by only 5 shots, 51 to 46.

We now look forward enthusiastically to our next encounter which is an away game to Victoria, our other local club. This will be 3 x triples, not 2 as on the fixture list, at 2pm on Tuesday 19th June.

Everyone played well in our last match so we hope to repeat our initial success and make it two wins in a row.

Lorna Rodway
Ladies' Captain - 01684 563352

Fixtures - new fixture

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

President's message

Advanced Tactics and Team Play Strategy!

The response for a practical session on the use of advanced bowling tactics and team play strategy has been excellent.. The aim is to arrange such a visit on a Thursday afternoon during June. For those members who are interested in joining the session, please add your name to the memo on the club Notice Board. Once the date has been agreed, further details will be given.

Wayne Braddock

President

Open Day/Bowls4Fun 20th May

Open Day on Sunday 20 May, was a great success. We had 12 visitors who sampled the delights of bowling at MPBC, including a mayoral visit! We now have 5 new members as a result, bringing our total membership to 59, plus 4 social members.

Many thanks to all who participated and gave of their time and energy to make it a very enjoyable afternoon. We have now attracted 22 new members since the beginning of the season, so welcome to you all and we hope to see you at future roll-ups, matches and social events, where you will be given lots of friendly support from the old hands!

Brian Wheeler
Membership Secretary

Les Thomas Trophy

Our 2 teams are doing us proud as we are currently top of Division 2 with 19 points.

Well done, we wish you well for the rest of the season.

Wedding Bells

Best wishes to members, Sue Nuttall and David Longley, who are tying the knot at The Abbey Hotel next Saturday 9th June.

Match players

Remember to put your name down for future matches. We have a healthy and enthusiastic number of members wanting to play at friendly club matches. New members don't be shy, add your names if you would like to play.

The number of players may be more than we need so 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.

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.

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.

Civic week activities

Can you help man our Promotional stall at Malvern Civic Week on Sunday 24th June from 10.30 am, the aim being to encourage people to 'have a a taster session' at our Civic Week Open Day on Friday 29th June from 2 - 5pm and possibly take up membership of the club. There is an away game on Sunday 24th June so we will be looking for non match players to man the gazebo covered stand. These events are fun.

It would be good to have new members to encourage others to try the sport. If you can help please put your name on the list on the board.

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

Entries are required by 16th June (see Notice Board for details). It is £2.50 to enter, and there are cash prizes and trophies for the winners and runners-up.

The competition gives people the opportunity to pit their bowling skills against some very good challengers, and to get involved in the more formal aspects of lawn bowling. Last year Lorna and Gail were runners up in the ladies pairs final. Myself and Roy, likewise, in the men's pairs final.

The finals this year are being hosted by our Club (on 15/16 Sept), and will involve outside spectators and a formal prize giving ceremony.

"I urge Priory members to get involved in these 'local' competitions - you may surprise yourself on what can be achieved!"

Wayne Braddock

President

Coaches

Di & Brian W are now fully qualified Level 1 Coaches. They have had plenty of new members to practice on!

Locker rooms

A very big thank you to new member Bob Kell who has sourced more clasps and is fitting them to those lockers without them. If you need a locker see Jackie Oakey.. I have padlocks at £5 each. One key should be labelled with the locker number and your name and handed to her for safe keeping at the club.

Do not leave valuable items in the clubhouse whilst you are playing. If anyone without a locker needs to lock something away ask another member to lock it in their locker.

Home Match day preparation - Have you volunteered?

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

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.

The Green

You will have noticed that the green is progressively getting faster as the grass is cut to 4.5-5 mm and due to the natural watering it is looking at its best. I would like to thank everyone for being patient during the refurbishment. We will never get a top rate billiard board bowling green due to our location but the refurbishment is on schedule and I am very pleased at the results.

Unfortunately Worcestershire Bowling Association inspected the green when the grass was long at 7mm and would not give it a certificate for use for county matches, which affected a member's match who like me did not appreciate the situation.

The failure was due to the length of the grass, it was explained before their arrival that there was a lot of new growth and we wanted to get it established before cutting to its required height. Also we did not have any 2 meter distance markers. They gave me a list of their requirements in order for the green to be accepted. On 4th June I will be putting up 2m markers on the ditch bank permanently. Photos of these will be displayed at the clubhouse. I have talked to WBA at length and they are willing to return, when I am ready, to reinspect and approve. Once we have this certificate any club that comes along and says our green is substandard you are welcome to put two fingers up to them and say we have a certificate. **I will let you know when we have it so no fingers yet!** I cannot specify a particular date for these people to come so I would appreciate it if short mat players could co-operate. We are a lawn green bowling club first.

Green maintenance - we have been let down by Hamish McKinnon, our green contractor, and the ditch installation is satisfactory but not as I had intended. This will be rectified when we install an automatic irrigation system. Hamish is no longer cutting the green and passed the job, without my consent, on to a friend, who didn't want to be committed to cutting the grass on a regular basis. This was a blessing in disguise and I have now organised for Tony, who cuts another bowling green to start on Monday 4th June. He will cut it on a regular basis, Monday and Thursday mornings. As I have mentioned previously Monday is a maintenance day and should be kept aside for that purpose..

I will be asking for volunteers to cut the edges of the green, roll the green and weed the surrounding paths once a fortnight. This is essential work. Once a month we will have to lightly scarify the green.

I also need volunteers to help with watering the green on a regular basis during dry weather.

With increased use of the green we will have to give it plenty of TLC throughout the season to keep it looking at its best.

Brian Palmer

Green and Maintenance Secretary

Roll up stewards

Have you volunteered? 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. We need volunteers for this task, please contact Roy Barber or Brian Wheeler.

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.

Dates for your diary

5th June evening - Private Social bowls evening for 41 Club with supper (Fundraising event).

8th June Friday 2.15 pm **Bowls4Fun**

10th June 12.30 pm NEXT SUNDAY Club Garden Party - bring a dish to share - a list is on the board for you to sign up - this is always a fun time when we enjoy a pot luck lunch followed by fun on the green! Please bring your partners/wives/husbands along to join the fun.

14th June Thursday 2.15pm **Bowls4Fun**

24th June SUNDAY - 10.30am onwards Club promotional stand in Priory Park at Civic Week - volunteers needed - please put your name on the list on the board

29th June FRIDAY 2.00 - 5.00pm - Civic Week Open day for Bowlers - tea and biscuits will be served

12th August President's day and BBQ time 2.30 pm start

18th August Saturday - Bridge Drive 10.30 - 4.30 pm - £12.50 per head. Volunteers of help in the kitchen needed. We will be serving morning coffee and biscuits, lunch and tea and cakes at the end of play.

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.

October - date to be announced - Annual Prize Giving

November - AGM

Malvern Priory Bowling Club Championships

The draw for this year's club championships will be on the board in the next day or so. The first two rounds must be played by the end of June. There will be no cost other than the regular £2 green fee. The finals will take place over the weekend of 1st and 2nd September.



Brian Wheeler, Membership Secretary, in his element! - Photo Brian Palmer



President Wayne Braddock with Mayor, Cynthia Palmer with her Consort - photo Brian Palmer



New member Paul Barnard showing us how its done. Great style Paul. - photo Brian Palmer



New member Isabel Abreu is very happy with her efforts - photo Wayne Braddock



New Social member - Minnie Walker catching up in the shade!



..... Linda at Open Day - what style! Has she really never played before? Good coaching from Di. photo Brian Palmer

Coach Di Maingot with Linda, Louise and new members Tricia and Mark learning the ropes.-



Roll ups on Match days - reminder

There are several days where there is a scheduled home match on a regular roll up day. On these days there will be no roll up unless notified nearer the date. Much depends on the number of rinks required for each match.

Dates in question:

Wednesday 16th May Ladies match against Manor Park Ladies at 2.30 (this will coincide with U3A)

Tuesday 29th June Victoria Park at 2.30

Tuesday 7th August Ladies match against Victoria Park Ladies at 2.00

Wednesday 5th September Ladies match against Bredon Ladies at 2.00 pm

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