

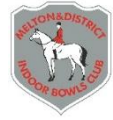


# MELTON & DISTRICT INDOOR BOWLS CLUB LTD

Bowling Green, Leicester Road, Melton Mowbray, LE13 0LR



## Newsletter – February 2026



### The View from the Chair



Dear members, I wanted to open by thanking all those members who have taken time to complete the Club questionnaire, your input is much appreciated, and we will view each response and feedback our findings at the AGM in April.

As regard the major electrical upgrade, as per the last newsletter and explained in more details on Club notices, preparation work has now started in the Committee room, restaurant, kitchen, changing rooms, offices, toilets, lounge and outside areas. Most of the work has been done with minimum disruption on Mondays, Tuesdays and some Wednesdays and will continue leading up to the main closure week in April.

Unfortunately, since our last newsletter the Club has suffered a major failure of two of our 8 sets of air-conditioning units, resulting in some variations in the inside temperature. We are doing our best to control this with the remaining units with the replacement equipment planned for installation on Monday 27th & Tuesday 28th April but as this will require two days of work above the green, the Club will be open these two days, but the green will be closed.

Just to remind members, as explained in the last newsletter and on notices, the Club will be totally closed from Wednesday 29th April until the 5th May so we can complete the total rewiring requirement.

### **Phoenix Project**

Planning approval has now been granted for the outdoor clubhouse, so we can now start looking for grants. In the meantime, the old building is being used by the Melton Hub who have kindly fitted some new carpet tiles and furniture that can all be reused when a new clubhouse is sorted. Planting has stopped for the time being, but we are already seeing some new growth across the green spaces. The Pétanque terrain has generated quite a bit of interest and Nigel & Jane May are leading the way on getting people interested and possibly playing in a league, so if you are interested, please talk to them.

### **Chairman's Challenge**

The Chairman's Birdbox challenge now stands at £550 as of today, thank you.

### Winter Competitions

Competition Final's rinks booked with/by David Pick will be free of any rink fees. If you book the Final rink yourself, then you will be charged double-session rink fees for all players. Just

a reminder – **it is no longer a requirement for you to wear 'Whites', i.e. white trousers and shirts, in Club Finals.**

**Please Note:** There have been many problems this season with teams not completing their fixtures before the round closure dates. It is appreciated that players may fall ill, and others may have booked holidays which take them away for more than 10 days during the Winter months, however the Board has asked for a review of the rules and the possible future penalties/forfeits that might have to be imposed in order to keep the Competition programme to time.

### Let's Get Moving: Melton Awards

**OUR CONGRATULATIONS** must go to Erica Warrington, Melton Young Foxes and Colin Wagstaff, who were presented with the following awards on 23rd January.

Erica Warrington: Outstanding Contribution Award.

Melton Young Foxes: Team of the Year Award.

Colin Wagstaff: Runner-up - Sportsperson of the Year Award.



### Les Hall Trophy 2026

Nominations for this award are now open. This annual award is given at the Company AGM for the most valued contribution to the Club over the last twelve months, whether playing achievement, contributions to the maintenance and improvement of our facilities and grounds or work on the many committees and working groups. The locked Nomination box, is on the Reception Desk along with blank nomination forms. We will close entries on Monday, 16 March.

### Junior Vice President Elections 2026

Nominations for this post will close on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026. Please see Hazel Armstrong for details. The election will be held at the Club AGM on Monday, 27 April 2026.

**Club Team Match Reports** (For full reports, and other news about Club players in their National Competition results please see the Club website.)

### Men's Inter-League (Bradley Trophy)

**17 January: Men's IL v Charnwood:** Melton lost their home match against Charnwood by 83-115 shots and 2-20 points.

**31 January: Men's IL vs Leicester away:** Melton lost by 20 shots despite winning two rinks.

## MOSIL League

### Division 1

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January: Melton Mavericks** (Phil Hopkinson, Ray Casey, Peter Kipling and Skip Dave Ward) lost their away match at Charnwood Conquerors by 12-33 shots.

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January:** The matches for Melton Torpedoes (Div 1) and Melton Bandits (Div2) matches were called off because of the snow.

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January: Melton Mavericks** (Peter Kipling, Phil Hopkinson, Mike Greatorex and Mel Burgess) lost their home match against **Melton Torpedoes** (Martin Warner, Mick Lawrence, Jim Tyers and Mick Curtis) by 11-17 shots.

**Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> January: Leicester Foxes v Melton Mavericks** (B Jackson, M Lomax, D Hill, D Ward) were doing okay for the first 4 ends then lost a 5 on the fifth end and never got back into the game. Mavericks lost the game 28-6 to a very good team.

**Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January: Melton Torpedoes** lost their home match against Carlton Caesars by 6-24 shots.

**Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> January: Melton Mavericks vs Carlton A away.** Mavericks (Malcolm Lomax, Terry Halliday, Ray Casey and Phil Hopkinson) lost 5 on the third end and struggled to get any sort of consistency. At the break, they were 16 - 6 down but picked up two shots as they resumed, but the same inconsistencies continued in the second half, the final score being **Carlton 29 - Mavericks 9**.

### Division 2

**Wednesday, 14 January: Melton Bandits** lost their away match against Leicester Cavaliers by 11-16 shots.

**Wednesday 21st January: Melton Bandits** lost their home match against Rugby Aces by 11-20 shots.

## Ladies Inter-Club

**Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> January: Ladies' IL v Barwell:** Melton won their away match against Barwell by 6-4 points.

**Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> January: Ladies IL vs Charnwood:** Melton lost their home match in a very tight game against a strong Charnwood side, eventually Melton winning just one of the three rinks, but losing by only 10 shots overall. Final score was 54 – 64. Sadly, 2pts to 8pts.

## Champion of Champions

**Men's Champion of Champions: Ethan Giblett** lost the Area Final against Ashley Clipston (Alfreton) by 21-20.

## Club Friendlies

### 25 January - Melton v Lincoln IBC

The match was due to start at 13.00 but was delayed for 15 minutes due to Lincoln being 2 players short, so obligingly Melton lent two bowlers to them. It was a very close match all the way through, with Lincoln forging ahead towards the end to win 97 - 115. Melton's best winning team was Bev Wright, Laura Hickin & Nigel May and our 'wooden spoon' team was

Janet Bentley, Hazel Armstrong & Clive Underwood. Please look at the Weekend board for details of February's fixtures.

### Open Coaching Session

We are pleased to announce, and back by popular demand .....

# OPEN COACHING SESSION

MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

4.30 – 6.30PM

Please see the signing-up sheet on the Midweek Noticeboard by Rink1

### Club Clothing Offer

**We have a small stock of the Club jackets and gilets. We are able to order other sizes – money with your order – for jackets at £39.50 and gilets at £32.00**

**Microfibre (Travel) Jacket** - Lined with Airtex material. Drawstring bottom hem.

**Gilet - Fleece Lined** - Similar material to the Microfibre jackets, but lined with fleece for extra warmth.

### Events in February

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| <b>Sunday, 8th February :</b> | Friendly vs Lincolnshire VPs 14.00. |
| <b>Sunday, 15th February</b>  | Presidents Gala 14.00               |
| <b>Friday, 20th February:</b> | Friendly vs Durham VPs Select       |



We have been asked to publish the reply to a question in one of the Suggestion boxes.

We were asked whether we should have more pushers around the rinks, one at each end of each rink. It would be a significant H&S issue to have so much 'furniture' in the walkways, so the Board has decided to stay with just one pusher between two rinks at each end. We do ask that you do not take the pushers onto the rinks before they are needed, and refrain from walking across the back of adjacent rinks to fetch the pushers. Please use the walkways to collect your pushers.

Please note that we have tried to answer some of your questions in the Questionnaire replies with new leaflets available at the Reception Desk, and also in notices on the new BMEC/R&R noticeboard at the end of Rink 1.

### Polite Request



Could the gentleman, that feels it right to leave his spent chewing gum on the Gents urinals, please use one of the many waste bins around the building to dispose of his gum. It is unfair to our staff to have to deal with your unwanted deposit.

### Shoe Appeal



As most of you know, we keep a small stock of shoes to lend to people who come into the Club for taster sessions, or have just forgotten to bring in their own shoes. For some unknown reason, we suddenly find ourselves with just one useable pair of **Ladies size 6**. If you have borrowed shoes and not yet returned them to the lockers (easy to spot as they have numbers marked on the upper's heel), please return them asap, as we have quite a few new ladies coming in at the moment. If you have any Ladies size 6 shoes – white or grey – which are in decent condition, but no longer wanted, then please consider donating them to our stock. They will be most welcome.

### Find Us on Facebook



Another way to keep up to date with the Club is to follow us on Facebook – why not share us with friends and family. Take a look – but remember to use 'Indoor Bowls Melton Mowbray'.

**If you know of a Club Member who does not have access to the internet, please ring them and tell them about the items in this Newsletter.**

# Melton Indoor Bowls Club

## Quiz NIGHT



Sunday 22nd February

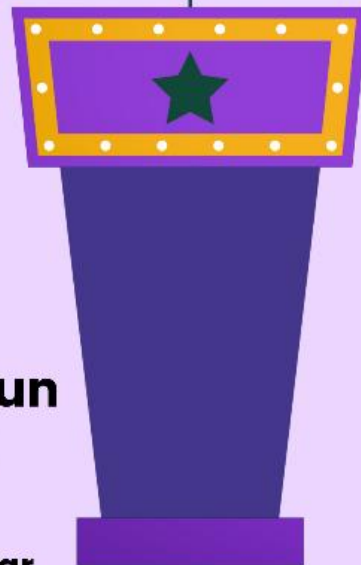
6PM Start

£3:00 per person

Cash Prize for the  
winning team.  
Teams up to 6

**Test your  
knowledge! Fun  
for everyone!**

**Entry forms available from the Club Bar**



# **SOCIAL EVENTS 2026**

**AT MELTON INDOOR BOWLS CLUB**

**JOIN US FOR A GREAT YEAR OF FUN,  
LAUGHTER & ENTERTAINMENT!**

- ★ **QUIZ NIGHT**—SUNDAY 22ND FEBRUARY
  - ★ **PSYCHIC ONE-TO-ONE  
READINGS** THURSDAY 26TH MARCH
  - ★ **RACE NIGHT**—SATURDAY 4 APRIL
  - ★ **ALMOST 60'S BAND**  
30TH MAY
  - ★ **BINGO NIGHT**—SATURDAY 20 JUNE
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