



Malvern Priory Bowling Club Newsletter

Report on Annual Dinner – 22nd October 2019

Malvern Priory Bowling Club's Annual Prizegiving Lunch was held this year at the Royal Oak, Broadwas. The venue and menu proved to be a huge success. Guests were welcomed by President John Phillips and after lunch John presented individual awards to the winners.

SHORT MAT COMPETITION RESULTS

SINGLES	David Mowlem
DOUBLES	Gail Davis & David Mowlem
TRIPLES	Gail Davis, David Mowlem & Phil Bunyan
FOURS	Ben Cartwright, Jan Davies, Roger Davies & Roy Barber

OUTDOOR LAWN GREEN BOWLING COMPETITION RESULTS

LADIES PAIRS	Winners	Carol Thomas & Lorna Rodway.
	Runners-up	Sophia Buxton & Di Maingot
MENS PAIRS	Winners	David Mowlem & Roy Barber
	Runners-up	Greville Megson & Brian Brooks
LADIES BEST OF 3	Winner	Pauline Hughes
	Runner-up	Di Maingot.
MENS BEST OF 3	Winner	Phil Bunyan
	Runner-up	John Phillips
MIXED PAIRS	Winners	Joy & Peter Storry
	Runners-up	Gail Davis & David Mowlem.
50 UP	Winner	Ron White
	Runner-up	David Mowlem
CAPTAINS TROPHY	LADIES	Gail Davis
	MEN	Peter Storry
LADIES CHAMPION	Winner	Lorna Rodway
	Runner-up	Jan Davies
MENS CHAMPION	Winner	Rupert Thomas
	Runner-up	Ben Cartwright

PRESIDENTS TROPHY Three awards were presented this year against the criteria of; 'Commitment during the year on the improvements and well-being of the Club' -

Bill Moran
Brian Palmer
Jackie Oakey

Green fingers award Phil Bunyan for his beautiful flower baskets that adorned the club house during the summer

I think those who attended will agree this was a great lunch for the price of £15 per head. It was a beautiful sunny day and the drive there was spectacular with the autumn colours.

Captain's Prize giving Lunch message

We had 33 friendly fixtures, including the ladies matches. My thanks to Di and Roger Maingot for arranging these. We were sadly unable to play all of them, due mainly to our opponents not being able to field enough players, and only one that we cancelled, (Grosvenor) This was to allow us to prepare for the club from Mount Dora, Florida when they visited us. A special mention here for Manor Park, who were prepared to allow us to use some of their indoor rinks, as a bad weather back-up plan. There was a welcome to our greensman (the grasscutter) Richard Keech and his partner Helen Carter. Richard was thanked for cutting and tidying the green during this season. Plus a welcome to our bowling club neighbours, Christopher Barnett and Shirley Heath.

Also, a special mention for the watering volunteers of the green, and to Phil Bunyan for his diligent care of the hanging baskets, tubs and the long flower bed below Orchard Road. They were magnificent.

I would also like to thank the ladies, and gentlemen, for keeping the clubhouse clean, tidy and always presentable, a brilliant job. A big thank you to all involved with providing the catering for the matches and social events. Having played at our friendly matches, I can say that ours is always to a very high standard, with the tables laid out looking a treat. Other teams enjoy coming to play us, so we must be doing something right. It was particularly pleasing that some of the new members wanted to take part, as it is an ideal opportunity to play on different greens, and against different players.

In the Wednesday night Les Thomas Trophy League, we came third in the third division. A very good overall result.

There have been several open days, the first back in May, one during Civic Week, another in Rose Bank Gardens in a health and wellbeing fair, and another at our green sponsored by the Bowls Development Association, inviting people to join us, all successful. All of these helped to swell our membership numbers to an incredible 60+. There was a spring salmon lunch, thanks to Jackie Oakey and her helpers for all the hard work. We also had a quiz night, a bridge day, a beetle drive, several barbecues, and a lunch for the 41 club, again hosted by Jackie Oakey.

Roll-ups have been well attended, with many new members turning out. Very good to see.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Brian Palmer for all his hard work, organising the working parties and contractors, in order to keep the green in a good, playable condition. He was often there at 8 in the morning throughout the season, and is still, while the 'treatment' is in progress.

What direction do we want the club to go in the future? We arranged some coaching/tuition, from the Worcestershire Bowling Association, with a view to improving members expertise and tactics. This I think was very useful, and we should pursue this again. We have come a long way in the five years I have been with the club, which is down to the great team of members that we have running it. There is still a lot more we want to do, so thank you to all our members for your support.

Grants towards the automatic watering system have been applied for, which Jackie Oakey had spent a long time preparing. It was not in vain as we have been awarded £2,500 by the Town Council. Still to come, a quiz night, a Skeleton drive, the AGM, and a Christmas party. My apologies if I have missed any important events or fund raising. I was a worried I would forget to mention events and people, to the point that I became a little down. To combat this, I thought I needed a pick me up, so rode to the local off license to buy a bottle of whisky, was putting it in my backpack when I thought, hang on, if I fall off it will break, so decided to drink it. Which turned out to be very fortunate, because I fell off seven times on the way home!

However, the future is looking good, but if you have any ideas for fundraising events, please put them in the suggestion box in the clubhouse.

Hopefully, you feel the quality of bowling has improved, and that everyone has enjoyed themselves.

President's message

The outdoor bowling season drew to a close in October with the Presentation Lunch - congratulations to all the prize winners.

Many thanks to those who participated in the very important and hard work of "putting the green to bed for the winter" in spite of the inclement weather.

For Halloween, a spooky fun Skeleton Drive was enjoyed by everyone there. The wonderful costumes and make-up sported by some were much admired. Again, Lorna provided much more than a "skeleton supper"! All the helpers work was much appreciated.

I hope many of you will be able to support the forthcoming Quiz Night in November and the Christmas Party in December.

It is good to see that the Short Mat Bowling continues to flourish - I hope you enjoy your matches throughout the winter.

John Phillips

Quiz Night Wednesday 20th November

We have another Quiz night planned for Wednesday 20th November starting promptly at 7.30 pm. Tickets at £5 per person are available from Roy Barber.

We all look forward to this next Quiz when we hope the questions might not be so taxing for some of us! However, the evening is always great fun and a huge success raising much needed funds.

There will be nibbles provided but bring your own bottle.

AGM

This will be held at the club house on the morning of Thursday 7th November 2018 at 10 am. Nomination paperwork is now displayed on the notice board. If you would like to stand for office or help in any way please come forward. Don't forget to ask members who you wish to propose if they are willing to be proposed.

Free coffee and cake will be served at the meeting.

For catering purposes it would help if you could either e mail Jackie Oakey _____ to let her know if you will be attending. **It would also be good to have apologies if you are unable to attend.**

Christmas Party Saturday 7th December

Tickets are now on sale for our Christmas Party on Saturday 7th December at 7.30 pm from Lorna Rodway at £7.50 per person to include a buffet supper with fun and games. We will also have a licensed bar. TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE AT THE AGM SO BRING YOUR MONEY.

To get us all in the right mood it would be good to have a Christmas tree, tree and room decorations and Festive Music with the means to play it. Do you have any of these in your attic that have not seen the light of day for years or some that may be surplus to requirements? If so we would love them providing they are in a useable condition. Volunteers will be needed to decorate the room. Come on everyone lets get into the spirit of Christmas for this event and have fun decorating the club house.

Shortmat 2019/20

Shortmat has started its new season.

A workshop on Wednesday was attended by Val and Martin who are now keen and confident to join in with other groups of people. A training workshop is available to any member by request. (Because the diary is filling up, it is likely that they would take place on a Wednesday morning.)

It is intended to start short mat competitions in January.

Roger Davies

Dates for your diary

Thursday 7th November - AGM - 10 am at the clubhouse - free coffee and cakes will be served

Wednesday 20th November - QUIZ Night - Quiz Master Pip Barber. £5 per person, nibbles, bring your own bottle. Cash prizes.

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** |

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

More social events will be listed after the AGM

Social evenings produce a much needed source of income so it is important that these continue throughout the winter and summer months. 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 who will be appointed at the AGM.

Spooky Halloween Skeleton Drive

Those who attended had a great evening of fun. This was a huge social success.

Les Thomas League

Malvern Priory Bowling Club will have two teams to play in the Les Thomas League on Wednesday evenings next season. It is hoped the names of the respective teams will be chosen at the AGM.

Automatic Watering system

Much work and research continues on the installation of an automatic watering system. The club does not have sufficient funds yet to cover the cost and applications for grants have not been successful apart from a grant from Malvern Town Council of £2,500. The club would love to be able to go ahead with this as soon as possible. Are there any members who have ideas and or skills of how we could raise extra money or who know to whom we could apply for funds?

The applications made to date have been to install the watering system and make good the paving that surrounds the green. We will now concentrate solely on raising funds for the installation of the watering system.

Are you able to help? Contact Jackie Oakey .

Suggestion Box

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

Keeping the Clubhouse clean and tidy

There is now a considerable number playing short mat and it would be great for all short mat players to help to keep the clubhouse clean and tidy during the winter months. We all like to have a clean kitchen, toilets and basins, players cannot expect the same few to continue doing it. Two persons cleaning once a fortnight, means the clubhouse is kept clean and 'your turn' only occurs once or twice during the winter season. See rota on board.

Food Hygiene

With more people handling food at club events we need people to obtain their Level 2 Food Hygiene and Safety for Catering certificate for which the club will pay. This can be done on line through www.highspeedtraining.co.uk. The course can be done over a period of sessions to fit in with your diary or you can do it completely in a couple of hours. The course provides sections to read or listen to then you answer a series of multiple choice questions after each section. The cost is £20 + VAT. If you would like to do it, enrol on line and once you have completed the course and got the certificate submit your invoice to the treasurer to be reimbursed. The certificate is valid for 3 years.

Bowl sizes

At this time of year, you may be thinking of changing, or buying, new/second hand bowls. Before you do this, I suggest that you first talk to club coaches Wayne Braddock, Di Maingot, Graham Anderson or Graham Dymock about what size and type of bowl is appropriate for you. The chart below (also on the notice board in the clubhouse) cross relates available sizes in metric and imperial measure.

Bowl sizes in Metric and Imperial measurement

Size	0	0	1	2	3	4	5
Diam (mm)	116	118	121	122.5	124	125.5	127
Diam (Inch)	4 9/16	4 11/16	4 3/4	4 13/16	4 7/8	4 15/16	5

Ladies generally use bowl sizes between 00 to 2, and men from 3 to 5. In addition, weight (ie medium (M) or heavy (H)), bias (narrow to wide) and their use on different bowling surfaces (ie outdoor, indoor) need careful consideration. Colour is a personal choice, ranging from the traditional black to every colour combination of the spectrum.

Prizegiving lunch October 2019 photos taken by Graham Anderson



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