



Malvern Priory Bowling Club

Newsletter

August 2019

Support from the Bowls Development Initiative - Taster Day Saturday 24th August 10am - 5pm

Connor Grogan from the Bowls Development Association (BDA) spent an afternoon at the Club giving guidance on how to promote the club through advertising, open days and other local initiatives, which can be implemented with the help and support of all club members.

The committee would be grateful for offers of help to organise a Taster day on Saturday 24th August 2019 from 10am until 5pm. Connor provided an information pack on how to do this along with ideas of suitable activities on how to develop our bowling skills and to use as an introduction for beginners to the sport of bowls. He also very kindly loaned us a bundle of bowling toys to make the day fun.

There are a number of tasks that will need to be covered so I would welcome the help of as many members as possible. Jackie is not able to organise this event, she is busy with other club matters. Please contact me If you can help - remember this is just 2 weeks away.

We thank Connor for his valuable input and also those members who attended the event on a very hot afternoon.

John Phillips
President

Florida comes to Malvern

The day of our Florida friends visit to MPBC dawned cloudy and grey!

This didn't daunt those club members who set to work early at the club house to prepare the food, the room and the equipment for the visitors afternoon arrival.

We were delighted that the Mayor, Neil Morton, was pleased to join us to welcome our guests and that he enjoyed watching the matches.

The Mount Dora bowlers were eager to get the matches started and they proved to be very able bowlers, coping well with the unfamiliar green and damp conditions. Eventually, the weather defeated us all, so the matches had to be curtailed and warming drinks in the club house were a welcome restorative to the damp, chilly bowlers. MPBC were the overall winners.

Lots of chattering and laughter filled the club house as the afternoon sped on to meal time. Everyone was delighted with the food provided and many "seconds" were served.

During evening the evening memento gifts were exchanged and the entertainment of songs, music and jokes was enjoyed by all - a fitting end to a happy and successful occasion.

We have been invited to visit the Mount Dora club in the future

This venture involved a lot of planning and hard work from many people, so a big thank you to all for making it a memorable day.

Also, I wish to acknowledge the generosity of the Manor Park Indoor Bowling Club who agreed to allow us to use their facilities should outdoor bowling have proved impossible on the day.

John Phillips
President

Captain's message

Hi to you all. I hope this hot spell is not affecting the bowling too much for you.

The friendly matches are going well, we have won 10, lost 8, drawn 1, and 3 cancellations. If we ignore the drawn and cancelled matches, I think this means we have won 55.5% of our matches. Well done to all who have taken part.

We still have 5 mixed friendly, 5 ladies, club competitions, and Interclub competition matches to play, plus a rescheduled match against Grosvenor.

Sorry I have not been around recently, had three very hectic and hot days helping to move my daughter and family, they have so much stuff! Need to go back and finish plumbing in the washing machine, hang loads of pictures and have a closer look at what else needs doing.

See you all as soon as I can.

Roy.

Who needs coaching?

A recent visit by a BDA (Bowls Development Association) representative reminded me of my duties as a coach. A couple of players also helped in this direction: one I was playing (roll up) with when I noticed some foot faults and, after mentioning them, was immediately asked for a coaching session. We fixed up several meetings and improvements were made. Another member said that performance and accuracy had diminished so I watched his stance and delivery – every thing was fine. I checked his grip on the wood and suggested some minor changes – after a couple of tries, order was restored!

The point of this diatribe is that we are often unaware of when we need some help with our bowling. Performance might fall off in accuracy, in length and line or the wood starts wobbling shortly after delivery, so I am offering to check on the basics of delivery, grip, stance etc. We have 4 coaches for you to ask: Wayne – a 2nd level coach especially for those who are seasoned bowlers and want to go to the next level; Graham Dimmock, Graham Anderson and myself (Di Maingot) as 1st level coaches, mostly for beginners or those who feel they want to improve.

Demand that we help you and we will be delighted to do so. (And it is free of charge!)

Di Maingot

LADIES V GENTS

On Sunday July 7th the long awaited match between Priory Ladies and Priory Gents took place.

The weather was pleasant, we could hear the resounding music from "The Film Orchestra Band" which was performing in the Park, everything was set for a perfect afternoon.

Everyone was looking forward to a competitive but also a sociable game of bowls. We followed the normal routine of our friendly 4 x Triples matches over 18 ends.

The Men emerged winners convincingly beating the Ladies by a number of shots. However the Ladies are determined to reverse this result and have already challenged the Men for a rematch in 2020.

After the match we were spoilt with the provision of a lovely Cream Tea and strawberries accompanied by a few bottles of Prosecco that were finding their way around the tables. The afternoon concluded with a few jokes and a raffle.

This occasion must surely be a permanent fixture as great fun was had by all.

Lorna Rodway

LADIES FIXTURES

We played Manor Park Ladies in a 3 x Triples match and it was a very enjoyable afternoon but dissappointing to lose 39 to 59 especially as our Priory Ladies hsd played so well.

We have a busy August with 3 Ladies matches arranged. Our next is Home to Bredon Ladies on Thursday 1st. Then we are away to Victoria Ladies on Tuesday 6th and at the end of the month Away to Worcester Ladies on Thursday 29th..

We have 2 final matches in September, please sign up if you would like to play in any match.

Lorna Rodway

COUNTY OVER 60s

This is a County Knockout Pairs Competition for Ladies over 60yrs, yes we have a few at Priory. The event was held at Cripplegate and the matches were with 3 bowls over 16 ends.

We had 2 pairs enter, Carol with Di and Gail with Lorna. Unfortunately both pairs were narrowly beaten in the first round.

However we all enjoyed the morning and whilst chatting with other competitors we may have gained a new fixture with Hewell Bowling Club.

Lorna Rodway

Annual Prizegiving

The committee has decided to hold our annual Prizegiving at the Swan at Newland again. This will be held on Tuesday 22nd October 2019 12 for 12.30 pm.

The Swan looked after us really well last year, they have a large carpark and have come up with a very nice menu. This will be displayed nearer the time. The cost this year to include tea/coffee will be £20 per person. More details to follow.

Equipment not put away

On Match days, roll up days and U3A - the captain of the day must appoint somebody to layout the green and another to make sure all equipment is collected and stored in the store room.

It is also the responsibility of those playing competitions to make sure the green is tidied up and all equipment is stowed away after play.

If equipment is not put away and locked up we risk the chance of losing it. Sadly it all costs a lot to replace.

Brian P

AGM

Our AGM will be held this year on Thursday 7th November at 10.00 am at the club house when coffee and cakes will be served FOC.

Now is the time to start thinking of who you would like to run your club. This year the Club Captain, Secretary, Membership Secretary and Green/maintenance secretary will be standing down. If you would like to become active members of our growing friendly club please come forward and when the time comes put your names on the proposal list that will be on the board. Remember that when nominating someone you do need their consent.

Our club has grown substantially over the past few years thanks to the hard work put in by members. We must strive to continue this momentum. Our club is a happy relaxed place to enjoy bowls without pressure to compete. However, there is every opportunity for you to do so if you wish.

The club needs a committee to run the club, why not come forward and help. Speak to those on the committee who will guide you in the right direction.

Jackie Oakey

Green fees

Remember that you all need to pay a £2.50 green fee every time you play a competition. Please put the money together with a note into the safe through the letter box opening in the top.



WASH YOUR HANDS

Remember to wash your hands after play as chemicals may have been recently sprayed on the green.

Protective mats, nails and lawnmower

Unfortunately the lawn mower has been damaged due to nails being left on the green after the protective mats have been used.

It should be the responsibility of those who put the mats down to ensure that all nails are collected and counted to ensure none are left on the green.

For an example the bottom blade has been bent which means the green will not be cut evenly. The bottom plate is £104 plus another £20 for the screws.

I am going to spend a great amount of my time straightening the bottom plate with Richard our green cutter this Thursday. The alternative is that if it has rained and the green is very wet there will be NO play. All members must take responsibility to ensure that when the mats are used all nails are collected. These nails then need to be put back where they came from.

The committee is currently looking into an alternative form of securing these protective mats.

Brian

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. However, we really do need more volunteers.

As you will see I am stepping down from looking after the green and buildings at this year's AGM.

If you notice anything that needs to be repaired such as loose toilet seats etc. please report them so they can be rectified on a Monday.

Thanks for your co-operation.

Brian Palmer

Dates for your diary

Sunday 11th August 2.30 pm - President's day - BBQ

Saturday 24th August 10 - 5 - Taster Day - volunteers needed - contact John on 01886 833597

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

October Bridge drive afternoon - afternoon tea, sandwiches and cakes - to be served date to be finalised

Tuesday 22nd October 2019 12 for 12.30 pm Prizegiving lunch - will be held at the Swan at Newland menu and more info to follow in September

Thursday 31st October - Halloween Party more info to follow

Thursday 7th November - AGM - 10.00 - am free coffee and cake

December - Christmas Party - date to be confirmed

Les Thomas Triples League

We continue to do well in this League and are looking forward to promotion next season.

All queries to Greville Megson 01684572748

Play schedule for AUGUST

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

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

BARBEQUE SUNDAY 11TH AUGUST

This coming Sunday is President's Day and we look forward to a fun afternoon and BBQ in hopefully sunny weather. We are expecting a good number of attendees. Bring on the fun and your money which will be collected on the day. It is £8 per person. If you have not already booked you may be lucky by phoning John Philips on [REDACTED] or Peter Story on [REDACTED].

Members

We have a few members who have been under the weather recently we hope they are all now well on the mend. New member Tom Bot is stranded in Panama having had a DVT which restricts him from flying for 3 months. Hope all is progressing well Tom.

Items For Sale

Second hand ladies club shirt size 12 in good condition (new 2018) £10 for club funds-contact Jackie Oakey

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

Pair of ladies white Emsmorn three quarter length trousers, size 14 worn once £10 - contact Jackie Oakey 01684 575957

Pair of ladies white bowling Emsmorn shorts size 14 - 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 Kell on [REDACTED]

IN STOCK - 2 SIZE MEDIUM men's CLUB SHIRTS BRAND NEW £21.50 each

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.

There are still a few matches that will need captains before the end of September. 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.

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. Please see my emailed schedule dated 23rd July.

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.

Water pressure at the club is very high at the moment we are using the crawler and the three sprinklers without the pump. This makes life a lot easier taking the watering times on Monday and Fridays down to 3 hours. If you can help please contact me asap so that I can work out a schedule. [REDACTED]

Brian

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