



Malvern Priory Bowling Club

Newsletter

October 2018

President's message - End of Season

Another season comes to an end – and hopefully members can take away some positive memories from the games played, whether from the games with other clubs, roll-ups, or just from the various social events held over the season.

The result of the extreme weather conditions during the season spilt over into final month of the season that required generous support from members on maintaining the recovery of the green . Many thanks go for this support that has enabled bowling matches to continue largely unabated. Despite such difficulties, the club has made significant strides keeping up with other clubs in the league matches. At one point, the club was second in the league table – but unfortunately a couple of games didn't quite go our way which dropped us finally to the mid table position (5th place) to within a couple of league points of two teams above us. At least we came away with the second highest aggregate score of any other team in the league. Such is the vagaries of the current scoring system!

Congratulate go to the ladies Captain (Lorna) for arranging and coordinating the ladies-only matches with other clubs over the season – which has attracted strong support from all – both match-wise and socially. (See Lorna's brief in this newsletter.)

Roy (Club Captain) has done sterling work again this year – in coordinating the friendly matches with other clubs and for giving new members the opportunity to show their worth in competitive matches. (See Roy's brief in this newsletter.) The annual rush to complete the internal club competitions over the last few weeks has been intense but which has resulted in some very close and competitive matches. All finals have now been completed and the winners and runners up will be presented with the traditional cups at the annual dinner on 23 Oct.

The Club had its end-of-year 'bash' (9 Sept), which attracted a small but convivial number of members. Congratulations to Di who coordinated the event and for hosting the occasion with a superb buffet lunch, wine and desert. I also thank the members who supplied the dishes for the day. The intransigent weather, however, meant that the normal outside events were not possible, but were supplemented by a challenging 'What's my Line' competition (courtesy Dorothy and Roger Keeling) that enthralled all those present. Anyone who wants to borrow such a challenge for home events, please contact me directly. I understand that the bowling green will stay open until the middle of October on the expectation of an 'Indian Summer'. Short Mat bowling has also just started in the clubhouse and awaits further members to sign up for the winter period.

Wayne Braddock
President

Captain's message

Hi to you all

The outdoor bowling season is almost over, just a few more roll-ups left. As Brian has already stated in an email, Thursday afternoon roll-up has now finished, so short mat can proceed on that day.

A big thank you to everyone for your support this year. Special mention must go to the watering brigade for helping to save the distressed green, also to the small band of maintenance volunteers for keeping the outside neat and tidy.

I also must thank the ladies for supplying the after match catering, it really is appreciated, both by the home and visiting teams, but especially by me.

Finally, thank you to Jackie and Brian, for urging us to make this club as good as it is today.

Enjoy your break.

Roy Barber
Club Captain

Quiz Night Wednesday 31st October

There are still a few tickets available at £5 per head for Quiz Night on Wednesday 31st October 7pm for 7.30 prompt start. Quiz nights are always popular with a great deal of competition for the coveted prize of winning. Bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles will be provided Ring Roy Barber for tickets. 01684 566249.

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LADIES FLOURISH

The 2018 bowling season has now sadly come to an end and we reluctantly pack our kit away for another year. On reflection the reintroduction of the Ladies' team has been extremely successful and it is hoped that with continued support from our Lady bowlers this will again be the case for 2019.

Congratulations to our Ladies as in our inaugural year we played 6 very enjoyable matches, winning 3 and losing 3 but one of these by just one shot. In August Gail and myself entered the Cripplegate Pairs competition where we were both surprised and delighted to emerge winners receiving a very welcome cash prize.

September brought us more success when we were invited by Victoria to field a rink, 4 players, against a visiting team of Surrey Ladies. This was a most enjoyable day capped by the fact that Priory managed to win our match by 4 shots.

There are many outside competitions open to all members, the 2019 Ladies Fixture Chart is on the notice board, if anyone is interested please contact me.

It's a big thank you to all the ladies who have supported our venture this year and made it so enjoyable for us all, you certainly made my job easy.

CHEERS

Lorna Rodway
Ladies' Captain - 01684 563352

BACS payments

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

Inter-club Competition 2018 – Priory, Manor Park and Victoria Bowling Clubs

The inter-club finals were transferred this month from the Priory Club to Victoria because of a conflict of interest between Priory and Manor Park. This situation arose as a result of a lady member of Priory being verbally bullied by a MP player during the early rounds of the competition to remove protection mats on the rink at the Priory ground despite the fact that the Club was well within its rights to protect the playing area in accordance with the prevailing weather conditions at the time. The behavior of the individual was unacceptable and despite a formal complaint being made to Manor Park at the Interclub Committee no action appears to have been taken to elicit an apology, as a matter of courtesy, to the Priory member. When I learned that the individual had reached the finals, I had no option but to refuse to host the player at the Priory grounds. I do not condone such behavior whoever they might be.

Wayne Braddock
President

Fixtures

This year has been a great year for our Bowling Club: super weather, lots of matches with good results. Only two or three rained off. Many thanks to our Captain Roy for his steady leadership all year.

The new Ladies teams have had a number of matches and won most of them, both home and away. We all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves in typical ladies' style - one enterprising side had home made jam and marmalade on sale at tea time. We could copy such an example if there are members who make such lovely delicacies!!

There are, also, lots of new members and having coached them (with Brian Wheeler sharing the fun and games) many have shown great potential skill and already have played in some of the matches. Many thanks to our outgoing Social Secretary for organising several promotional stands enabling the Club to benefit hugely from these fishing events.

Now that a new short mat is getting closer, we could begin to have inter club matches: having only just begun playing, I have been amazed at the skill of some of the short mat players. If you need a fixture secretary, to get you started, I have some experience in the field (!?!) and could contact other nearby clubs. What do you say?

Di Maingot
Fixtures Secretary

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Annual Prize Giving Lunch

Malvern Priory Bowling Club Annual Prize Giving Lunch will be held at the Swan at Newland on Tuesday 23rd October 2018 - 12 for 12.30 pm. The cost will be £21 per person for a 2 course meal which will include coffee or tea and a tip.

A revised menu has been circulated by email; your form indicating your choice should be returned to me Jackie Oakey no later than Friday 12th October 2018 along with a cheque made payable to Malvern Priory Bowling Club for the appropriate amount.

HAS EVERYONE HANDED BACK THEIR CUP FROM LAST YEAR? IF NOT CAN YOU DO THAT ASAP.

AGM

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.

Jackie will not be standing for Social or Fundraising Secretary but would be very happy to work with those willing to take on either of these posts.

Items for sale

2 pairs of leather bowls shoes size 8G in good condition. For more information contact Ron White on 01531640393 or email graphwhite@yahoo.co.uk

Keep the Clubhouse clean and tidy

Although the outside play has almost finished footfall will continue to use the clubhouse during the winter with a considerable number playing short mat. Remember the club house still needs to be kept clean and tidy. Please come forward to help with the regular cleaning. A list of dates is on the notice board.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 10th October 10 am - Shortmat Workshop

Wednesday 17th October 10 am and 2pm Shortmat Workshop practice

SATURDAY 20th October 9 am- putting the green to bed. A lunch of bread and soup to be provided for those who help. Please let Brian Palmer know if you can help so we know numbers for lunch.

Tuesday 23rd October -- Annual Prize Giving at The Swan at Newland, 12-12.30 £21.00 per person including tip for a 2 course meal. Deadline 12th October. 2018

31st October -7.30 pm prompt start Quiz night with Pip Barber - bringing your own bottle, light refreshments will be provided.

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

22nd November - 'Bowls workshop' evening 7.30 pm at the Clubhouse, want 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 no charge, there will be a licensed bar, nibbles and raffle.

6th December 7.30 pm Christmas get together. £5 per head to include refreshments. Bar to be applied for.

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.

Shortmat workshop

We will be holding a short mat workshop on Wednesday 10th October at 10am for newcomers and novices to shortmat. While bowls can be provided, you will need flat shoes.

Wednesday 17th October is reserved in the morning and afternoon for people attending the workshop to have a proper game.

We are hoping to replace the existing mat, which is showing signs of wear, within the next month.

Roger Davies

Shortmat 2018/19

Short mat memberships were due at the end of September.

You need to pay your short mat subscription of £20 and fill in the enrolment form (The forms are available on the noticeboard (the one near the emergency exit door)

Note we are changing the little short mat booking diary for a bigger one which we will also use for booking in people to the clubhouse for Health & Safety reasons.

I see that the little diary for short mat has been filled in to book short mat spots some months ahead.

I need to point out that unless you have updated your membership you should not be booking future dates in the diary.

I have also seen time booked in the diary where people have not turned up to play, this is clearly not on... as it blocks space that could have been used by other members. As a consequence of that example, in future if you book a spot in the diary I will expect payment for that session being received (whether or not there has been any play). The bookings in the little diary are null and void as they will superceded by the use of the bigger diary.

For new converts to short mat we intend to run a workshop on Wednesday 10th October at 10 am followed by practice sessions on Wednesday 17th October during the morning and afternoon.

If you would like to attend or need more information please contact me, Roger Davies, on 01684 593663 or e mail me at rogerjanice.davies@btopenworld.com

Roger Davies

The Green

The reconstruction of the green last autumn has now paid off. The green was reseeded and it has taken a long time to get the new grass well established. A contract has been let for maintenance of the green throughout the season and now the contractors will prepare the green for the winter, this will include overseeding. The green will have to be cut once or twice a month during the winter. At the beginning of this season we could not cut the green too short for fear of destroying work carried out earlier. Contractors will be at the Club Monday/Tuesday 15th and 16th October. If the weather is adverse it will be delayed a day or two. I would appreciate the co-operation of those using the club house during those days as the men will require to use the facilities of the club house.

If you see anything out of place or fallen over PLEASE PICK IT UP. i.e the green will be fenced off with white and red tape, if you see it blown over please put it back in place.

Maintenance

My thanks go to a dedicated few who have turned up every Monday to clear and keep the grounds and green in good order. My thanks also go to those who came and helped with the watering - if it hadn't been for you it would have been a brown desert and no bowling.

End of Season - putting the green to bed - ref my e mail

This will take place on Saturday 20th October from 9am. If you can help please let me know so that Jackie can get the food organised. Many hands make light work!

Brian Palmer
Green and Maintenance Secretary

Bowl sizes

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 measurement

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

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.

Wayne Braddock
President

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

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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The Groundsman's lot

Your playing enjoyment is derived on the bowling green. The green is prepared by a green keeper/a club member and please remember that whoever it is he has a very difficult job. Often he is endeavouring to maintain a playing surface under adverse conditions. He is striving to grow grass for us to play on under all weather conditions. On our part we walk continually over the green, placing the mat without any consideration for wear, expecting to play afternoon and evening up to 7 days a week. The result is that wear shows in patches, or some disease develops on the green and the green keeper is criticised for his incompetence.

Never approach the green keeper regarding any criticism of the green - *better still do not complain at all*. Help him by your thoughtfulness and tolerance, knowing that he is endeavouring to give you the best conditions possible and simply must protect the green against too much play. Do nothing to damage the green, either in your delivery or in any other way. It is essential that you develop clean grassing of your bowl without any bump.

Brian Palmer

Club etiquette

The club etiquette has been revised and agreed by the committee. A copy of this will be on the board.

Suggestion Box

A great suggestion was put forward by Graham Dimmock for an evening when new and old members get together for an informal evening of fun and information.

If you would like to know the 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 where there will be a licensed bar and nibbles.

There will be no charge but we plan to have a raffle.

Graham and I will be coordinating the evening with help from various members of the club.

If you would like more information or have suggestions please contact Graham on 01684892036 or myself (Jackie) on 01684575957.

We hope to have videos and other useful information available and look forward to as many as possible attending.

There will be a list on the board for you to add your name if you plan to attend.

Jackie Oakey

Team play Tactics

Finally, again I must apologise again on behalf of the EBCS Worcestershire County Coaching on its failure to provide promised support to the club on advanced team play tactics. My intention now over the winter is to research the topic myself and to pull together information in an 'aide memoir' leaflet on the essential aspects.

Wayne Braddock
President