



NEWSLETTER



Melton & District Indoor Bowls Club Limited

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Election Time Again

It is nearly time to make the arrangements for the two Annual General Meetings (Company and then Club), and this year there will be a slight difference in the elections for the Bowls Management Committee (BMC). Whilst most BMC posts are unchanged both in name and job content, the Board of Directors has now approved the proposals of the BMC Structure Working Party, and the Club Byelaws have been amended to reflect the changes.

Over the last six months the Working Party has spent over 150 man-hours in meetings, and a good many more talking to members to gain their opinion on the planned changes. The BMC monthly meeting will now be made up of a much smaller Executive group of the nine decision-making roles, currently within the list of about 27 posts on the BMC organisational group.

The remaining posts have been organised into three main Sub-Committees; Captains & Selectors, the Coaching Team and Mission 650. These Sub-Committees will each have one representative on the Executive, and will need to organise their own meetings as required. Initially the average player on the rinks should notice no changes, but it is hoped that arrangements for games and other sessions will be improved and problems dealt with more quickly by the spread of common, and best, practice.

The most significant change at the Club AGM will be that, although certain posts will be nominated and elected as before, not all of those posts will sit on the BMC Executive. The various Captains and Selectors (both Mens and Ladies) will have to nominate candidates from within their number to stand for the post of Chair of their Sub-Committee, and thereby their single Representative on the Executive. The Representative's election will need to be held as soon after the AGM as possible. (Only Captains and Selectors will be able to vote). The Coaches will follow a similar process. Similarly, Mission 650 currently send their Sub-Committee Chair as their representative to the BMC, and this process will continue for this position on the Executive.

Should any member want to be considered for nomination, the BMC Secretary will in future be able to provide both advice on the process of elections and a short job description for the role being considered. The Club relies on volunteers, and their time given freely is valued. It is only fair that they are given an idea of the role before they apply for / accept the job. For example, this year we need a lady willing to take on the role of Junior Vice President. We can now offer a job description for that post.

Any Member wishing to obtain further information about the procedure to take part in the above elections should contact the BMC Secretary, Pat Wright. A notice with

the requirements will appear on the entrance hall notice boards about four weeks before the AGM.

Erewash Friendly : Match Report.

On Saturday 1st February Melton played a friendly match at Erewash Indoor Bowls Club.

Erewash won, with a score of 126-94

On 3 rinks Melton lost by a margin of about 10 shots. On 2 rinks the shot difference was only about 6.

We won on just 1 rink by 23-14, with a team consisting of Rosemary Barton, Simon Lhomme and Deepak Tanna, ably led by Alan Barton. They were presented with the coveted Winning Team Award by President Deepak.

Chris Fleckney and Pauline Wells deserve credit for restricting strong opposition to narrow wins of just 6 and 7 shots respectively. Chris's team had fought hard to come to within 3 shots with 5 ends to go, only to slip back slightly at the end. Pauline inspired her team to a creditable fight-back after a slow start, having slipped to 14-0 down after 6 ends.

The afternoon culminated in the usual pleasant meal, raffle, and after-dinner speeches. - Malcolm Lomax

Club Successes

We have a number of members who have been successful in various competitions in recent months.

Chris Rodgers had a fantastic run in the EIBA Champion of Champions, fighting his way through to the final, having beaten some quality players of the likes of Robert Newman for one. The final saw Chris pitted against Jamie Walker, a player of great experience at the top level over many

years and unfortunately he was beaten in a close game, but being Runner-up in a competition of that quality is no mean feat, so well done Chris.

The National U18 County Triples Finals at Nottingham on 21st March will probably include Alex Warrington, Isabelle Pymm and Max Magee

In the National U18 Open Singles Finals at Northampton on 15th March will be Isabelle Pymm, who also qualified for the National U25 Ladies Singles finals at Spalding on 25th January but she lost her first match to Olivia Moulton; still, not bad for a thirteen year old.

EBYDS - The Current National Title holder is Alex Warrington is once again through to the Regional final together with Isabelle Pymm, Max Magee. Grace Wade and Tyler King on 29th March.

EIBA David Cornwell - the squad that made it all the way to the quarter final stage (one place from the national finals) were Jordan Butcher, Ethan Giblett, Brandon Giblett, Paul Warrington, Alex Warrington, Isabelle Pymm and Max Magee.

In the Melton Times Sports Awards for 2020 we have a number of contenders:

Colin Wagstaff for Disability Sportsman of The Year

Alex Warrington for Junior Sportsman of the Year

Our Junior Club for Junior Team of The Year

This confirms that Melton has some wonderful talent so well done to everyone involved, including our Junior Coaching Team.

Open Singles Circuit - Lewis Fiveash Parnell

January 18th/19th was the turn of the first ever Melton Open Singles Circuit. Players from clubs all across the Country had travelled to come and play this fantastic tournament. Melton's very own Lewis Fiveash Parnell had organised for the event to be held at Melton and thankfully it went without a hitch.

Graham Smith from Spalding managed to fend off the hard fought competition and beat Connor Cinato of Kingsthorpe on the final, bagging himself a nice return of £1000. This was his second win of the season and must guarantee him a place in the Grand Final having now secured 278pts.

Graham's path to the final started with a two set win 8-3,7-2 over Mark Atkins from Malvern Hills. Next up was Jeremy Russell from Grantham who was beaten 10-2,7-2. Round three saw him facing the regular circuit bowler Martin Shepherd from Chipping Norton who could not halt his progress losing by 5-7,4-4.

The quarter final match against Lee Rowland from Avon Valley was one of those strange games, Graham winning the first set 10-1, Lee took the second set 7-1, and so to the tiebreak with Graham winning 2-0. The semi final was against Tony Webb from Riverain who had no answer to the bowls played against him losing by 2-8,2-10.

Waiting in the final was Connor Cinato from Kingsthorpe. Connor started with a 6-5, 5-4 tight win over Norman Coad from Newquay. This was followed by a two set win over Colin Cleary from Skegness 6-1,7-2. Glenn Williams from Riverain took the first set 5-4 forcing Connor to pull out all the stops in the second set to win 8-3, and clinched the tie break 2-0.

His quarterfinal opponent was Shaun Jones from Malvern Hills who took this match right down to the wire before losing by 5-6,10-3 then 1-2 in the tie break. The semifinal against Calvin Rawson from South Forest was over in two sets 5-4,10-4.

The final was over in two straight sets 7-3,9-5 to Graham.

A few local players entered and their results are below.

John Robinson (Melton) was a late entry after some people dropped out and made a very good first impression in the competition. His first opponent was Andy McIntyre from Westlecot and after drawing the first set 5-5 John had the edge in the second set to beat him 6-4. In the next round he had Keith Holloway (Banbury) whom he quickly disposed after a fairly tight first set, eventually cruising to victory 10-9 10-6.

In the third round he met Tony Webb (Riverain). This proved too much for John unfortunately resulting in him being a bit unlucky with some of the shots and coming undone losing 5-8, 3-7.

Lewis Fiveash Parnell also progressed well in this tournament, his first opponent was Mike Rogacs (Turpin's) who he disposed of quickly in 2 straight sets 6-5, 10-0. In the next round he met North Wiltshire's Geoff Moore. Again Lewis's form didn't falter and he achieved another straight set victory 7-2, 5-3.

In the next Round Lewis faced Geoff's Father, Andy Moore, again from North Wiltshire. John struggled to find the form he had had throughout the previous two games narrowly losing the first set 8-7 and couldn't make it in the second set 7-3.

Tony Barwell from Stamford beat Kyle Warrington from Melton 8-4,6-8,2-1 in his first match but then came up against

Calvin Rawson from South Forest losing by 4-6,7-7,

Jeremy Russell from Grantham had a walkover in his first round match but then faced the eventual winner Graham Smith as reported earlier.

Colin Cleary from Skegness won against Jason Lewis from Grantham 8-3,3-6 then 2-1 in the tie break. Next up was Connor Cinato as reported above.

Mark Eurich from Grantham faced Martin Heitzman from Welford on Avon in the first round, losing by 6-6,2-8.

A Tombola was also held across both of the days which raised a massive £220 towards the cost of this competition and I'd like to thank Patricia Wright, Jenny McConnell and Eva Radford for running this and bringing much needed funds into the club.

This event was fantastic for both the players and Melton Indoor Bowls Club and I hope that next year we can put the same amount of hard work and effort into it to make it work. I'd like to thank all of the Volunteers that assisted both days, as it wouldn't have been possible for the event to run without everyone's hard work.

Volunteers I would like to thank Arthur Broadberry, Richard Muddimer, John Robinson, Neil Parnell, Mick Rawle, David Pick, Carol Pick, Jenny McConnell, Eva Radford, Patricia Wright. If I've missed you from the list I do apologise, although your help was much needed.

Got a Concern?

Occasionally we all have concerns or complaints about one thing or another. These can be about something that we don't like about the club facilities or the way in which the club is being run or even a complaint about someone else's behaviour.

The club officers take all concerns and complaints seriously, but it is important that they have some evidence about the matter, so if you have something or somebody about which you wish to complain it is essential that your complaint is put into writing, as we cannot investigate "hearsay".

All complaints are dealt with confidentially by either the club officers or Directors dependent on the seriousness of the complaint.

Welfare

Some members may not be aware that we have a Welfare Officer within the club. Sue Lemon has been fulfilling this role for four years now, so if you are aware that a member is unwell or in need of assistance, please let Sue know so that she can check it out to see if we can provide any assistance.

Prostaid

You may have seen in the press in recent weeks that Prostate Cancer is now the most common form of cancer in the U.K. In a club like ours, where we have a majority of male members with an average age of over sixty years, it is inevitable that there will be a number of members suffering from this disease without even knowing it.

There is now a "Prostaid Support Group" meeting held on the first Wednesday evening of each month commencing at 7:00pm in the Conference Room. We are planning a promotion within the club aimed at improving awareness of the disease, including symptoms to watch for and what to do if you think that you may have one or more of these.