



NEWSLETTER



Melton & District Indoor Bowls Club Limited

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Welcome to 2020

A happy New Year to all our members. Let us hope that it is a healthy and prosperous year for one and all. There will be a great deal to look forward to this year with the Olympic Games beginning on Friday 24th July in Tokyo, Japan. I guess that many of our members will remember the last Tokyo Olympics in 1964. What a difference the event will be this year in terms of performance. Let us hope that the same applies to our bowling here in Melton!

Membership Subscription

The annual review of the Membership Subscription for the year commencing 1st April 2020 was carried out in accordance with the Company Policy on Fees & Subscriptions, at the January Board meeting on Tuesday 14th January 2020.

At that review, the company's financial situation was considered, together with the inflation calculations as set out in the said policy. The last increase in Annual Subscription took effect on 1st January 2012, and a reduction of £1:00 was applied in 2018, in order to make the fee divisible by twelve, to simplify the charges applied to new members, depending on the month in which they join. Furthermore, the renewal date was changed from January 1st to April 1st in 2018 which gave all current members three months membership free of charge.

Whilst the company is financial stable, we have been faced with some unexpected costs, due mainly to the ingress of flood water last October. The cost of that work was in the region of £12,000, but there is further work to be done when the ground has dried out, and this will be carried out during the summer months.

The result of the inflation calculations as set out in the Company Policy on Fees & Subscriptions, indicate that an increase of £12:00 is required at this time. However, the Board's stated policy is to keep increases below the rate of inflation, so they have approved an increase of £6:00.

The Annual Membership Subscription will therefore be £60:00 with effect from 1st April 2020. The discount available to those paying before the due date is one-twelfth of this amount i.e. £5:00.

This new rate applies to Full Members. A list of rates for the other types of membership is posted separately on Notice Boards.

Junior Club News - Nov. to Dec.

U18 Midlands Junior League

On Saturday 9th November a visiting team from Desborough took on Melton, the first of the new season's U18 Midland Junior League clashes. The Melton team comprising sisters Amy and Ellen Cartwright, Isabelle Pymm, Grace Wade, Max Magee

and Toby King started tentatively but soon settled down and at the half way stage were leading 17 – 10. Not to be outdone, Desborough dug their heels in and along with Melton, produced some thrilling bowls, leaving the spectators clinging to their seats, unable to tear themselves away.

Final score Melton 31 - 22 Desborough

Sunday 1st December saw sisters Amy and Ellen Cartwright, Isabelle Pymm, Grace Wade, Max Magee and Alex Warrington travelling to Leicester for the next match in the U18 Midlands Junior League. Although both triples had impressive wins in their first games, Leicester achieved a better shot difference in the remaining two matches.

Final score Melton 24 - 30 Leicester

National David Cornwell U25

Saturday 23rd November saw the much awaited clash of Melton and Leicester in the National U25 David Cornwell competition. The away rink of Max Magee, Paul Warrington and Ethan Giblett didn't have it easy, with some of Leicester's finest U25 players in attendance. They quite often found themselves on the back foot. The home rink comprising Isabelle Pymm, Brandon Giblett and Jordan Butcher got off to a steady start, but eleven shots scored on two consecutive ends found Melton back on level pegging with four ends to play. Despite both rinks losing the next end, the teams only dropped one shot between them on the remaining three ends.

Final score Melton 35 – 31 Leicester

Melton will now face Desborough on Saturday 21st December

Potters Resort U17 Open Triples Competition

Sunday 8th December. Melton's trio of Isabelle Pymm, Max Magee and Alex Warrington returned to Potters Resort for this annual competition along with twenty three other teams from across the country including teams from Leicester, Barwell and Church Gresley.

Melton got off to a good start in their first group match against Beccles (A) winning 9-7.

In their second group match they came up against local team Barwell, skipped by Fynn Kyser. With both teams evenly matched, it was no surprise that going into the last end the teams were level. Facing a four shot deficit in the last end, Alex with his second bowl played controlled weight perfectly to go one shot up. Fynn unfortunately, attempting a similar shot with his last bowl, pulled tight, thus giving Melton the win 8-7.

In their final group match an easy win of 12-3 against Mote Park(C) secured their place in the quarter finals.

The quarter finals saw Acle 'v' Ipswich, Riverain(C) 'v' Cambs/Huntingdon, Riverain (B) 'v' Riverain (A) and Melton against Mote Park (A).

Unfortunately Melton along with Acle, Riverain (A) and Riverain(C) all stumbled at this stage.

The final between Mote Park (A) and Riverain (B) will be contested just prior to the World Men's Singles final on 26th January 2020

National David Cornwell U25

Saturday 21st December brought a very tense match for all of our U25 players, with the home team comprising Brandon

Giblett, Paul Warrington and Ethan Giblett and our away team of Isabelle Pymm, Alex Warrington and Jordan Butcher against Desborough who themselves were fielding a team with internationally recognised players.

Despite some early setbacks for Melton in the opening ends, with some exceptionally close heads, all was square after 6 ends at 12-12. The scores remained tied after 11 ends with no team showing any sign of weakness. Melton continued to give everything they could and Desborough eventually succumbed.

Final score Melton 40 - 29 Desborough

Melton now advances into the quarter finals against York on Sunday 19th January 2020. Venue and time – t.b.c.

Christmas Gala Report.

The Christmas Gala on 15th Dec was a Great Event.

The Spider was won by David Hudson, who chose the whiskey, (£41 raised).

Thanks to everyone who donated raffle prizes, (£93 raised), and to Jenny for selling tickets. Also thanks to the Directors for the Christmas Spirit.

The Christmas Dinner was one of the best ever, with free tea and mince pies during the afternoon, provided by Mehdi.

Thanks also to David Armstrong for the Melton Times Report, Mick Lawrence for the photos, Mick Rawle for Posters around the Club, and to the Boys for setting up the Snakes and Ladders boards.

Eva Radford

Melton v Stamford January 18th 2020

Match Report

They confidently predicted we couldn't do it! Traditionally, the fast Stamford Green doesn't suit our players. We should resign ourselves to a crushing defeat, they said.

As the match got under way it seemed that the prophets of doom had got it right. After 10 ends we trailed 66-40. Malcolm's team 11-1 behind. Evelyn's team suffering a 17-2 deficit. Not much reason for optimism, you might think.

But never underestimate the determination of our Friendly Squad! Evelyn inspired her team to win the next 10 ends, finally losing narrowly 20-18. Malcolm's team took the lead going into the last end, finally losing narrowly 16-15.

Our winning team was led by George, ably supported by Walter, Eileen and John Fairbrother. Score 28-17 to Melton.

The match ended 122-109 to Stamford, Melton having briefly closed the gap to only 4 shots.

An enjoyable afternoon ended with a tasty meal, a raffle which Melton won convincingly, and an entertaining speech by Stamford's Captain Maggie in which she poured unstinting praise on Melton's inspirational fight-back.

That's surely what Bowls is all about!

Malcolm Lomax

Friendly Against Erewash

The friendly match against Erewash on Sunday was captained by Pat Wright, as Hazel Armstrong was away, and Malcolm Lomax had other commitments.

A full team from Melton of 24 players enjoyed a win against a strong Erewash side.

Melton 109 shots against Erewash 74.

Melton's winning rink consisting of Eric Morgan, Viv Pugh, Jenny McConnell and skip Brian Donovan won on their rink 27 - 11, with Melton winning on 5 out of the 6 rinks.

An excellent meal provided by Mehdi and his team in the Restaurant was enjoyed by 53 players and their guests.

The Raffle followed, with a fairly equal share of winners between both teams, and making a total of £56.00 towards the Transport Fund.

A big Thank You to all who brought in Raffle Prizes.

Erewash are looking for a win against Melton, when the return match is played at Erewash on 01/02/2020.

Melton V Barwell Friendly 26 January

The teams skipped by Colin Wagstaff, Beryl Birch and Eileen Wright all achieved high winning rink scores and commiserations to Mel Burgess and Pauline Wright's teams who went down. The final result was a very pleasing 108 - 80 particularly as Barwell brought in several of their "big guns" following our away win there last Autumn.

The highest scoring rink team was Kate Toon, Ray Casey, Eva Radford and Dave pick with a high performing and power-packed 33 - 12 so warmest congratulations.

The match was followed with an excellent meal in the restaurant followed by the usual raffle and many thanks to all those who donated prizes and this leads to special thanks to Sue & Mel Burgess who donated a bottle of scotch whiskey which created an opportunity to immediately fol-

low the match with a spider event or in this case a lamb as the spider is not at the club just now. The prize was won by David Armstrong.

Hazel was Captain for the day on this occasion so special thanks to her for organising and ensuring a most enjoyable afternoon was had by all.

Constance Rudkin Retires

We know that members leave the club for a variety of reasons, but the other day I was advised of one such member who was finishing bowling because she no longer felt able to play.

Constance joined the club as a full member in October 2003 but she now considers that the time has come to pack away her bowls. She said that she had thoroughly enjoyed her time as a member here at Melton, but no longer felt able to "give it her all".

Constance was born on 2nd January 1927, and is one of the generation that has endured some tough times. We send her our very best wishes for a long and happy retirement. A very nice lady!