



SIBC NEWS

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Welcome to the second edition of the SIBC newsletter for the 21/22 season.

If there is anything you would like to see included in future newsletters, or news items for the website or local press, please contact me (Martin Spencer) either via e-mail: martinspencer1988@gmail.com or mobile telephone: 07540 066241.

National Under 25 Singles Glory For Ruby

Over the weekend of Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd January 2022, we were the proud hosts of the national under 25 singles finals. We have always prided ourselves on our junior section so to host such a prestigious event can only be good for the club. The event was well supported and one of our own came away with one of the two competed for trophies.

Ruby became national under 25 singles champion for the first time, adding the title to her already impressive CV. Jordan had come through qualifying in the men's event too but unfortunately lost at the quarter final stage against beaten finalist James Harston.

In the last 16, Ruby played M. Linford from Acle. Despite drawing the first set, the Spalding star dominated the second set and set up a quarter final with Imogen Jenner from Swale. Ruby again showed her class to win in straight sets and secure her place in the semi-final where she would face Chloe Brett - the daughter of former men's world champion Nicky - from Huntingdon.

The first set was closely contested but Ruby picked up a three on the final end to win the set 9-4. She then showed her dominance and controlled the second set, winning it with an end to spare. That moved her in to the final, where she would play fellow junior and senior international, and 2018/19 winner of the event, Devon Cooper from Hartlepool.

The supporters were treated to a high quality affair but Ruby was fantastic from the first end as she won the first set with an end to spare. Devon put up more of a fight in the second set as she went 6-0 up after two ends, but the home favourite was far too good as she won the set 12-6 to seal the championship match in straight sets and the title for the first time.

Ruby will now go on to represent England in the British Isles Championships in October.

Congratulations Ruby!



Catering & Serving Hatch

As well as Ruby's success at the local national finals, we are starting to make slow and steady progress with the catering and serving hatch. Over the course of the national finals weekend, Castle Outdoor Bowls Club were kind enough to allow us to use their facilities for food preparation and enabled us to sell bacon and sausage rolls as well as a range of sandwiches through the day.



Homemade cakes were also made by some and donated to the club which also went down well. Thank you to everyone involved on the run up to and during the weekend, especially Graham Hicks who ensured that the facilities were ready to use. It certainly was a fantastic effort to get the catering elements in place.



The catering and serving hatch is something that we continue to work on as a management committee and we can certainly learn and build on the successes from here. Please do continue to support our club and watch this space!

League Format For Season 2022/23

Our internal league fixture secretary, David Nunney, is currently working tirelessly to set up a summer league for 2022 and the winter leagues for 2022/23. It is likely that they will be on a fixed league format as we suspect we will struggle to obtain enough entries to set up a format which justifies a number of divisions.

David intends to start looking for entries into the summer league from 7th February 2022, closing a month later on 7th March 2022. In respect of the 2022/23 winter leagues, entries will open from 14th March 2022 and close on a date to be arranged depending on summer open days, etc. We would also like to take this opportunity to encourage those of you who play outdoors and wish to enter a team in the winter league, to submit your teams before 16th April 2022.

Dates For Your Diary

Men's v Ladies Presidents Charity Match - 15th March 2022 at 2pm
Quintet Competition - 19th - 22nd April 2022 - please check notice board
Finals Weekend - 23rd & 24th April 2022
AGM - 25th April 2022 at 7pm



We are also currently working on a **new website** which we hope to go live in the forthcoming weeks. The web address will be exactly the same so please watch this space!