



GREEN TALK



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LETTER FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN

It's time to put pen to paper again. Where have the last 3 months gone? It only seems a few weeks ago that we were planning the Christmas party which I might add went very well indeed and was a very enjoyable afternoon of bowls, followed by the Christmas draw with 48 prizes, then the excellent dinner and it finished with a light-hearted quiz.

Giuseppe and Roy Jemson did us proud with an excellent Pasta and Race Night on 21st February. The pasta meal was second to none and Roy worked very hard entertaining us whilst at the same time raising money for Club funds. My thanks to them and all their helpers in making this a great event!

Sue Robbins will be running a Curry Night with a Beetle Drive and a Quiz on 27th March. If you don't like curry you can have shepherd's pie! I believe there are still a few tickets left so please do come along and support your Bowls Club. This event kicks off at 7.00 pm.

This coming season I'm only going for the 14 car boot sales (the same as last year), not the 24 I'd hoped for, as not enough volunteers have come forward to help. I will contact those of you that have been kind enough to offer to give up a couple of Sunday afternoons in the near future, with the dates you would be needed. I'm hoping to start on Whit Sunday (date to be confirmed with Tesco).

As most of you know, Richard Vickery has resigned as Vice Captain. Paul Robbins has kindly agreed to take over this post for the remainder of this season. My thanks to Paul!

On a personal note I would like to thank you all for the concern you have shown to me regarding my wife's illness. It's been a long 4 weeks but I think she is now on the mend.

Don't forget it's our Annual General Meeting on Friday, 17th April, starting at 7.00 pm. It would be good to see as many of you as possible on the night. In the meantime nomination forms for Committee and Officer positions have gone up on the notice board so now's your chance to sign up and make a difference to your Club!

Paul Dyer
Chairman

MEMBERSHIP

We are pleased to announce that since the start of this year we have registered 18 new Club members.

LEAGUE NEWS

It does not seem that long ago that preparations were being made for the start of the season and here we are, only a few weeks from it coming to an end. The backlog of postponed games is longer at this stage of the season than in previous years and, whilst dates have been fixed for many of these games, I would encourage everyone to see that all of their matches are completed before Friday, 17th April. Thank you to everyone who entered a team/ teams in the daytime or evening leagues. The league activities are important to the future of our Club and your efforts are acknowledged and appreciated by the Executive and Officers. My thanks also go to the League Secretaries who quietly and efficiently manage the leagues and post the league tables.

Team entry forms for the 2009/2010 season are now available at the clubhouse and on our website. The closing date for entries is the 30th June 2009, and existing teams must be re-registered by this date to ensure their places. It would be helpful if entries were received earlier if possible. Entries may be accepted after the closing date at the discretion of the League Co-ordinator. The entry form asks for a Team Vice Captain to be nominated and this will be used in the event of any fixture problem when the Captain is unobtainable for some reason. Incidentally, at the suggestion of some members, the next handbook will contain the telephone numbers of Team Captains.

The 2008/2009 season's fixture list was planned to give all teams at least 20 games with all daytime 'A' divisions being increased to 12 teams. I trust that you all found these changes acceptable, but if you have any meaningful comments or suggestions for future planning, I would be pleased to hear them. One of the proposed changes for next season is to have 'A' and 'B' divisions for the Monday and Tuesday evening leagues. However, to do this we need 12 teams to enter for each day.

Before then there is still the opportu-

nity to play in the Summer 2009 Triples Leagues. Last summer the Monday and Wednesday leagues together and Friday morning roll-up sessions were well supported and we would like to build on this success. If you would like to take part, please put your name on the list on the notice board at the back of the Club.

Finally, to those of you who will be playing outdoors, have a good season and I look forward to seeing you again indoors in the autumn.

Steve Tutton
League Co-ordinator



COACHING CORNER

What a good season we are having, the juniors are getting better and better. More of the older ones are into the Evening Leagues and we also have some new faces. Great stuff kids, that's cool. Keep working hard and you more experienced ones would do well to help school the new ones into the proper way to behave on the rinks.

Now for the competitive side - We are seeing some super results and also a few surprises. The under 18s have reached the semi-final stage, with young Kieran Clark to play big brother Adam in one semi, the other being between giant killer Tansy Wheeler facing the pocket rocket, Travis Meller, the final to be played on Club Finals Day.

The School of Excellence qualifiers this year allows us 8 entrants, not bad for a little island! Seniors being Sam Lines, Adam Clark, Jack Berry and Ryan Trigg and the Juniors; Travis Meller, Josh Berry, Kieran Clark and our only young

lady, Tansy Wheeler. We wish them all well at Wey Valley on 15th March.

On the adult side from the coaching courses we have some very good prospects coming through. Some of our new bowlers are playing in the Wednesday Novices League. Regarding this new Wednesday event, I would like to say "thank you and a big well done" to Steve Tutton, Chairman Paul Dyer, young George Stevens, my boss Anne and our ever helpful new Bowls England Vice-President, Ian Morrill, for making this new venture work. I think all members should be aware of how this can help the future of our Club by providing new teams for the Leagues. It gives those fresh from coaching courses something to progress to.

Stop Press. We were very fortunate to have had Derek Collins, EIBA Under 25s Manager, arrange for the BBC to visit the Club with Roger Johnson and a camera crew to do a feature on Adam Clark who

GIFT AID

As most people will no doubt know, we are now a CASC club, which allows for 100% reduction in rates. In addition we have a charity registration number associated with this which means we can claim Gift Aid. The Officers have asked me to explain how it works.

Gift Aid payments are paid directly from Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs (HMRC) to us in cash, as opposed to offsetting any tax we may pay. This happens when we submit a claims form to them. This is how it works:-

1. If an individual(s) donates cash to us they sign a form to say they have donated the money.

2. The forms are not submitted but stay within the Club, locked away with the rest of the accounting ledgers.

3. I then fill out a claims form and send it off to HMRC. All the donations received will be recorded on the one form.

4. HMRC then send us a cheque for 28% of the value, ie if we claim £100 we get £28 to swell the Club funds.

5. An individual cannot donate Gift Aid amounting to more than the tax they have paid in that year, but remember, even if you are retired and on a pension you might well be paying some sort of tax!

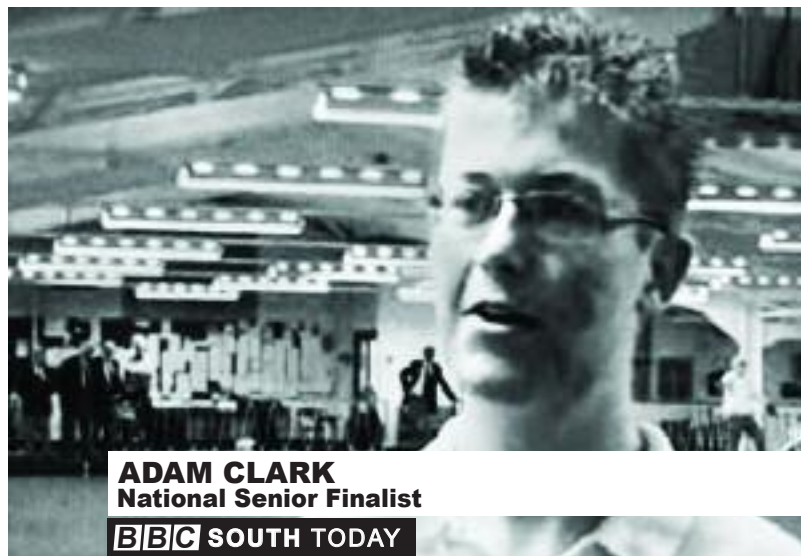
6. The reason we keep a record of your donations is because in the unlikely event that we get an HMRC audit, they will need to see the hard copy records relating to ALL accounting paperwork.

Paul Berkeley
Treasurer

at 15 years of age is the youngest ever area winner to reach the last 32 in the 'National Singles Championships'. Quite a feat, another great achievement by one of our young stars of the future!

Enjoy the rest of the season. Have fun and enjoy your bowling.

Jack Young



JUST IN - NEW STOCK!

We now have further supplies of lapel badges and ties which can be bought from behind the bar.

DID YOU KNOW

It's believed that the "bias" was introduced inadvertently in 1522 by the Duke of Suffolk. Apparently his bowl split in two after striking other bowls and he took a knob off of a stairway banister post for a replacement. The flat side of the knob caused it to roll with a bias and he experimented by curving his bowl around others. The word spread and bias bowls gradually came into use.

OBITUARIES

The Club regret to announce the deaths of Bob Ranwell and Eileen Deane. Bob was known to many of you and had been a very popular member of the Club. Eileen too was a much loved former member of the Club and had worked tirelessly in the past for the good of all.

If you have any contributions, suggestions or comments for the next issue, please send them to Sue Berkeley, Club Secretary, or you can e-mail them to: sec@iowibc.org.uk.

Don't forget the Club website can be found at: www.iowibc.org.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
22nd -23rd March (Saturday & Sunday)	Club Finals Weekend (Refreshments available)
Friday, 27th March	Sue's Curry Night includes Beetle Drive and a Quiz
Friday, 17th April	Annual General Meeting
Friday, 24th April	Presentations Evening
Monday, 11th May	Summer Triples Leagues begin
Saturday, 26th September	Club Open Day with Bowlsweat Direct
Sunday, 27th September to Friday, 2nd October	Inter-Island Games Club closed for normal activities
Monday, 5th October	Roll-up days start – extended hours will be available
Friday, 16th October or Monday, 19th October	Start of Leagues Programme NB: Date to be arranged to ensure that all league games are completed prior to Easter 2010