



Malvern Priory Bowling Club

Newsletter

December 2018

Captain's message

Hello to you all.

With the festive season nearly upon us, it is maybe time to reflect on this season at the bowling club. The weather was not always on our side, but despite that, we have done really well. Socially it has been extremely lively, with a lot of fund raising, very necessary to cover all the expenditure we incur. My thanks to everyone involved, because without your effort, the club would seriously decline.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you, and yours, a very merry Christmas, and a happy New Year, but most of all, thank you for your support.

Roy
Club Captain

"A very happy Christmas to all our members, with best wishes from Lorna Rodway-Ladies' Captain"

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President's report

The AGM was very well attended and a clear mandate for the future direction of the club presented and agreed. New appointees were also proposed and agreed for the Club's committee.

The KUKY (Knowing Us, Knowing You) bonding evening for the new members was also well attended and well received - with plenty of Fizz, nibbles and light-hearted entertainment. Overviews of the Club's Historical links, its bowling activities and the intricacies of the bowling game were presented.

The festive season is almost upon us and I look forward to the Club's Christmas Party on 6 Dec. I myself will be stepping down from the responsibilities and role of President (for personal reasons) before the start of the new bowling season, when John Phillips will take over. However, I will continue to support coaching requirements and match games. In the meantime over the winter, I'll be drawing up some leaflets on bowling tactics and strategy, and propose some details of acceptable 'hand signs' for communicating silently between players during bowling matches.

The new Short Mat rink is a real bonus (and a challenge to master!) for the Club.

I hope you all have a very happy festive season.

With best wishes,

Wayne Braddock

The new committee of Malvern Priory Bowling Club



Wayne Braddock
President



Roy Barber
Club Captain



John Phillips
Vice President



Lorna Rodway
Ladies Captain



Roger Davies
Treasurer and Chairman



Jackie Oakey
Secretary



David Mowlem
Vice Club Captain



Brian Palmer
Green and
Maintenance
Secretary



**Graham
Anderson**

Photo to follow

Graham Dimmock
Membership



Membership Secretary's report

I joined MPBC in the summer having seen an article about the Club in the local press. I rapidly got hooked on both the game and the Club. Everyone was welcoming and helpful and by the end of the season I felt very much at home in the Clubhouse. At the AGM I became Membership Secretary and hope that in that position I will be able to extend my own warm welcome to the Class of 2019.

My first task on our Committee is to work with our new Webmaster, Graham Anderson, to bring us into full compliance with the 2018 General Data Protection Regulations. In January we should be able to distribute a Privacy Statement to members and then all of us will have to give Consent to the Club holding our data within its provisions. That is not the most exciting of the things I hope to do this year but it needs to be done.

Before the November 22nd KUKY evening I phoned round the 20 new members from this year. It was great to hear the generally positive comments, even from those for whom attending roll-ups had been limited by work or health problems. It looks as though the majority of the Class of 2018 will be renewing their memberships next year. I see it as part of my role to ensure that we continue to engage with new members (particularly those new to bowls) through coaching and social activities.

We will enter the next season with membership at a healthy level and with a Green and Clubhouse that we can be proud of. Hopefully we can continue our progress with all of us seeking to attract local friends and contacts to come and join Malvern's friendliest Bowls Club.

Graham Dimmock
Membership Secretary

Dates for your diary

6th December 7.30 pm Christmas Party.
£7 per head to include buffet supper.
Licensed bar. Tickets on sale from Lorna Rodway - 01684563352 or Di Maingot 01684567750 BUT HURRY THERE ARE ONLY A FEW LEFT AND CLOSING DATE IS LOOMING.

Thursday 31st January Beetle Drive ----
7.30pm £8 Including Supper (Please Order when buying your ticket from the following)

Food Choices:

Pasty & Peas

Pie - Beef or Chicken or Cheese & Onion
& Peas

Baked Potato with Tuna or Cheese filling
& Salad

Bring your own Drinks , Tea & Coffee available. Raffle. Tickets available from Lorna (01684 563352 and Di (01684 567750, and will be available at the Christmas Party. This was a great success earlier this year.

Sunday 7th April - Start of season Spring salmon lunch 12 for 12.30 pm £13.00 per head. Tickets will be limited. Tickets available from January. Put the date in your diary. Help will be needed for this function.

Tuesday 4th June - Bowling experience evening for Malvern 41 Club - this has been requested again by 41 Club after they had such a good time this year. Help will be needed for this event.

Friday 19th July - We are to host Florida Tourists, a team of 14 bowlers from the US to an afternoon match followed by refreshments. More information to follow from Di.

Club Shirts and jackets

Orders for club shirts, rain jackets, fleecy jackets and caps are now being taken. If you would like one please contact Jackie Oakey to check for size etc. The lead time is several weeks and orders will need to be in by the end of January to be here for the start of the new season. Shirts are £22, rain jackets £33, Fleecy Jackets £49 and caps £11 each. All cheques to be made payable to Malvern Priory Bowling Club.

KUKY (Knowing Us, Knowing you)

Graham and I hope you all enjoyed the evening. Feedback has been very encouraging.

Star of the night was Wayne who entertained us with his dancing skills which led into the use of hand signals whilst on the green. More on these to follow!

Jan Davies gave us a very interesting insight into the history of the club and its beginnings, whilst Roy gave an update on how the club is doing currently. Roger talked of the positive future of the club. He emphasised how membership has grown both for Lawn Green Bowling and Short Mat, that each and every member is a member of the club and should feel happy to support all activities that improve the facilities we have.

The evening raised £110 from the raffle. A big thank you to those who attended.

Jackie Oakey

Christmas Party 6th December

There are still a few tickets available 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. There will be a licensed bar.

Di and Lorna have organised a great evening. Volunteers are needed to decorate the room. Come on everyone lets get into the spirit of Christmas for this event and have fun at the club house.

Fixtures & Social

Most of next year's fixtures are agreed (including a team from Florida) but I am struggling to get email addresses for a couple of others – work in progress. The Social committee met for the first time last week to plan the "fun and games" for the Christmas Party on December 6th.

We also decided that the Beetle Drive done by Jackie this year was so enthusiastically enjoyed that we will have another on Thursday 31st January 2019.

If any of you have any ideas for a Social Get together (plus food & drink, of course) please contact me at di2maingot@gmail.com or on 567750

Keep the Clubhouse clean and tidy

There is now a considerable number playing short mat and it would be great for members 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.

We have an efficient vacuum cleaner, rubber gloves and materials along with a list of what needs doing. Two people can do it fairly quickly. There is a list of what needs to be done each clean on the board. Your club needs you, why not volunteer to help. A schedule of dates is on the board.

Maintenance/Heating

We are currently in discussion with MHDC, our landlords, over the design of the replacement entrance doors. The store room door will soon be replaced.

I am hoping you have noticed how much lighter the club is as Roy and I have replaced all the fluorescent tubes in the main room along with new plastic covers.

Anybody organising a function or event where heating is needed PLEASE GIVE ME PLENTY OF NOTICE (a week if possible) AND NOT AT THE LAST MINUTE as I am not always around.

Members will be notified of Heating arrangements over Christmas and the New Year by e mail.

Brian Palmer

Green and Maintenance Secretary

BACS payments

You will shortly be able to pay membership fees on line using BACS. Further details on this will follow.

Suggestion Box

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

The Green/Maintenance

Work will continue on the green by contractors throughout the winter, however, we still need to complete jobs before winter takes a hold. Once we have the extra brown bins I will arrange a day for this to happen which could be a Sunday morning as the clubhouse is in use Saturdays. Afternoons are out as they are too short of light.

The green needs to be kept clear of leaves and ditches swept out throughout the winter months.

Jobs outstanding -

- the rose garden needs to be cleared of all weeds and dug over for the winter.
- The garden at the back of the club house needs to be dug over and the dead plants removed.
- Foliage in the garden by the flagpole needs to be cut back further.
- The paths around the club house need cleaning of weeds.
- The gutters need to be replaced at the end of the building

Volunteers are needed to do these jobs on Monday mornings. The clubhouse is in use often so we are restricted to either Mondays or Sundays.

I've been struggling to stop foxes digging holes in the green, it looks as if Lorna's wire netting is working!

Brian Palmer

Green and Maintenance Secretary

Can you contribute to the Newsletter?

I am always looking for something new to add to this newsletter, would you like to write an article or offer some interesting titbit. I would love to receive it to put it in the newlsetter. Jackie