



Malvern Priory Bowling Club

Newsletter

July 2019

Captain's message

Hi to you all. I hope you are enjoying this year's bowling, especially as the green is playing a lot better than it did this time last year. Brian Palmer has given us the go ahead for us to bowl North/South again, which is great news.

The temporary measure of playing East/West, while the green recovered from last years damage, has done the trick. My thanks to Brian for enabling this.

We still need more numbers to help us with the event on the 19th. July when we will be hosting the touring team from Florida. If you are able to help, please add your name to the form on the "match" notice board. Also look for the lists as guidance for the food supply. My thanks to Jackie for the organising of this.

I also need more members to come forward to be Match Captains for the day for our friendly club matches. Please add your name to the list against a date you can do. The list is on the match board.

In the meantime, enjoy your bowling, and keep smiling.

Thanking you in advance.

Roy.

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Priory Ladies Reign

Priory Ladies are jubilant about their convincing win over Victoria Ladies. The weather was not on our side as the match finished in the rain. It was a very successful outcome for us as we won all three rinks giving a total score of 48 shots for Priory and 26 shots for Victoria.

Our next game is on Sunday 7th July, this is our long awaited challenge match against our Priory men. Ladies if you haven't already done so, please sign up as we need as many as possible. A few days later on Tuesday 9th July we are away for our return match against Manor Park ladies, fingers crossed for fine weather and a favourable result for us.

Lorna

County Competitions for Ladies

Gail, Di and myself played in the 2 Wood County Knockout Singles Competition for Ladies held at Cripplegate. It was a steep learning curve for all three of us and unfortunately each of us was gradually eliminated in the first round, nevertheless it was an enjoyable evening and I look forward to having another go next year.

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

In conjunction with Midsummer Malvern we had a stand in Priory Park and OPEN DAY promoting Malvern Priory Bowling Club on Sunday 23rd June. I am very grateful to those who turned up to man the stand in the park and to those who spent their afternoon talking and giving bowling hints to possible new members.

We had a good turnout from members who enjoyed the chance to show their coaching skills.

A big thank you to all those who helped.

Jackie

The next important event - Friday 19th July 2019

It is just over 2 weeks before we welcome a team of 13 bowlers from Mount Dora Bowling Club in Florida. There is much to do.

I am unable to do the catering for this event and the committee has asked that members come forward to help with this. You will be reimbursed for your efforts if you provide the necessary receipts to the Treasurer. A list of the dishes we need made is on the board for you to sign up to. This has also been e mailed to you along with copies of the very simple recipes, (no need to cook a chicken for the Coronation Chicken, buy a ready cooked one from Lidl, they are succulent and very tasty, far better than any from other supermarkets in town). Providing you all make the recipe as stated using the ingredients I have listed, everything should hopefully taste the same and we will be able to combine it into much larger bowls. Once numbers are known there will be shopping that will need to be done and volunteers are needed for this. If you can help please come forward. A list of what will be needed for the day will be forwarded and posted on the board once the numbers are known.

A number of people have signed up to play and attend. If you would like to come along to join the fun and support the players please add your name to the list which is on the Match board, this is open to all members. The visitors will be charged a reasonable fee for their visit whilst members will be charged just £2.50 per head for a buffet supper and a glass of wine or beer. The event is being heavily subsidised by the club. In order to finalise the catering, names must be on the list by next Monday morning 8th July at the latest.

Mount Dora Club arrives in Manchester on 17th July and will be arriving in Malvern on 18th. This is their first club visit on a 2 week bowling holiday in the West Country. They are old hats at visiting British Bowling clubs, as this is their 10th year of bowling holidays in the UK, so we need to step up to the mark and make this an event for them to remember for its success.

The itinerary for the day is - players to arrive at club 2 pm, 2.30 prior to start of play the Mayor, Councillor Neil Morton, will welcome the Americans to Malvern, and say a few words. 4.30 - 5pm tea and biscuits will follow play. A buffet supper will be served at 6.30 pm followed by some light entertainment from Julia Davies. Of course we will be expecting Malvern Priory members to be at the club early Friday to prepare the club house and get food organised. Many hands make light work so the more we have the quicker we get the work done which will enable us to have a break before the party begins.

A list of the jobs that will need to be done on the morning of 19th or before is to be organised this week and will be posted on the board/emailed out.

I must reiterate this is a joint effort for all members to make this into a memorable day for us all so come on everyone lets all step forward and lend a hand. This is our chance to put on an event that we will be proud of and may well do again in the future as our web site invites touring clubs to visit us. Such events could produce substantial funds for our club in the future.

You may be interested to know that Gail Davis, when living in Florida some years ago, played at Mount Dora Bowling Club. I am sure she is looking forward to catching up on their news. Mount Dora is a huge club with 300 members. Malvern Priory Bowling Club has almost 70 members including Lawn Green, Shortmat and Social members which is simply remarkable when just 5 years ago we had something like 20.

This is going to be a cracker of a day that we will be very proud of.

Jackie Oakey

Short Mat:

The winner of the **Singles** final was **David Mowlem**.

The winners of the **Doubles** were **David M and Gail**.

The winners of the **Triples** were **David M, Gail and Phil**.

The winners of the **Fours** were **Roy, Jan, Ben and Roger**.

Congratulations to all of you.



Don't we often feel like this - John Phillips, President

Lady President's Lunch

I travelled with the Victoria Ladies Captain to the Worcestershire Ladies' President's lunch held at the Stourport Bowling Club. Gill Barkas, this year's President, hosted a most enjoyable event and with perfect weather it was a very successful day.

There were representatives from most clubs and many past Presidents at this very sociable gathering and we all took part in the fun bowling that was organised. This was followed by a superb lunch provided by the Stourport members.

There was a competition to guess the weight of a cake and with all the tray bakes I had made lately you would think that I would have a good chance of winning. It was an iced fruit cake so I decided on 4lb 13oz, well to my delight I won with only 1oz over. I will be taking it up to the club next week for all to enjoy, depending on how long it lasts of course.

Lorna

Club competitions - internal

Competitions this year have proved to be very popular with many signing up to compete. At the last committee meeting it was agreed that if at roll up times rinks were available then competition matches could be played. **However, people who wanted to play a competition match would have to wait until 2.30pm as precedence would be given first to those members who wanted to take part in a roll up.** Remember to pay your £2.50 each time you play. Pop it through the top of the safe with a note with date and your name on it.

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 tea.

WASH YOUR HANDS

The green is about to be treated with chemicals make sure you always wash your hands well after play.

Items For Sale

Second hand ladies club shirt size 12 in good condition (new 2018) £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 size 14 - 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

Toilets

There have recently been a few complaints concerning the toilets that are not always left clean "If it doesn't flush please use the brush"

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.

41 Club

A very successful Bowls Experience evening was held on 4th June for 15 members of the 41 Club raising £310 for club funds. They enjoyed the evening so much they have asked to return next year.

Dates for your diary

Sunday July 7th at 2.30 pm - Challenge match between Ladies and Gents teams MPBC followed by a cream tea and a glass of Prosecco

Friday 19th July - Florida Tourists v MPBC 2.30 pm start followed by tea and biscuits 4.30 - 5pm Buffet supper from 6.30 pm

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

Prizegiving - date and venue to be announced.

31st October - Halloween Party

7th November - AGM - date to be confirmed

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.

Les Thomas Triples League

We are now at the half way point in this competition, leaving six more return matches to be played. We have enjoyed some good successes and it is very encouraging that we are second on the table as at the last update. However, it is still early days and six more fixtures to come!

Greville Megson
All queries to Greville Megson

Summer Garden Party

Our annual summer garden party was held at the club on Sunday 9th June when members enjoyed a good pot luck lunch followed by some new fun Bowling games in the afternoon.

Club clothing shop

I am very pleased to see that some of you have successfully ordered clothing from zapkam.com on line through our digital clothing shop. I recently sent you instructions on how to do it.

There are also instructions on the board by the rack.

Monday Maintenance Day

A very big thank you to all those who give up their time to lend a hand on Mondays to keep the club and grounds so spic and span. You must agree the whole site is looking particularly good.

Thanks for your co-operation.

Play schedule for July

A play directional schedule and rink layout for July is on the folding doors above the bar.

This could change because of wear or damage to the green so always check before play.

Bowls bags on top of cupboards

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

Match Captains

A big thank you to those who have Captained matches over the past weeks. This system of sharing the load is working well, however there are still a number of matches where we need Captains.

July is a busy month with matches many being very close to one another, ie 18, 19, 20, 21 and 23 July.

If you can help please add your name to the list on the match board and speak with Club Captain, Roy Barber, who 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.

Green watering

It is now essential that the green is watered every day during prolonged periods of no rain. I need people to volunteer to do this on a daily basis. It will only take about 1 hour to keep the subsoil moist.

If you can help please contact me asap so that I can work out a schedule. Watering should be done after roll ups, matches and U3A, 7 days a weeks until further notice. Watering on Mondays is always done by those who are working.

It would be good to share this job between all members of the club, male or female, rather than just a few.

If the green is not watered we will suffer like last year when the green dried out and had to be closed. The damage done then is still apparent now.

Brian

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