



# Malvern Priory Bowling Club

## Newsletter

### November 2018

#### Report on Annual Dinner – 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018

The President thanked members and several past members for attending the 'end of season' prize giving Lunch. He was pleased with the way that the increased club membership had been integrated into the club matches during the season and thanked Roy Barber (Club Cpt) and Lorna Rodway (Ladies Cpt) for the way that this had been achieved. He gave praise to both Roger Davies (Treasurer/Rep on the Worcs Bowling Association Committee) and Di Maingot (Fixture Secretary) as ambassadors of the Club, to the Club's Committee for the direction that the Club is taking, and to members who have helped with the running and general maintenance of the club.

After the lunch Roy (Club Cpt) and Lorna (Ladies Cpt) reflected on the bowling successes that took place during the season, and on how the club coped with the difficult challenges of the unprecedented weather conditions over the summer period. The silverware prizes were then presented to the winners and runners-up of the Club's bowling competitions.

<b>LADIES PAIRS.</b>	<b>Winners</b> Runners-up	<b>Carol Thomas &amp; Lorna Rodway.</b> Sophia Buxton & Di Maingot.
<b>MENS PAIRS.</b>	<b>Winners</b> Runners-up	<b>Terry Barrett &amp; Phil Bunyan.</b> Daniel Meade & Bill Moran.
<b>BEST OF 3.</b>	<b>Winner</b> Runner-up	<b>Lorna Rodway</b> Wayne Braddock.
<b>50 UP.</b>	<b>Winner</b> Runner-up	<b>Phil Bunyan.</b> Lorna Rodway.
<b>CAPTAINS TROPHY.</b>	<b>Ladies Trophy</b> Mens trophy	<b>Janice Davies.</b> Terry Barrett.
<b>LADIES CHAMPION.</b>	<b>Winner</b> Runner-up	<b>Lorna Rodway.</b> Jean Endall.
<b>MENS CHAMPION.</b>	<b>Winner</b> Runner-up	<b>Wayne Braddock.</b> Brian Davis.

**PRESIDENTS TROPHY** Three awards were presented this year against the criteria of;

'Commitment during the year on the improvements and well-being of the Club -

**To Brian Palmer** – a bottle of single malt whisky, as a token of the Club's gratitude for ensuring that the Green and support facilities were available to support match fixtures during the most difficult weather conditions seen for many years. His dedication to this, with the support of several club members, required a generous commitment of his time.

**To Jackie Oakey** - a bouquet of flowers, as a big 'thank you' from the Club for organizing various money-raising social events, introducing new ideas for the future, and for keeping club members informed of events through a monthly newsletter. In addition, her initiative to raise funds from outside agencies, and her involvement in recruitment drives has been a huge benefit to the club.

**To Gail Davis** - a bouquet of flowers, as a 'thank you' from the Club for the day-to-day housekeeping activities that are so easily taken for granted, but which are essential for the smooth running of the club. The appearance of the clubhouse and the way it is presented has earned praise from different quarters - not least from several visiting bowling teams over the season.

Brian Palmer said a few words of thanks to those who had helped him throughout the season.

## Captain's message

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We had 28 friendly fixtures, my thanks to Di and Roger Maingot for arranging these. Sadly we were unable to play all of them, due mainly to bad weather, and the closure of the green during the very hot spell. A special mention here for the watering volunteers for helping to save the green, and in particular to Terry Barrett, who on one occasion spent 6 hours monitoring and moving the spray heads. Thank you Terry. I was particularly pleased that some of the new members wanted to take part, as it is an ideal opportunity to play on different greens, and against different players. In the Wednesday night Les Thomas Trophy League, we came fifth in the second division. Last year we came fourth in the third division. Interestingly, we scored the second highest number of shots in our division this year.

There were several open days, one during Civic Week, another in Rose Bank Gardens at Malvern Town Council's Health and Wellbeing fair, and others at our green inviting people to join us for Bowls4Fun. All of these helped to swell our membership numbers to an incredible 60+. There was a spring salmon lunch, thanks to Jackie Oakey and her helpers for all the hard work. We also had a quiz night, a bridge day, a beetle drive, a barbecue, and a Bowling Experience followed by a buffet suppe for the 41 club, again hosted by Jackie Oakey. Roll-ups have been well attended, with many new members turning out, very good to see. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Brian Palmer for all his hard work, organising the working parties and contractors, to keep the green in a good, playable condition. He was often there at 7.30 am in the morning throughout the season, and is still, while the 'treatment' is in progress.

What direction do we want the club to go in the future? We did try to arrange some coaching/tuition, from the Worcestershire Bowling Association, with a view to improving members expertise and tactics. Sadly it did not happen, not for the want of trying on our part. We will pursue this again. A grant application has been put forward for help to replace the main entrance doors and grants towards the automatic watering system will be applied for. We have obtained 2 second hand short mats, which we need to evaluate before before deciding which one to use.

Still to come, a quiz night, the AGM and a Christmas get together, details of which have now been issued. The future is looking good, but if you have any ideas for fundraising events, please put them in the suggestion box in the clubhouse. Hopefully, you feel the quality of bowling has improved, and that everyone has enjoyed themselves.

Roy

## AGM

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This will be held at the club house on the morning of Thursday 8th November 2018 at 10 am. Nomination paperwork is now displayed on the notice board. If you would like to stand for office or help in any way please come forward. Don't forget to ask members who you wish to propose if they are willing to be proposed.

Free coffee and cake will be served after the meeting.

For catering purposes it would help if you could either e mail Jackie Oakey on [jackie.oakey@gmail.com](mailto:jackie.oakey@gmail.com) to let her know if you will be attending. **It would also be good to have apologies if you are unable to attend.**

## Quiz Night Wednesday 31st October

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**Last night's Quiz night was a resounding success making a profit in the region of £227. Well done Roy and Pip for a great evening. The winners greatly appreciated their prizes of £10 each.**

**We all look forward to the next Quiz when we hope the questions might not be so taxing for some of us!**

## Knowing us, knowing you Thursday 22nd November at 7.30 pm at the club house

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The above event will take place on Thursday 22nd November when we look forward to seeing as many new and old members as possible, both outside and indoor bowlers, for an evening to introduce ourselves and for you to meet the many new members who have joined Malvern Priory Bowling Club in the past year.

This will be a get together for an informal evening of fun and information.

If you would like to know the interesting history of the club, which celebrated its 80th Anniversary in 2017, meet the officers and learn about how to get involved in matches both internally and outside the club do come along. This includes Lawn Green Bowling and Short Mat. This is to be held on Thursday 22nd November at 7.30 pm

The evening will start off with a free glass of Fizz to get you in the right spirit. There will be no charge but we plan to have a raffle.

There will also be a Q and A session.

Nibbles will be available. If you would like to come please add your name to the list on the board or e mail Jackie on [jackie.oakey@gmail.com](mailto:jackie.oakey@gmail.com) or Graham D on [dimmockg@yahoo.com](mailto:dimmockg@yahoo.com) this will help with knowing how much Fizz we need!

**Jackie Oakey and Graham Dimmock**

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## Dates for your diary

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**8th November - AGM - 10 am at the clubhouse - free coffee and cakes will be served**

**22nd November - 'Knowing Us, Knowing you 7.30 pm** at the Clubhouse, FOC, Would you like to know more about the game of lawn green bowling. Come along for a social evening where you can learn more. This will be a social event with a free glass of Fizz on arrival, nibbles and a raffle. Please either add your name to the list on the board or let Jackie Oakey or Graham Dimmock know if you will be attending.

**6th December 7.30 pm Christmas Party.** £7 per head to include buffet supper, quizzes and fun. Licenced bar to be applied for. **Tickets now on sale from Lorna Rodway - 01684563352 or Di Maingot 01684567750**

More social events will be listed after AGM

Social evenings produce a much needed source of income so it is important that these continue throughout the winter and summer months. If you can help with the organisation of a social event do come forward please.

## Christmas Party 6th December

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Tickets are now on sale for our Christmas Party/Get Together on 6th December at 7.30 pm from Lorna Rodway and Di Maingot at £7 per person to include a buffet supper. We will also have a licensed bar.

To get us all in the right mood it would be good to have a Christmas tree, tree and room decorations and Festive Music with the means to play it. Do you have any of these in your attic that have not seen the light of day for years or some that may be surplus to requirements? If so we would love them providing they are in a useable condition. Volunteers will be needed to decorate the room. Come on everyone lets get into the spirit of Christmas for this event and have fun decorating the club house.

## Malvern Town Council Large Grants Scheme Success

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At the end of August Jackie Oakey and Brian Palmer put forward an application for a grant to Malvern Town Council to help with replacing the entrance doors and the door of our equipment store at the Club House.

On Wednesday 31st October they attended a meeting of the Town Council and gave a presentation to those present. They were not only complimented on the presentation but on the condition of the green and the clubhouse too. Comments from those present was extremely encouraging and the Council unanimously agreed to grant us the sum of £1,500.

As many of you know the French door lock is on its last legs and has failed two or three times. An alternative temporary locking system has been made should the lock fail and you are unable to lock the door. This comprises of a bar and two padlocks. The **combination number is\*\*\*\***. I hope it doesn't come to this. The bar and padlocks will be fitted to one door ready for deployment.

Should the door lock fail whilst still locked it will mean I have to come and drill out the existing lock mechanism which is major work. If there is any failure contact me, Brian Palmer on 07821119157.

**Please treat the existing lock with great care until a new door is fitted.**

**Brian Palmer**

## Shortmat 2018/19

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### SHORTMAT:

Shortmat started up in earnest in the middle of October. Several new members have taken it up over the winter period while the outside green is out of use. The old mat has now been replaced.

Two workshops were given at the start of the season, with myself in attendance, giving advice and encouragement. While not a bowling coach, there are some lessons usefully passed on from being a table tennis coach donkeys years ago.

Remember at all times.....**READY STEADY GO and SHORT BACK AND SIDES.**

### READY STEADY GO:

In most sports it is how you set yourself, and how you place your feet that is important.

In short mat the steadier you are before you release the wood, the better you will be. Mainly because your aiming point will seem to be fairly fixed, rather than it moving about with your body moving. If a light push can make you fall then you are plainly not ready to bowl.

### SHORT BACK AND SIDES:

Your aim should be to allow for the fact that woods and jack will get knocked about, far more so than on the green. Overall strategy is important. If you put 3 woods next to the jack, while it is an achievement, it does not necessarily win the game. All that you have achieved is to make yourself a bigger and easier target for the opposition. One short, one at the back and one next to the jack are ideal.

Note that the new mat will take some time to get used to. The woods roll further. I know that some county players use a heavier set of woods indoors than outdoors to compensate for the relative lack of friction indoors. Enjoy your bowling.

Roger

Note from Editor - we have in excess of 35 Short Mat members this season with many new players enjoying the fun. There are still times available during the week. Just check the diary on the counter and add your name to the list but make sure there are no more than 8 persons at a time playing. There are still evenings apart from Tuesday and Friday when short mat can be played.

## Maintenance/heating

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The central heating has now been programmed for the winter and **should not be touched by anyone other than myself.** IF you require central heating on at other times to play short mat your request has to go to the committee to authorise. i.e Saturdays, Sundays and other evenings. This has to be a regular arrangement not an adhoc situation. To break even with electricity we need a minimum of 4 people playing, per session. This would just about cover the cost of heating per session. This does not include the cost of tea/coffee and biscuits.

SHORT MAT - 2 new non slip short mat delivery mats and a new Jack have been purchased and are now at the club. A second Jack will be replaced with a refurbished Jack in the coming weeks.

It has been found that the new mat is wider than the old mat and care needs to be taken when rolling it up. White wood has been fixed to the floor to prevent the rolled up mat getting too close to the radiator - this could become a fire hazard.

## The Green

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The end of season 'putting the green to bed' day on Saturday 20th October was successful but unfortunately not all the work was completed due to the lack of volunteers.

As usual it was the faithful few plus a few others who turned up to help.

We all had a great lunch provided by Jackie who served up home made soup followed by bread and butter pudding, which was much appreciated by all there.

Unfortunately we still do not have sufficient brown bins to deal with the garden waste.

There is a large quantity of surplus /broken/redundant items that need to be disposed of at the tip. I am hopeful that Steve Carrot from the Bridge Club will be able to help with this.

There has been an invasion of animals digging great holes in the green. I am not sure of the animal responsible but it has left many paw prints. A big thank you to Lorna who has supplied chicken wire to cover the holes once I have repaired them.

The ditches still need to be cleaned out and much foliage still needs cutting back and disposed off. I will circulate a date when this is to happen.

Brian Palmer  
Green and Maintenance Secretary

## Items for sale

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2 pairs of leather bowls shoes size 8G in good condition. For more information contact Ron White on 01531640393 or e mail [graphwhite@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:graphwhite@yahoo.co.uk)

## Keep the Clubhouse clean and tidy

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There is now a considerable number playing short mat and it would be great for all short mat players to help to keep the clubhouse clean and tidy during the winter months. We all like to have a clean kitchen, toilets and basins, players cannot expect the same few to continue doing it. Two persons cleaning once a fortnight, means the clubhouse is kept clean and 'your turn' only occurs once or twice during the winter season.

## **Do you have the skills and expertise to help with an S106 Grant Application to the local Council? We need your help please**

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We wish to apply for a grant under the S106 scheme towards the installation of an automated watering system along with the replacement and levelling of the paving stones that surround the green and club house with a more suitable surface.

This project will be the greatest we have tackled, we need people who can coordinate and prepare the necessary paperwork. We have already had the offer of a structural engineer to help us on our way. Can you help in any small way with this?

Please either contact me or other members of the committee for further information.

Jackie Oakey  
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## **Annual Prizegiving 2019**

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An approach has been made to the Worcestershire Golf Club for us to return for next year's Annual Prizegiving. A number of other clubs are holding lunches there this year and we believed the rules had been relaxed. Sadly this is not the case. Those other clubs having annual lunches there this year booked immediately after their last lunch back in 2017 prior to the new rules coming in. I have been told these organisations will not be able to return in 2019.

The Golf Club members have voted for the club to become a members club solely and for corporate functions to cease. Currently their bar licence does not cover such functions and they are in breach of it. The system, if you meet with all the rules, is that they hire the room out for £300, we would have to apply for a bar licence at our expense and then have to pay for the food on top. As you can see this would add in the region of a further £10 minimum per person to the price we currently aim at.

However, we could approach them in the spring to see if they have revised their plans.

The Swan at Newland looked after us admirably last week at Prizegiving, the food and service was excellent. They even went out of their way to make custard for those who wanted it on their sticky toffee pudding.

Jackie

## BACS payments

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With effect from 1st December 2018 you will be able to pay membership fees on line using BACS. Further details on this will follow.

## Suggestion Box

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We love receiving your suggestions. If you have any please put them into the Suggestion box. These can be done quite anonymously.

## Bowl sizes

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At this time of year, you may be thinking of changing, or buying, new/second hand bowls. Before you do this, I suggest that you first talk to Di, or myself, about what size and type of bowl is appropriate for you. The chart below (also on the notice board in the clubhouse) cross relates available sizes in metric and imperial measure.

### Bowl sizes in Metric and Imperial

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Size	0	0	1	2	3	4	5
Diam (mm)	116	118	121	122.5	124	125.5	127
Diam (Inch)	4 9/16	4 11/16	4 3/4	4 13/16	4 7/8	4 15/16	5

measurement

Ladies generally use bowl sizes between 00 to 2, and men from 3 to 5. In addition, weight (ie medium (M) or heavy (H)), bias (narrow to wide) and their use on different bowling surfaces (ie outdoor, indoor) need careful consideration. Colour is a personal choice, ranging from the traditional black to every colour combination of the spectrum.

**Apologies for any typos, it's late!!!**