



Malvern Priory Bowling Club Newsletter

June 2019

Captain's message

The season is now well underway, with several matches having already been played. The win to loss ratio of these being 50/50, with a very close match on Tuesday against Victoria Park, where we were defeated by just 2 shots. Even though I didn't play anything like as well as I know I can, it was still very enjoyable and relaxing, namely because Ron White was acting captain for this match. This was the second that someone other than me has taken this role, the first being Peter Storry, there are more of you who are willing to help me out with this, and I am really grateful to you all for this. Let us hope the weather is kind to us and that we can continue to enjoy our bowling. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on our roll-up days.

Roy.

Ladies narrowly defeated

The Ladies have played but unfortunately lost their first match. We had a most enjoyable afternoon when we played a 3x triples match against Manor Park Ladies even though we lost by 16 shots 43 to 59. To give confidence to our Ladies when looking at the score cards in greater detail Priory won 26 ends and Manor Park 28.

Our next game is against Victoria Ladies on Tuesday 18th June.

Lorna

President's report

Now the season is in full swing we can appreciate and enjoy the hard work done by members during the winter months. The exterior of the club and the grounds are looking well maintained and smart due to the work undertaken by a dedicated "band of brothers". Brian has continued tirelessly to attend to the needs of the green and it's surrounds. Many thanks to you all.

The club house continues to look spruce and fresh, with everything well organised - all due to the regular work of Gail and her crew - many thanks to you.

The bowling season has started well with good attendance at roll-ups and the U3A sessions. Help with getting the equipment set up at the beginning of sessions would be much appreciated.

We have enjoyed our inter-club matches - with mixed success! Please remember to sign up in good time for the matches, as holidays reduce the number of people available to play, so that the captain can select the teams in good time.

Lorna recently represented the club in a national competition and played excellent bowls against an international player, losing only by a narrow margin. Well done, Lorna!

All members have contributed to us having the reputation as a friendly club - an attribute commented on by visiting teams - long may this continue!

Do encourage friends, neighbours and colleagues to come along and give bowls a try - we are particularly short of lady members.

I look forward to seeing you at roll-ups, matches and our summer social events coming up in the next three months.

John

Take a look at our Club Web page www.malvernpriorybowlingclub.org.uk

All events and fixtures are shown on the site.

**All enquiries to email address:
secretary@malvernpriorybowlingclub.org.uk**

Malvern Priory Bowling Club excels at Worcester Senior Games

On 8th May the club entered two triples teams at the Worcester Senior Games held at Worcester University. Malvern Priory took both Gold and Silver trophies. Well done to the 6 members who took part.



Gold medallists L to R - Phil Bunyan, Gail Davis and David Mowlem

Silver medallists L to R - Stephen Goodenough, Jean Endall and Roy Barber



Worcestershire Bowling Association - "Champion of Champions" elimination contest

I'm afraid that I lost by 21 to 10, to Mike Pilling referee Greville Megson, and played at Manor Park on 17th May, 3pm.

The game was 'nip' and 'tuck' after 13th ends, when I managed get three of my bowls touching the jack - only for Mike Pilling to then perform a 'controlled drive' with his last bowl that knocked my three winning bowls for six. He was then left with 4 shots to his advantage. I never recovered from that, and he reached the magic 21 'match' score over a further three ends.

An enjoyable and challenging game, but one which emphasised the need to be **always** on the defensive with suitable positional shots when playing against bowlers of his calibre (He is a WBA county player).

Wayne

Congratulations to all who have represented Malvern Priory Bowling Club and done so well this year.

Champion of Champions - Lorna's journey

This year I represented Malvern Priory in the County Champion of Champions competition.

Travelling to Littleton near Evesham in the first round I beat their Champ Vicki Vernon 21 shots to 15.

I was drawn away again for the quarter final and played at Broadway. Unfortunately after 90 minutes play I lost this match to their club champion Sue Davies 12 shots to 21.

It's been an adventure I have enjoyed the opportunity to compete with the best and play on some fantastic Greens.

Lorna

Open Day

Open Day held on 19th May was another successful day when we managed to encourage several new members to enjoy the sport of lawn green bowling. A very big welcome to all of you, we hope you enjoy the game and spirit of the club.

A big thank you to all members who participated on the day. It was a fun day with plenty of delicious cake at the end of the afternoon.

Jacki

Midsummer Malvern OPEN Day Sunday 23rd June 2-5 pm

In conjunction with Midsummer Malvern we are to have a stand in Priory Park and OPEN DAY promoting Malvern Priory Bowling Club on Sunday 23rd June. This is a day when there is an away match and we are calling those who may not be playing to come along and join the fun of the park whilst the bands are playing. The plan is to direct people to the clubhouse to try their skills on the green. We will also be needing people to manage those playing on the green.

This is a great opportunity to boost the number of club members. The event has received a great deal of advertising so we are expecting a good response.

If you can help or need further information please contact Jackie Oakey by email to secretary@malvernpriorybowlingclub.org

Donations from old members

Andrew Campbell has had to retire sadly from bowling due to ill health and has very kindly donated two sets of woods and two bags to the club.

Coaching Advanced Tactics and Team play Strategy

What a great morning we had on Tuesday 21st May when 17 members attending a coaching session with three county coaches instructing us on team play and strategy.

This proved so successful that members have asked for another to be organised for next year. Others have asked to continue similar training to hone the skills learned at the session. Would any members be interested in, say, Saturday morning sessions? If so would someone come forward to take on the organisation/coordination of such sessions. It may be that there are several members who would be keen to help with this. By playing Saturday mornings this could also encourage potential working members who cannot manage weekday roll ups.

The session finished with a great lunch.

Please contact Jackie Oakey
secretary@malvernpriorybowlingclub.org.uk

Setting up and checking in

The volunteers who have come forward to do check in at roll ups has proved to be very successful with Roy, Club Captain, being able to deal with other matters.

If you can help please come forward. It is a simple task but is necessary to ensure everyone is checked in, allocated a rink and has paid their £2.50 green fee. Players on their first taster session are free.

Les Thomas League (Coordinated by Greville Megson)

We are now well into this year's season with this popular competition. The first match against Manor Park Blue was postponed (flooding at Manor Park) and we lost the next game to a strong team from Eastnor Rebels. However, we rallied strongly against Ledbury Young Ones, winning by a margin of 57 shots to 18. The season is comprised of 12 matches, in all, against six teams from the local area. We are looking forward to the next game, which is against Victoria Plums on 5th June.

Greville Megson
All queries to Greville Megson

Signing up to play in friendly inter club matches

It is great to see so many members putting their names forward to play in friendly inter club matches. We have a number of matches coming up over the coming months, many close together so it will give many a chance to play. If you feel you are too new a member to have a go don't be shy, the club policy is to encourage as many as possible to participate. If there are more names than is needed often there is someone who has to drop out leaving a gap to be filled. Remember to add your name to the unavailable section if you are not able to play. This helps the Club Captain of the day considerably.

The cost to play is £2.50 to cover green fees and tea, plus £1 for 3 raffle tickets.

We look forward to as many as possible participating and having fun in friendly matches followed by a good tea.

Mugs wanted

Do you have any unwanted mugs you could donate to the club. Although we have had a few donated since this request last month we still need more please. If you have any please leave them in the club kitchen.

Watering of green schedule

This schedule is being prepared currently and will be circulated to those who can help within the next day or so. If you can help and have not told Brian please contact him

Lost property - spectacles

Nobody came forward to claim any of the specs we found at the clubhouse and they have now been donated to a local optician for distribution elsewhere. I see there is another pair there today!

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 4th June 6.30 pm - Bowling experience evening for Malvern 41 Club

Sunday 9th June - 12.30 pm Club Garden Party - format will be as previously - bring a dish to share and a bottle. There will be a list on the board for you to complete to show what you plan to bring. Please not too many pork pies and sausage rolls this year.

Sunday 23rd June 2.0 pm Midsummer Malvern stand in Priory Park and open day at club - see comment

Sunday July 7th at 2.30 pm - Challenge match between Ladies and Gents teams MPBC

Friday 19th July - Florida Tourists v MPBC A team of bowlers from the US has asked for an afternoon match followed by refreshments. More information to follow

Sunday 11th August - President's day - BBQ more details to follow.

Saturday 31st August - Sunday 1st September Club Competition finals

Saturday 14th September - Sunday 15th September Inter Club Finals at Manor Park

September - end of season party - date to be confirmed

September - Quiz night - date to be announced

October - 'One man and his dog' - date to be confirmed

Bridge drive - October/November - date to be announced

31st October - Halloween Party

December - Christmas Party - date to be confirmed

February/March - New Folk Play

It is also likely that there will be a skittles evening and a beetle drive in the New Year.

LOCAL COMPETITIONS 2019

The Malvern Inter Club Bowls Pairs Competitions are for the members of our three local clubs ie. Malvern Priory, Manor Park and Victoria.

There are three separate knock out competitions -- The Men's Pairs Cup, The J Evenden Ladies's Pairs Shield and The V Aldous Mixed Pairs Cup. Each event has prize money of £50 for the winners and £20 for the runners up. The matches are played throughout the season with a "play by" date for each round. Closing date for applications is 17th June.

This year the finals will be held at Manor Park on Saturday 14th or Sunday 15th of September at 2.30pm.

It would be nice to have a good representation this year so come on Priory let's compete.

Entry fee is £5 per Pair and forms are on the notice board, any further information from Lorna Rodway

Items For Sale

Second hand ladies club shirt size 12 in good condition (new 2918) £10 - contact Jackie Oakey

Second hand ladies club shirt size 14 in good condition (new 2019) - £10 - contact Jackie Oakey

Pair of ladies white Emsmorn three quarter length trousers, size 14 worn once £10 - contact Jackie Oakey

Pair of ladies white bowling Emsmoen shorts - worn once £10 - contact Jackie Oakey

Drakes Pride Professional P12693. Size 00M, 4 woods in total. 27WB Hardly used, in very good condition. Asking price £100 which includes carrying case. Contact Bob or Liz Kell

Health and Well being Fair

Several members helped man the stand at Malvern Town Council's Health and Wellbeing Fair held on Saturday 4th May at Rosebank Gardens. A very big thank you to those who also manned the green. As a result of our efforts we managed to encourage new members to take up the sport

A very big welcome to those who joined having spoken to us there. We hope you enjoy the game and the spirit of our club.

Bowls bags on top of cupboards

I have only had one person respond to say they owned a bag on top of the lockers and would label it appropriately. The deadline for dealing with these bags has now passed. It appears we have a number of bags that don't belong to anyone and these should be available for members who require one for a suitable donation to club funds.

If you would like a bag please contact me Jackie Oakey - secretary@malvernpriorybowlingclub.org.uk

Inter club matches/roll ups

All members should by now have a fixtures list. There are a few matches that take place on roll up days - remember to check your list to see when these are.

Mens toilets

Unfortunately after many year the archaic cistern in the gents has finally given up and we have had to replace it with modern push button urinal flushes. The store cupboard has been repositioned for safety reasons, this is where you can find extra toilet rolls and paper towels. **Please fill when dispenser is running low.**

Bowling Green Rink Layout for June

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| Mondays | <u>Green Maintenance Day - Green Closed All Day</u> |
| Tuesdays | Rink numbers on YELLOW play E/W 6 rinks Use WHITE rink boundary markers |
| Wednesday/Saturday/ Sunday | Rink numbers on WHITE play E/W 5 rinks Use YELLOW rink boundary markers |
| Thursdays | Rink numbers on BLUE play E/W 5 rinks Use TEAL rink boundary markers |
| Fridays | Rink numbers on YELLOW play E/W 6 rinks Use WHITE rink boundary markers |

Inter club and Les Thomas League matches - green schedule will be sent to the match captains separately. Brian

Club competitions - internal

The last day for entering these competitions was Friday 31st May with the draw taking place after roll up that day.

The lists will be on the board Tuesday 4th June along with the dates by which each leg needs to be completed.

Please arrange to play these matches out of roll up times and **not** on Mondays. A schedule of times below shows when such matches can be played. Rinks will need to be booked via the diary so that the green can be used to its maximum.

Times when rinks can be used for club competitions

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| Monday | Club is closed all day for maintenance and watering - NO PLAY |
| Tuesday | Mornings up to 1.30 pm and after 4.0 pm up to 6.30 pm |
| Wednesday | Mornings up to 1.30 pm and after 4.0 pm |
| Thursday | Morning Green Cutting, green open at 1.30 pm and closes at 4.00 pm for watering |
| Friday | Mornings to 1.30 p.m. and after 4.0 pm up to 6.30 pm |
| Saturdays/ Sundays | All day only if there is not an inter club match on pm, or the green has to be watered due to very dry weather |

Club members playing in competitions should get together and play on any of the above days/times and make a morning, afternoon or evening event where members not playing could come and watch and give their support to fellow Club members.

Brian Palmer

Chairs/Short mat

Could those who play short mat who move the chairs into the changing rooms please put them back into the main room after they have played. It is unfair that others have to do this for them.

These chairs belong to the Bridge Club and are required by them. We have recently had a complaint from the Bridge club about this.

To prolong the life of the short mat would players please roll it up after play on Saturday ready for maintenance work on Mondays.

Match Captains

The list for match captains will be on the match board Tuesday 4th June.

Club Captain, Roy Barber, would appreciate as many members as possible to captain matches so that he is not always doing it.

Roy will explain in detail exactly what is needed to be done and I am sure he will provide you with a joke or two from his huge repertoire to help you on your way.

Monday Maintenance Day

To clarify the situation that has come to light today when I received a request from a member to play short mat on Mondays. This is perfectly acceptable for Short Mat to be played **provided it is after 5pm on Mondays.**

The paths around the green are regularly treated on Mondays so please do not walk onto the green from the surrounding paths.

As you all know Mondays is a day for no play outside or in when a band of volunteers gives up their free time to look after the green and club house.

The times when outside rinks can be used is listed above.

Thanks for your co-operation.

Brian Palmer

Teignmouth Tournament

Do you fancy a bowling holiday in Teignmouth, Devon?

TEIGNMOUTH OPEN BOWLING WEEK
SUN. 15th to FRI 20th Sept. 2019
(The Den, Bitton Park , Shaldon BC's)

For more information see the notice on the board.

Raffle prizes

What a response to my request for raffle prizes, they came in thick and fast. A very very big thank you to all who provided them. We now have a good selection, however, we like to keep our raffle prize box well stocked so if you have any more we will always accept them.

Raffles throughout the year a matches and social events bring in much needed income.

Jackie Oakey

Summer Garden Party

Our annual summer garden party will be held at the club on Sunday 9th Jun at 12.30 pm Members spouses/partners are all welcome. This is a 'pot luck' lunch when everyone brings along a dish to share along with a bottle. It is a fun affair with very good food from our talented cooks followed by an afternoon of fun on the green with 'different' bowls games. So that we know how many people to expect can you please put your name/s on the list on the board along with food you intend bringing.

Jackie

THE 18TH END: ALL SQUARE

Bowling is fun when you can see the jack,
But it is a sight Skips rarely get to see,
There can be so many woods right in front,
And the fault is with you and me.
The lead and I kept putting woods in front,
When short, back and sides was required,
(We should know better we have been on the course,)
It is no wonders our skip is fed up and tired.
Just roll it to the jack says Number 2,
The path is quite plain to see,
But I want to bowl backhand says our skip...
At the spot that looks like a bee,
He bowls forehand aiming at the spot,
But at the last minute it moves and goes buzzing away,
So out of bounds goes the skips bowl,
And the opposition have won the day.

Anon

supplied by Roger Davies