



Malvern Priory Bowling Club

Newsletter

August/September 2018

Captain's message

Hi to you all. I hope you have enjoyed this season's bowling, despite the excessive heat, and the closure of the green for a short while. It was felt necessary to give it a rest from the stress it was obviously under, and water like mad. Hope you think it was worth putting up with the disruption. My thanks to the watering volunteers who helped to save the green, with a special mention for Terry Barrett for his sterling efforts.

Sadly, we say farewell to Brian Wheeler, who has done a really good job as our membership secretary. Hopefully his health will improve so that he can be welcomed back into the throng, just as soon as he feels well enough to return. Thank you to Brian for your help, support and supply of jokes!

Only a few friendly matches to play, so please add your name to the nomination forms on the notice board.

Happy bowling.

Roy.

President's message

We are grateful to Brian Palmer and club members who have given their time to dealing with the 'stressed' Green during the recent extreme temperatures. Whilst some difficult decisions have had to be made to limit the playing time on a deteriorating Green surface, the extended effort that has been put into its watering and maintenance has ensured that the Green is now recovering and hopefully will see the Bowling season out. I note that the Club competitions have unfortunately slipped as a consequence and, therefore, I urge that the remaining fixtures are arranged around the continuing Green maintenance schedule - using weekends and available evenings, as appropriate.

I hope that you all continue to enjoy the 'roll-up' sessions and 'friendly' fixtures with other clubs.

Don't forget the social barbecue event on Presidents day (12th Aug, 4pm).

Unfortunately, I am no further forward with the promised session from the ECBS County Coach on advanced team bowling techniques. I'll be raising the issue at the next ECBS committee meeting this coming September.

Best wishes, and thank you for your understanding of the current bowling arrangements.

Wayne Braddock

There will be no Newsletter in September due to holidays. Items for October issue are welcomed from all members. Please e mail them to me at jackie.oakey@gmail.com

Ladies - Bredon Bowled Over and Out

In our return match against Manor Park Ladies they unfortunately got their revenge and beat us very convincingly. A few days before it was doubtful whether we could raise a team, thanks must go to Anne and Roweena for helping us out by volunteering to play their first match. I know they enjoyed the game and will be taking part in future matches.

Recently Priory Ladies travelled to Bredon to play a 3x Triples fixture where we were made very welcome by their ladies. We had a most enjoyable afternoon and I am extremely pleased to report that we won by 20 shots.

On Tuesday August 7th we have our next game of 3x Triples, which is at home against Victoria Park Ladies.

Priory was represented at the County Over 60's Ladies Pairs held at Cripplegate. 24 teams from many Clubs in Worcestershire competed in this knockout competition of 16 Ends per match.

Congratulations must go to Di and Carol who reached the Quarter Final where unfortunately they were narrowly beaten by a pair from St Dunstons. Well done it was a feat in itself to manage to play a total of 48 Ends in 5 hours.

Lorna Rodway
Ladies' Captain - 01684 563352

Rink Booking

This system of booking a rink appears to be working well. Roger and Di Maingot are updating this on a regular basis.

Les Thomas Triples Competition

We have had some very enjoyable evening sessions and now have only four matches left to play. We are in a very creditable position exactly half way down the table against our eight opponents with a score of 11 wins, 11 losses and two draws. (Two teams per match). All the games have been very competitive and we hope to move even higher up the table in the last few games. My thanks to all who have supported the club in these matches.

Greville Megson.

Life as a new member

For some time I've known Roy Barber, who has gently hinted about coming to a taster session at Priory Bowls Club. Having finished work this year, I came along to the taster session on the Friday of Malvern Civic Week and enjoyed a taster / coaching session with Brian. Since then I've enjoyed a couple more coaching sessions with Di who has been most helpful. Everyone has been very welcoming and I much appreciate the forbearance of others in coping with a novice in their midst.

I thank everyone for their encouragement and advice, and I am keen to learn and improve. I have enjoyed being able to help a little with watering the green over the past weeks.

I'm looking forward to buying my own set of woods and making bowls a part of my weekly routine.

Stephen Goodenough

Last minute call for BBQ tickets Sunday 12th August - starting at 4 pm

It is not too late to buy a ticket for the BBQ this coming Sunday starting at 4pm - tickets are £7 per person. There will also be a bar! If you would like tickets telephone me, Jackie Oakey, on 01684 575957.

How to have fun and learn new skills

I first played bowls with a group of friends during summer school holidays in the 1960s. I really enjoyed the game but was put off by the regular players, none of whom seemed to be enjoying it! Over 50 years later I spotted an article in the Malvern Observer saying that Malvern Priory Bowling Club was seeking new members. In a fit of nostalgia for those endless summers of the 60s I phoned Jackie and arranged for a taster session. Di took me through the basics and I began to get hooked. And everyone playing that day seemed to be enjoying playing the game. As I write this I've done all four roll ups this week and everyone is still smiling – even when I let the side down!

My skill-set is improving fast. I can now lay out and switch on the watering system, move the sprinklers on the hour, and put everything back in the box at the end of the day. I always wash my hands after bowling and have made a reasonable start at making the tea. And I would bow to no-one on using the bowl collector after an end! Thank you to all my roll up partners for allowing me time to develop the somewhat more intricate skills of the game itself.

Graham Dimmock

Matches yet to be played: This season our new Ladies team have 6 fixtures, 3 have been played. We are planning to continue these fixtures and try to add Droitwich Ladies and Lilleshall, near Telford (Salop) if we can find enough intrepid Ladies to travel so far - lovely green in the grounds of a very stately home and a great pub for lunch close by.

Di Maingot.

Tuesday	7th August	Victoria Park	Ladies	Home
Saturday	11th August	Barbourne		Home
Thursday	16th August	Manor Park		Away
Sunday	19th August	St Dunstan's		Home
Sunday	26th August	Community		Home
Saturday	1st September	Club Competition	Finals	Home
Sunday	2nd September	Club Competition	Finals	Home
Wednesday	5th September	Bredon	Ladies	Home
Thursday	6th September	Crystal		Home
Saturday	15th September	Inter Club	Finals	Home
Sunday	16th September	Inter Club	Finals	Home
Saturday	22nd September	Crystal		Away
Sunday	30th September	Worcester	Ladies	Away

AGM

This will be held at the club house on the morning of Thursday 8th November 2018 at 10 am. Nomination paperwork will be displayed on the notice board at the appropriate time.

If you would like to stand for office or help in any way please come forward.

Internal Club Championship matches

Matches are processing relatively slowly in spite of the fewer matches this year. Just a reminder that the weeks are ticking by with finals to take place on Saturday and Sunday 1st and 2nd September.

Keep the Clubhouse tidy

It is good to see the club house locker rooms looking tidier. However, there are times when items are not stored correctly.

The Green Mat Protectors are stored in two top right hand lockers in the men's locker room along with their pins and mallet. Please ensure they are returned to these lockers after use.

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Dates for your diary

12th August President's day BBQ time 4.00 pm start Tickets £7 per person. Bar Licence applied for. Tickets from Jackie Oakey on 01684575957 or email jackie.oakey@gmail.com Bring along your friends and family for a great time.

18th August Saturday - Bridge Drive 10.30 - 4.30 pm - £12.50 per head. We will be serving morning coffee and biscuits, lunch and tea and cakes at the end of play. All tickets sold and we have a waiting list.

1st/2nd September - Club finals

15/16th September - Interclub finals - we are hosting this event. Volunteers will be needed for refreshments and other duties. Please liaise with Lorna Rodway.

Sunday 9th September - 12.30 pm End of season pot luck lunch - Bring a dish sufficient to feed 6 people. Members and partners/wives/husbands are all welcome. Di Maingot will be coordinating.

Monday 29th September Saturday 9 am- putting the green to bed. Lunch to be provided.

October - Quiz night with Philip Barber - Date to be confirmed

Tuesday 23rd October -- Annual Prize Giving at The Swan at Newland, 12-12.30 £21.00 per person including tip for a 2 course meal. Menu and order form will be issued before the end of August. Deadline 10th October. 2018

8th November - AGM - 10 am at the clubhouse - coffee and cakes will be served

6th December 7.30 pm Christmas get together. Bar to be applied for. Further information to follow

If anyone has any ideas for social evenings or would like to organise them please contact Jackie Oakey on jackie.oakey@gmail.com. I shall be standing down as Social Secretary at the AGM so if you have ideas and like to organise events please come forward. We have had a great couple of years where we have raised a substantial amount of money from the various functions we have held at the Club.

Locker rooms

Dont forget to give Jackie one of your keys clearly labelled with your name and locker number. If you have a coded lock can you please let her have the number please. The information is kept safe.

Bowls Gatherers - Important information

Can players take care when using the gatherers and make sure all nuts and bots are secure as yesterday, Monday 6th August the lawnmower picked up a bolt and wing nut and now needs attention.

Items for sale

Do you have any bowls related items you would like to sell or is there something you would like to buy? Why not use this newsletter to buy and sell! e mail Jackie with information.

Malvern Hills District Community Sports Awards 2018

Winner - Grant Matthews (Hanley and Upton Cricket Club)
Runners up - Brian Palmer (Malvern Priory Bowling Club) & Simeon Foreman (Malvern Buzzards Running Club). Grant was a more worthy winner.

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The Green

The green is improving since there has been a great effort in watering by a small band of dedicated volunteers. This has to be kept up or the green will easily slip back to looking like a desert. Thankfully we had some heavy rain, **the green mesh protectors must be used to protect the new grass after heavy rain.**

The black bowling mat should be put at the minimum distance of 2metres and the mess protector laid in front of the mat with the unhemmed edge facing outwards. All launching of bowls must be on the protector mat and not on the green.

The green itself is looking good and there is a programme of scarifying, weeding and feeding taking place each month until the end of the season.

The overall programme for the green is running to schedule and will be completed by the end of next season.

The installation of an irrigation system for the green is outstanding for which we will have to work hard to gain outside funding. as well as fundraising ourselves.

Watering

Volunteers are still needed to help the faithful few who water the green, please contact me. THIS IS URGENT.

Maintenance

I hate to say we are now on top of all the heavy work maintaining the building and grounds. Work has been carried out every Monday and whereupon we were working from 9-5 it has now been reduced from 9-1 pm. However, we still have to keep on top of this, volunteers for this are still welcome on MONDAY mornings. Work will increase once the leaves start to fall but we do have a new garden blower/vac to help with this job.

End of Season - putting the green to bed

This will take place on Monday 8th October from 9am. I will put a notice on the board before the end of August requesting names of volunteers. Many hands make light work!

Brian Palmer
Green and Maintenance Secretary

Suggestion Box

It would be good to have some of the ideas and suggestions discussed in club teatime sessions put forward in the suggestion box on the counter.

If you have any please jot them on a piece of paper and post them in the box for the committee to consider at their next meeting on 21st August.

Car Parking

For those who are not aware of the Parking Permit Wheel you can register for a 2 hour residents parking permit if you pay your Council Tax to Malvern Hills District Council. This permit can be used in any car park within the MHDC area. The car park opposite the Splash is just a short walk up Swan Pool Alley and through the Secret Garden to the club house. The annual cost is £25 and can be done online. This would save people having to walk from College Road or further.

Annual Prize Giving Lunch

Malvern Priory Bowling Club Annual Prize Giving Lunch will be held at the Swan at Newland on Tuesday 23rd October 2018 - 12 for 12.30 pm. The cost will be £21 per person for a 2 course meal which will include a tip.

The menu along with your booking form will be sent out before the end of August for return by early October.