



Malvern Priory Bowling Club

Newsletter

May 2019

Captain's message

Hello to you all. I hope you are enjoying your bowling at the start of this new season, with the green playing much quicker than at the same time last year. Our thanks to Brian Palmer and helpers for organising this.

We have a few extra clubs to play friendlies against this season, so in order to spread the load, both David Mowlem and I, are asking for volunteers to be "Captain of the Day" for some of the matches. This is a great opportunity to become more involved with the running of the club. If you would like to help, please let myself or a member of the committee know. We would be very grateful for any assistance.

Do keep coming along to the fundraising events, open days (bring friends etc) and social events throughout the year. Our thanks to the fundraising committee and helpers for organising these.

Happy bowling to everyone.

Roy Barber.

A great start to the season

Well done to all those who played in our first match of the season which we won against Bredon at Bredon. I understand you had a thoroughly good tea. We also had a record number of 6 teams playing.

President's message

Firstly, I would like to thank you for your trust that I can possibly fill the shoes, (size 11) of Wayne, to whom we all owe a debt of gratitude for assisting greatly in bringing the club to the healthy state we find ourselves in today. Not only has our membership grown considerably, but under his tutorage, so have our bowling skills.

This season has commenced with the green in very good condition. This has been possible because of the unstinting work of Brian and a dedicated band of members, employing their talents and hard graft to the task. In order to maintain the standard of the grounds and the green, remember many hands make lighter work, so please step forward and lend a hand.

Our clubhouse is looking fresh and smart after a thorough tidy-up of equipment, spring clean and new doors. Again, many thanks to those who have organised and helped with this and to the many hands that will help in the future.

The club funds are in a healthy state, due to increased membership, short mat fees, grants and social events, which have been very well supported. Our gratitude goes to the Social Committee, for the organisation of a wide variety of activities and they look forward to seeing you at the forthcoming summer events.

We can now all look forward to the new season of bowling under the most capable guidance of Captains Roy, Lorna and Greville (Les Thomas Triples League). Please assist them by signing up to play in good time.

May I wish you all a happy and successful season.

John.

The Green

A very big thank you to the band of volunteers who support me at our regular Monday maintenance days. Without you the club would be in a sorry state.

The end of the tunnel is in sight and within a few weeks we should have finished all the rebuilding work of the green due to winter damage. From then on it will be purely maintenance and a team of volunteers will be wanted to keep up the standard.

There has been a new layout of the green, details below. Remember to look in the bottom side of the ditch for the colours.

The green has now been cut to 5mm but unfortunately our ground is very soft and has a lot of thatch in it which will be removed over the next month. The green will be rolled to make the surface harder.

County green inspectors will be with us within the next week or so.

Finally MONDAYS, ALL DAY, IS MAINTENANCE DAY AND WE NEED TO HAVE ACCESS TO THE CLUBHOUSE. THE SHORT MAT MUST BE ROLLED BACK AFTER PLAY ON SATURDAY. ALL MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE THIS. ALL MONDAY VOLUNTEERS ARE WORKING FOR THE CLUB IN THEIR OWN TIME.

Brian Palmer
Green and Maintenance Secretary

U3A Lawn Bowling Group -

U3A Bowling started today, 1st May. Sessions every Wednesday afternoon at 2pm until the end of August will be run by Lorna Rodway, and Rupert Thomas.

Salmon lunch

The salmon lunch was a great success raising £371 for club funds. A big thank you to those who helped Jackie in the kitchen and to those who attended.

LADIES SEASON

The long awaited 2019 outside bowling season has eventually arrived and our Ladies can look forward to 8 friendly matches this year.

Last year we were very successful in our results and we had no problem finding 3 triples with 15 ladies willing to play in the matches.

It is unfortunate that some of our squad from last year have retired from the game and we wish them well. It is somewhat disappointing that others have chosen to leave us and have joined other local clubs. However we shall overcome this set back as I know we have gained some very enthusiastic ladies who will, with a slight nudge, be willing to take part in our most enjoyable matches.

Our first game will be a home match against Manor Park Ladies at 2.30pm on Tuesday 14th May and I am very pleased to report that we have a complete team of 3 triples Hurrah!

This of course is a Roll Up afternoon so the Club will be very busy, let's hope the weather is kind and the sun shines on us.

Lorna Rodway

Setting up and checking in

Well our season has got underway with a very good start with excellent turnouts at roll ups, 32 on Tuesday 30th, and some new faces who appear to be having a great time and showing great promise.

The committee is looking for people who can help with the setting up of the green and to take names, allocate rinks and collect green fees at each Tuesday, Thursday and Friday roll ups. 2 people are needed - one for the rink set up and one for the admin side. At the moment it seems to be the same people doing it - mainly the club captain. It would be good for everyone to have a go at collecting roll up fees so you get to know everyone.

The person putting out the ring markers will also be responsible for ensuring everything has been put away and secured at the end of the session.

If you can do this can you either email me or call me on [REDACTED]. Jackie Oakey, Club Secretary

New Green layout and schedule

A big thank you to all those involved in measuring and marking out the new rink layout. This is the schedule for 2019 for club activities. The coloured markers are on the side of the ditch.

Mondays	Green Maintenance Day - NO PLAY
Tuesdays	Rink Numbers on YELLOW play North - South 6 Rinks Use WHITE Boundary Markers
Wednesdays	Rink Numbers on WHITE Play North - South 5 Rinks Use YELLOW Boundary Markers
Thursdays	Rink Numbers on WHITE Play East - West 5 Rinks Use YELLOW Boundary Markers
Fridays	Rink Numbers on YELLOW Play West - East 6 Rinks Use WHITE Boundary Markers

A further two sets of rinks comprising 5 rinks are reserved for inter club matches only. Match captains will be notified by myself or my deputy in good time before the match on which rinks are to be used for play. PLEASE DO NOT DO ANYTHING DIFFERENT.

Rink protectors are to be used at all times when the green is damp. This applies to the beginning and end of the season when the weather is more likely to be wet.

Brian Palmer
Green and Maintenance Sec.

Signing up to play in friendly interclub matches

Lists are now up for friendly inter club matches. Put your name forward to play, the club policy is to encourage as many as possible to participate, don't be shy and 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 considerably.

We look forward to as many as possible participating and having fun in friendly matches.

Outside Store room door

During high winds at the weekend the door to the equipment store blew open. Can those putting equipment away please make sure this door is securely closed. The latch can be used for further security. This is a new door that took considerable time to fit by 2 volunteers so please treat it with care and responsibility.

The last person to leave the clubhouse after roll ups, short mat or matches must check that everything is securely locked, including the emergency side door.

Les Thomas League (Coordinated by Greville Megson)

First Priory BC fixture against Manor Park BC on 8th May, Wednesday evening (6.15pm) at the Priory ground. The full schedule of fixtures is shown on the clubhouse notice board together with a list where you can sign up to be included in those who play.

All queries to Greville Megson [REDACTED]

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.

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.

Club competitions - internal

Club competitions will continue as last year with members putting themselves forward to enter the various singles, doubles and triples competitions.

In previous years every member was entered which caused a backlog as many were not interested in competing. The lists will be on the board shortly along with the dates by which each leg needs to be completed.

Please arrange to play these matches out of rollup times and **not** on Mondays. At roll up yesterday Tuesday 30th we had 32 playing on the green and all 6 rinks were in use.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 1st May - U3A bowls to start.
Contact Lorna Rodway or Rupert Thomas for more information.

Saturday 4th May - Promotional stall at Malvern Town Council Health and Wellbeing Fayre at Rosebank Gardens, Wells Road, Malvern - volunteers needed to man the stall. Those interested in having a go will be redirected to the club where there will be a club member on hand.

Wednesday 8th May, Senior Games at Worcester University.

Sunday 12th May - 2.30 pm - first Match at home against County.

Tuesday 14th May Ladies first match against Manor Park at home.

19th May OPEN DAY info to follow

Tuesday 21st May - Advanced Tactics and Team play Strategy Coaching coffee from 9.30 am start, 10 am start. Lunch to be provided by the club. Sign up on board if you would like to participate - deadline 8th May.

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

Sunday 9th June - Club Garden Party

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

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.

Coaching Advanced Tactics and Team play Strategy

Tuesday, 21st May 2019 from 10 am until 12.30
approximately Coffee and biscuits from 9.30 am

MPBC Club members have the opportunity to take advantage of a visit by Worcestershire County Bowls coaches to give guidance during a practical session on the use of advanced bowling tactics and team play strategy. This will take place on Tuesday 21st May 2019 from 10 am until approximately 12.30 pm. Coffee and biscuits from 9.30 am. Lunch will be provided by the club followed up by roll up when you can practice what you have learned during the morning.

For those members who would be interested in joining this session please add your name to the list on the board or alternatively e mail Jackie Oakey at secretary@malvernprioritybowlingclub.org.uk. I need to know numbers by 8th May at the latest to give the county time to arrange the necessary number of coaches.

Official Bowling Year Book 2019

There'll be a copy of the Bowls England Year Book 2019 in the right hand drawer of the first table in the ladies changing room. This will be there from Friday 3rd May.

If you use it please return it to this drawer for others to use it.

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

In conjunction with Midsummer Malvern we are to have a table in Priory Park 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.

If you can help or need further information please contact Jackie Oakey on [REDACTED] or e mail secretary@malvernprioritybowlingclub.org

Worcestershire Bowling Association - "Champion of Champions" elimination contest

Lorna Rodway drawn against Vikki Vernon (Littleton BC, Evesham), to be played before 25 May at the Littleton ground.

Wayne Braddock drawn against Mike Pilling (Manor Park), to be played before 20th May at the Priory Ground.

Items For Sale

Thomas Taylor, size 2 Black, used for 4-5 outdoor seasons – new £180, available to first offer for £50.

Phone Roger Maingot 01684 567750 to get yourself a bargain set of woods.

A pair of ladies white Emsmorn three quarter length trousers, size 14 worn once £10 - contact Jackie Oakey [REDACTED]

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

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 Kel [REDACTED]

Executive meeting held on 28th April - coloured shoes

At the County Executive meeting held on Sunday 28th February, the County Treasurer reported that the new World Bowls Red Book now states you may wear whatever colour footwear you like providing they have flat bottoms.

Club Spring Clean

A very big thank you to all the ladies who turned up to give the clubhouse its annual Spring Clean. We managed to have it done and dusted by lunchtime thanks to the number who turned up to help.

Open Day Sunday 19th May

Our main Open Day will be held on Sunday 19th May from 2.00 pm when we hope to encourage the public, friends and family to join us during the afternoon to try their hand at Lawn Bowls and show then the health benefits of the sport.

We need volunteers to set the green up in time for the start at 2.00 pm and prepare woods for those would be bowlers.

The afternoon will be friendly affair with tea and cakes offered to those who come along.

If you are able to help with rink and bowl preparation or by cooking cakes please contact Jackie Oakey or Graham Dimmock to let them know.

County Ladies's President's Coffee Morning

Gill Barkas of the Stourport Bowling Club is the Ladies's President of Worcestershire Bowling Association for 2019. The charity she has chosen to support for her year in office is Motorneurone Disease Association (MDA).

Jackie Oakey and myself had a very pleasant journey through Shrawley to her Charity Coffee Morning at the Stourport Club. This was a most enjoyable morning with several members from other clubs also attending providing much needed funds for Gill's

Bowls bags on top of cupboards

Do you own a bowls bag stored at the clubhouse? If so would you please be good enough to put a label on it with your name or remove it from club house if you no longer want to use it. We appear to have accumulated a number of bags that are in various states of repair. Like the spectacles these will be disposed of if they are not claimed. The deadline for these will be Friday 24th May 2019.

For those of you without a bowls bag there could be some available as a result of this exercise. A small donation towards club funds would be appreciated if you are lucky enough to gain one.

Club requests

At this mornings Lady's President Coffee Morning in Stourport which Lorna Rodway and I attended I noticed this notice on the board and thought it a policy Malvern Priory Bowling Club should adopt.

These requests apply to all arranged games and roll ups

1. Please turn up in good time, at least 20 minutes before the start of a match.
2. Members are requested to help 'lay out' rinks and not leave it to one person
3. At the end of play please ensure that all equipment is **tidily and securely put away**
4. Please socialise with your opponents after matches (This helps our club).

Compliance with these requests makes life easier for all. Non compliance is unfair to those few who have taken responsibility in the past.

Remember teamwork applies to all aspects of club life not just bowling.



Do you own any of these specs, if so please collect them from the clubhouse. If they are not claimed by Friday 10th May 2019 they will be disposed of.

Mugs wanted

Do you have any unwanted mugs you could donate to the club. A couple of years ago I put out a request and we received a good number. We desperately need extra mugs to cope with our increasingly popular roll ups. If you have any please leave them in the club kitchen.