



Malvern Priory Bowling Club Newsletter

MAY 2018

Captain's report

Hello to you all.

Thank you for turning up to the first two matches. They were a resounding success for our club winning both of them by a big margin, much to the visiting teams annoyance. Well done to all who played.

The roll-ups are progressing well, with I think the new system for rink allocation working quite satisfactory. Do you have any comments so far?

After Tuesdays roll-up, the green seems to be coming into line and being a little easier to play on.

Please do come along to as many sessions as you can.

Hope to see you all for some more happy bowling.

Roy Barber

Club Captain

President's message

Advanced Tactics and Team Play Strategy!

The Club has the opportunity to host a visit by the Worcestershire County Bowls Coach and a group of senior coaches - to give guidance during a practical session on the use of advanced bowling tactics and team play strategy. The aim is to arrange such a visit on a Thursday afternoon during May/ June. For those members who maybe 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

Enthusiastic Lady Bowlers Pick Up The Challenge

There was a fantastic response from our lady members who are willing to play in the Friendly Matches that have been arranged. We now have 14 eager bowlers looking forward to representing Malvern Priory this season.

Ladies please note we have an additional fixture. This is an extra away match against Bredon at 2.00pm on Thursday 2nd August. Our first game with 3 Triples is at home to Manor Park Ladies at 2.30pm on Wednesday 16th May. If you are free to spectate at all any support would be most welcome. U3A will also be playing on that afternoon so it will be a very busy Green.

In addition there is an interest in playing in other competitions and we are looking forward to participating in events promoted by both the County and other Clubs as the opportunities arise.

Confidence exudes let's hope that the weather and the jacks are always on our side.

Lorna Rodway
Ladies' Captain - 01684 563352

Short mat Senior Games competition results

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL who took part in the Senior Games at Worcester University especially Gail Davies, David Mowlem and Phil Bunyan who gained a Bronze Medal in the triples Short Mat competition.

Membership

We now have 52 full members (+3 social). This includes 15 new members, so please give them lots of support and encouragement as they join in the roll-ups. They've had a couple of quick coaching sessions to start them off, but as we all know, it takes time to get up to speed, and even longer to achieve perfection!

Brian Wheeler
Membership Secretary

Coaches

Di & Brian W are over halfway through their Level 1 Coaching Course and fortunately have had plenty of new members to practice on. Di completes her final assessment on 6th May down in Exeter and Brian's is in Oxford on 13 May, so good luck to both of them!

Fixtures - new fixture

We have an extra **HOME** match for the ladies team on Thursday 2nd August against Bredon 3 x triples. Remember to put this in your diaries.

Di Maingot
Fixtures Secretary

Open Day 20th May

Open Day is on Sunday 20 May, starting at 2.30pm. We are hoping to attract even more new members on the day.

We would like members to be there to meet & greet and participate in one or two matches of triples to show the newcomers how bowls should be played (!). Volunteers for the matches please contact Di & Brian W.

Jackie will also be looking for help with the teas & cakes being served from 4.30pm onwards.

Bowls4Fun

With just 2 weeks to go before Open Day/Bowls4Fun day plans are progressing well.

This is being run in conjunction with Bowls Alliance who will provide us with a small grant of £250 if we can recruit a minimum of 7 new members from the sessions.

The events planned will start on 20th May at Open day from 2.30 pm and then follow on roll up days Thursday 24th May at 2.15pm, Wednesday 30th May at 6.00 pm, Friday 8th June at 2.15 pm and finally Thursday 14th June at 2.15 pm so new members can see for themselves that we are a great bunch of people and that lawn bowling is fun.

One or more coaches Wayne Braddock, Di Maingot, Brian Wheeler and Dorothy Keeling will be in attendance at these sessions. We will serve a tea of cake and sandwiches on Sunday 20th but following sessions will be the usual tea and biscuits. Please put your name on the board if you can provide a cake or sandwiches for 20th May.

Match players

Remember to put your name down for future matches. There is a healthy and enthusiastic number of members wanting to play at friendly club matches.

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.

Food Hygiene Course

The club is happy to pay for 1 further person who helps with food to do an online food hygiene course. The course is with High Speed Training, costs £24.

If you would like more information please contact me, Jackie Oakey, on 01684 575957.

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.

Home Match day preparation - Can you help?

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

The Green

The green has now been cut to around 7mm, this will not be changed for at least another month to give the new grass time to establish and for scarifying to take place. This will remove the old grass and allow the new grass to flourish.

Over this weekend the green has been rolled and will be rolled once every two to three weeks. We have a new groundsman, Wayne, who will be cutting the green. He will cut the green twice a week on Monday and Thursday mornings. This will however be weather dependent and may have to take place the next day if there is persistent rain. Hamish will deal with the technical side of the green - feeding and weeding and will be on hand for further outside work.

A new Green schedule for play direction has been drawn up as follows:

Mondays - GREEN MAINTENANCE DAY -

Tuesdays - **White**/North/South - 6 rinks

Wednesday - **Yellow**/West/East - 5 rinks

Thursday - **White**/West/East - 6 rinks

Friday - **Yellow**/North/South - 5 rinks

Saturday - **Yellow**/West/East - 5 rinks

Sunday - **White**/North/South - 6 rinks

North/South - Club House ends

East/West - Orchard Road ends

MAKE SURE YOU WASH YOUR HANDS WELL IN HOT SOAPY WATER AFTER PLAY AS ORGANIC COMPOUNDS HAVE BEEN APPLIED TO THE GREEN. ORGANIC DOES NOT MEAN THAT IT IS NOT TOXIC.

The ditch is almost complete and I would like to thank everyone who turned up to help me get this difficult stage over. It was very much appreciated guys. Watch out - I shall be calling on you for the next project.

Brian Palmer

Green and Maintenance Secretary

Locker rooms

.New clasps are being sourced and will be fitted when we have them so there will be more available lockers for new members. If you need a locker see Jackie Oakey..

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.

Recruitment of New Members

Currently there is great Government emphasis on getting people active both physically and mentally.

In conjunction with Bowls England we have received a quantity of excellent free marketing material that is to be distributed.

Do you know of someone who might be interested or benefit from joining our Club? Could you help distribute information to Drs surgeries, retirement villages and other organisations? If you are able to help please contact Jackie Oakey on 01684 575957.

Health and Wellbeing Fair

Malvern Town Council invited us to exhibit at the Health and Wellbeing Fair at Rosebank Gardens on Saturday 5th May.

This was a highly successful day promoting the health benefits of bowls and our forthcoming Open Day/Bowls4Fun Day. We hope to see some of the people who showed interest at our Bowls4Fun Day.

Dates for your diary

20th May - Open Day in conjunction with Bowls4Fun - 2.30 pm start

24th May Thursday 2.15 pm **Bowls4Fun**

30th May Wednesday 6.00 pm **Bowls4Fun**

5th June evening - Private Social bowls evening for 41 Club with supper (Fundraising event) Helpers needed in kitchen please.

8th June Friday 2.15 pm **Bowls4Fun**

10th June Club Garden Party - bring a dish to share - a list will be on the board for you to sign up

14th June Thursday 2.15pm **Bowls4Fun**

24th June - Club promotional stand in Priory Park at Civic Week - volunteers needed

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

18th August - Bridge Drive 10.30 - 4.30 pm - volunteers of help in the kitchen needed

1st/2nd September - Club finals

15/16th September - Interclub finals

9th September End of season pot luck lunch

September - putting the green to bed TBA

October - date to be announced - Annual Prize Giving

November - AGM

Winter programme will have more talks, quizzes and another Beetle Drive. More info to follow.

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

Health and Safety

All rink markers and rink numbering are below the ditch line and meet the health and safety requirements.

The watering system procedure is being rewritten to cover the Legionella safety requirements.

Assessments for fire, first aid, electrical are in progress.

Civic week activities

Volunteers are needed to man our Promotional stall at Malvern Civic Week on Sunday 24th June, the aim being to encourage people to 'have a a taster session' during an afternoon roll up during Civic Week and possibly take up membership of the club. There is an away game on this date so we will be looking for non match players to man the gazebo covered stand. If you can help there will be a list on the board shortly - please keep your eyes open.

For sale

FOR SALE Set of 4 Size 4 woods in carrying holder - £30 - contact Brian Palmer - 01684575957

If you have any items to sell contact Editor Jackie Oakey by e mail 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

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Help wanted

I am still looking for people who are willing to help at fund raising events. This could be in the kitchen or setting up tables etc. or even running an event. I need people to help on Tuesday 5th June for an early evening function.

If you can help in some way I would love to hear from you. In addition to raising much needed funds we have a great deal of fun and a great sense of achievement.

Please contact me at jackie.oakey@gmail.com or phone me on 01684575957

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 one new kettle and hope to have a further 2 new ones shortly. Please help to maintain good standards.

Suggest you bring your own rubber gloves and cloths when cleaning - cleaning products will be provided. This is non gender specific.

Roll up stewards

Can you help? We need two roll up stewards each roll up session, 1 to check people in and the other to supervise rink allocation outside. We need volunteers for this task, please contact Roy Barber or put your name on the list that will be on the board shortly.

Salmon Lunch

This again was a huge success making a profit of £376. A big thank you to Gail and Di who helped.

General Data Protection Regulation - Reminder to those who have no responded

As you may be aware, the Data Protection Act of 1998 is being superseded as of 25 May by the General Data Protection Regulation . The new regulation covers the storage and use of "Personal Data" which means any information held by organisation/business relating to any individual person- electronically or in paper form.

We are not required by the new legislation to ask every member whether they are content for Malvern Priory Bowling Club to hold your name, address, telephone number and email address, since this data is 'Adequate, Relevant/Non-Excessive', but as a matter of courtesy the club is starting afresh and requiring all members to state that they are happy for the club to hold this information.

Malvern Priory Bowling Club does not, and will not, pass your data to any other organisation other than the Worcestershire Bowling Association, which needs our membership list of names and telephone numbers (NOT email addresses) so that our members are affiliated and may play in inter-club and county competitions. Certain club officials will have the membership list so that you may be contacted, for instance, the monthly newsletter and participation in club matches. You will not be contacted upon any matter other than those concerning the club. Please note also that in the past there has been a contact list on the noticeboard of the clubhouse. Henceforth, for data security reasons, this will be removed. Nor will the membership list be circulated to all members. This has its drawbacks, but enables the club to be sure that the information we hold is not disseminated without control.

The Club WILL NOT continue to hold any personal data beyond 25 May 2018 unless you have actively agreed to us doing so. If you decline, we will thereafter be unable to contact you.

A number of members have not yet responded.

PLEASE RESPOND TO THE CLUB SECRETARY, SOPHIA BUXTON, EMAIL buxtonsm@gmail.com BEFORE 20 MAY, IN THE FOLLOWING FORM IF YOU ARE AGREEABLE TO THE CLUB CONTINUING TO HOLD YOUR INFORMATION.

I (INSERT NAME) AGREE TO MALVERN PRIORY BOWLING CLUB HOLDING MY PERSONAL CONTACT DETAILS.

Obviously if you would like them removed, you may say so, but thereafter you could not be contacted by the club concerning events, matches, or Club meetings.

Committee Members, please note that in certain instances your telephone number or email may be given as a contact relevant to the post you hold, e.g to MHDC

Sophia Buxton

Malvern Priory Bowling Club Championships

This year it has been decided that those wishing to participate in 2018 Club Championship Competitions should enter by putting their names on the appropriate forms which will be displayed on the board in the next day or so. This must be done by 31st May, there will be no cost other than the regular £2 green fee. By entering yourselves this should prevent the huge backlog of games experienced previously.

The next few weeks of practice will allow us to hone our skills and encourage as many new members as possible to enter so that matches can start as early as possible in June. **It was many of the new members last year who walked off with the prizes at Prizegiving in October.**

With the increasing number of members at roll ups, it would be helpful for as many internal competition matches to take place on Thursday afternoons.

The draw will be made at the end of the month so watch the board.

BOWLS ETIQUETTE GUIDELINES - Worcestershire Bowling Association

The etiquette of bowls is a combination of good manners, sportsmanship and sociability. These courtesies are best described as the unwritten laws of the game. They are extras and are designed to promote and enhance the excellent reputation for friendliness and sportsmanship that the game of bowls has rightly earned.

*"Be familiar with the Laws of the Game **and** any variation that might specifically apply to the Club or to a Tournament in which you may be playing."*

GENERAL

- Ensure you are correctly attired as dress for matches and competitions can vary. If in doubt consult your Captain or Secretary. (It is customary for men to wear ties at the commencement of matches unless the Captain has given permission otherwise).
- Make sure you know the correct starting time of the game and arrive in sufficient time to change and be on the green ready to start at the appointed time.
- Make sure you know the rules of the game/competition you are playing.
- Make sure you have the correct stickers on your bowls (Club/District/County).
- Do support your club and put your name down on availability lists. (If unsure how to go about this, seek advice from your Club instructor, Captain or Secretary.)
- If for a good reason you have to withdraw please notify your Captain at the earliest convenience.
- Do play your part in assisting with the smooth running of your Club and support your Club and its officers. Check to see if you are expected to help with catering and/or any other duty such as helping to get equipment ready. If your name appears on a rota and you are unable to attend, notify the Captain or Secretary without delay. (It may be your responsibility to find an alternative).
- Law 52 specifies the duties of the Players when playing as a rink.
- The 'skip' shall have sole charge of his team.
- The 'third' may have deputised to him/her the duty of measuring all disputed shots.
- The 'skip' shall keep a record of all shots scored for and against his/her team.
- The 'lead' shall place the mat and shall deliver the jack ensuring that the jack is properly centred before playing the first bowl.

DURING THE GAME

- Enter and leave the green by the footpaths, do not cross the greens.
- Respect the green surface at all times.
- Do not drop your bowls on the green.
- Do not stand on the edge of the green or walk in the ditches.
- Do not drop litter on the greens or in the ditches, use the receptacles provided.
- Possession of the rink' must always be respected. Be still and quiet whether at the 'mat' end or the 'head' whilst others are delivering their bowls.
- Never deliver your bowl before the previous bowl has come to rest.
- Keep track of play, be ready to bowl when it is your turn.
- Follow the directions given by the 'skip' whether or not you agree.
- You may only ask the skip a question when you are on the mat and ready to bowl. Likewise, the 'skip' should not give you information when you are off the mat and possession has been transferred to the next person to bowl.
- Remember that directions for the 'skips' are only given by the number 3 in rinks (4 players) or number 2 in triples. Other players must not intervene unless asked. (Remember it is a team game).
- The result of each end is determined between the number 3's (2's in triples). Other players should not interfere unless asked.

- Do not disturb the 'head' until the result of the end has been decided.
- Encourage rather than criticise, no one intentionally bowls a bad ball.
- In a rinks, triples or pairs game play as a team member not as an individual.
- Remember that it is unsporting to verbally encourage failure by the opposition, e.g. encouraging a bowl to miss/go through, etc. It is also unsporting to verbally 'celebrate' a shot by your opponents which has 'gone wrong' and given your team the advantage. (These 'strokes of fortune' usually even themselves out over a season!)
- If you lose, be a good loser, don't blame your loss on other people, the green, the weather conditions, etc.
- Win or lose, always shake hands with your opponents and team players and thank them for the game. (Remember to thank the Marker in a Singles game).
- Bowls is a sociable game and it is good manners after a game to offer your opponents (and Marker in Singles) a drink and/or refreshments.

**ABOVE ALL FOLLOW THE CLUB RULES,
KEEP UP THE TRADITIONS OF THE GAME AND ENJOY IT ON AND OFF THE GREEN.**

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

Team EFT

I was approached by Craig Trafford at the Health and Wellbeing Fair who offered to come to the club to give those who might be interested a FREE session of EFT. If you are interested contact me, Jackie Oakey, jackie.oakey@gmail.com. If we can get a sufficient number of interested members I will arrange it.

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