



Malvern Priory Bowling Club

Newsletter

December 2019

President's Christmas message

Wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and a healthy new year.

John Phillips
President



Christmas Party Saturday 7th December

We hope to see as many of you as possible at The Christmas Party on Saturday December 7th.

It promises to be a very happy and festive time in the true fashion of our club.

There will be Christmas games and quizzes. The Buffet will be the usual high standard that we have come to expect. There will be a bar.

All in all an evening for us to get in the mood for Christmas.

Tickets available from Lorna Rodway,
or Bronwen Harrison
£7.50.

Hope to see you there.

The Social Committee

Club Captain's Christmas message

Unfortunately Winter brings a 6 month gap in the sport of Lawn Bowls so I'm sure that we are all pleased that we are now a third of the way through with 2 months already gone.

Some members are keeping up their skills with either Indoor Bowling or Short Mat or perhaps both but nothing compares with the outside game on our picturesque Priory Green and we will be all looking forward to the 2020 season.

Christmas is fast approaching and if you are looking to treat yourself here are a few ideas; Bowls Measure, Spray Chalk, Grippo Polish, Wedges and official Bowling Shoes. Perhaps a new Club Shirt, Jacket or Cap is on your list, information on the purchase of these 3 items can be found elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Keeping our Green in first class condition is a major problem in the summer months with so much watering needing to be done. We will have in excess of 30 matches and numerous Roll ups next year none of which we want to cancel because of the wear of the Green. Over the winter we are holding several fund raising events to help with the purchase of an irrigation system. A lot of effort goes into the organising of these very enjoyable Social functions and it would be nice if we could have a full clubroom on these occasions so please join us for some of these whenever possible.

With best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Lorna Rodway
Club Captain



AGM held on Thursday 7th November

At the Club's Annual General Meeting the following officers were nominated and elected unopposed

President	John Phillips
Secretary	Graham Anderson
Treasurer	Roger Davies
Captain	Lorna Rodway
Vice Captain	Roger Davies
Ladies Captain	Lorna Rodway
Membership Secretary	Jackie Oakey
Fixtures Secretary	Sue Phillips
Housekeeper	Gail Davies
Green Keeper	Brian Palmer
Assistant Green Keeper	Norman Hall
Grounds & Building maintenance	VACANCY
Social/fundraising secretary	Bronwen Harrison
Website/Facebook	Graham Anderson
Social sub committee	Peter Storry
	Joy Storry
	Jan Davies
	Roger Davies

Subscriptions and fees for 2020

The following fees were agreed at the Annual General Meeting

Bowling on the Green Summer

Memberships fees	£60.00
New members where this is their first season	£30.00
Match fees	£2.50
Les Thomas fees	£2.50
Roll Ups	£2.50
Public Green (per Hour)	£5.00
All competition fees as roll ups (i.e £2.50 per person for each round other than the final)	

Short Mat

Membership	£20.00 for Lawn Green members £25.00 for Short Mat only - with effect from 1.10.20
Roll ups	£2.00
Social membership	£10.00

These figures commence from the new 2020 season.

The Social Committee

The new social committee met for the first time on November 20th. It proved to be a very happy and constructive time.

There are many dates for your diary:-

Thursday January 16th 7.30pm. Beetle Drive with baked potato supper. £6.00

Saturday February 15th. 7.00 60's evening. 60's music, 60's quiz and dressing 60's style. £7.00

Friday March 6th Folk Evening run jointly with Victoria Park.

Saturday March 14th 7.30. Pi Evening. Celebrating the centenary of Pi. This will be a pie supper with quiz.

Thursday April 23rd 2.00pm. St George's Day celebration. This will be a BBQ. Dress code red and white.

We have many ideas for the future including a Western night, a Murder Mystery Evening and Musical Bingo. All to be looked forward to.

If you have any thoughts or suggestions please send to Bronwen
See you all at the next social.

The Social Committee

Quiz Night Wednesday 20th November

Hi everyone. We had a quiz evening on the 20th. November, which everyone seemed to have an enjoyable time. There were not as many attending as we would have hoped, at least four gave their apologies, due to catching the heavy cold type virus doing it's rounds at the moment, and two more who didn't turn up on the evening. I wish them a speedy recovery, and hope to see them up and about really soon.

Despite the reduced numbers, we managed to realise a total of £167. My thanks go to everyone who helped on the day, with special mention to Sue Phillips, Lorna Rodway and my wife Katharine.

My brother Philip was the quizmaster, and he mentioned to me afterwards, that he was impressed with the success rate of all the teams. Thank you to Philip for all the effort you obviously made to create the questions.

It only remains for me to thank everyone for their support during the last three years as Club Captain, and to wish you all, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Don't forget the Christmas party on the 7th.December.

Roy Barber
Past Club Captain



Keeping the Clubhouse clean and tidy

Volunteers are needed to give the club house a once over every 2 weeks and before functions. We are looking for those who use the clubhouse during the winter months to give us a hand as it is unfair to expect those who 'are not around' to clean for those who expect the clubhouse to always have clean toilets etc. Please add your name to the list against a date on the Cleaning Rota on the board. Done in pairs it takes little time and is not restricted to any particular sex.

Les Thomas League

As from 1st May 2020 Malvern Priory Bowling Club will have two teams to play in the Les Thomas League on Wednesday evenings. The two teams named the Priory Falcons and Priory Hawks will be Captained by Lorna Rodway and Roy Barber.

During 2019 we had many more members than places wanting to participate in this league so next year there will be an opportunity for more to play without disappointment.

Automatic Watering system

At the AGM it was suggested the club should research the possibility of taking out an interest free loan from Bowls England in order to go ahead with the installation of the automatic watering system the club needs.

A secret ballot was taken at the meeting, the result being an overwhelming support for us to go ahead with such a loan. It was agreed that members who could not attend the meeting should be allowed to vote. The Secretary has subsequently e mailed members giving them the opportunity to give their vote. The result of this vote will be announced at the meeting of the Committee on Friday 6th December.

Newsletters

There will be a newsletter for Jan/Feb and another for March/April. Remember to get articles in to editor in good time.

Dates for your diary

Saturday 7th December 7.30 pm Christmas Party. £7.50 per head to include buffet supper, quizzes and fun. Licenced bar to be applied for. **Tickets now on sale from Lorna Rodway - [REDACTED] and Bronwen Harrison [REDACTED]**

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Friday 6th March 2020 - Fold Theatre, joint venture with Victoria Park Bowls Club

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Tuesday 2nd June - 41 Club - Bowls Experience evening

Social evenings produce a much needed source of income so it is important that these continue throughout the year. If you can help with the organisation of a social event do come forward please. If you can help the new social committee in any way please speak with the Social Secretary, Bronwen Harrison.

Suggestion Box

We love receiving your suggestions. If you have any please put them into the Suggestion box. These can be done quite anonymously.

These suggestions help the Committee considerably in the running of the club.

Club clothing

A Club Shop has been set up with Zapkam, the suppliers of the club's clothing so that you can order as and when you would like it. All clothing is made to order and takes 1 month to be delivered.

This is the procedure for ordering club shirts, waterproof jackets, waterproof fleece lined jackets and caps with immediate effect.

1. Log on to www.zapkam.com
2. You need to open an account before you can proceed - click on register - once you have registered you will log on each time you use the site
3. Click on Club Shop which appears in the menu at the top
4. Type in **mal** in the box and click on the magnifying glass/search sign - the club badge and name will then appear. If you do not click on the magnifying glass you will get other information come up which is not needed.
5. Click on the club's name - You should now see the range of items you can buy - shirts for both men and women, waterproof jackets unlined and lined with fleece and caps.
6. Select the item/s you want and choose the size you want by selecting size - a drop down menu will appear with a vast number of sizes to choose from.
7. Add to basket and proceed to check out once you are happy with your selection.
8. **Ensure you have your own correct address on the order form so that it does not get delivered to the wrong address.**

Remember each item will have a postage cost added to it. This will be charged just once if you are ordering multiple items.

Happy shopping, however, before you order we do have 2 second hand ladies shirts, like new, (12 and 14) for sale for £10 each and a new medium men's shirt at £21.

Halloween Party

The night was waning fast, when the couple, hurried as fast as their legs would let them. Things at this time of the year were bewitching at nighttime. They hurried to keep to the pace they had set themselves. They eventually came to a wooded glade, Priory Park, when out of the gloom suddenly emerged a pair of Gothic Type apparitions. By this time it had become darker still and as they neared the Coven the rain was very damp. They gingerly negotiated the man made ramp down to the Bowling Club that had been turned into the Halloween Coven. It was to become the scene of witchy things as the bones had been set out for the SKELETON DRIVE. On arrival at the den, who should appear from the Cauldrons Kitchen but the Queen of the Cakes herself, busily up to her arms in a Ham Hock, all home cooked.. Very soon odd bods in various disguises started to arrive. One of the first to arrive as a pair, were from Hogwarts Abbey Home for those not of sound mind, swishing in on her broom, as if she had got the brush off, closely followed by Terry Dracula, straight from the Dentists, the implants were a sight to behold. Freshly ground, he must have been eating doughnuts prior to arrival as the raspberry jam had run down his chin(s). Various weirdo's then followed. Stevie Wonder arrived with a Mother Witch, one young lady arrived in two parts, having half a skeleton on one side, probably due to perhaps some form of anorexia, with as near normal other half. One character was witnessed running around with a cats tail and ears. The scene was set, the bewitching hour began at 8 pm. A mad male person, shouting his head off, right eyes down away we go! The idea was to throw a dice on the table and not at others, one had to throw a number 1 to fill in the Skeleton, talk about bones here there and everywhere, there were some very funny and odd looking skeletons being drawn, very artistic one would say. Eventually things calmed down with winners all over the place, prizes galore, even in the raffle. The Queen of Cakes announced it was time to partake of the hock ham butties, side dishes and other mouthwatering delights which went down very well especially for those that liked the aroma of the pickled onions and malt(vinegar). Then came the 'treats' the famous Lemon and Choccy cakes. Jollification was nearing its end, a good time was had by all. For those who did not come you missed out, perhaps the 'Covens' may see you next time. Stroll on then, the forthcoming Christmas Bash. Until then keep spellbound!



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