



SIBC NEWS

February 2023

Welcome to the third edition of the SIBC newsletter for the 2022/23 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.

Forthcoming Social Events

Happy
Birthday

50th

Spalding indoor bowls club

**Good Friday - 7th April
2023**

Time yet to be confirmed at a
closer date
Please fill in the form below to
express your interest



FRIDAY 3rd MARCH 2023 7pm START

In Bowls Lounge - Teams of up to 6 - FREE ENTRY!

Please add names on board – ALL WELCOME

Bring your own drinks & nibbles – raffle on the night (prize donations appreciated)

On Tuesday 4th April 2023, we are running something a bit different again after the recently successful crown night. This time, we are going to hold on fun “bowls cricket” evening which combines bowls and cricket, drawing bowls and timed runners. Please check out the notice board and social media over the next few weeks for further details.

Dates For Your Diary

Friday 3rd March 2023 – Quiz Night

Tuesday 14th March 2023 – Men’s -v- Ladies Presidents Match

Tuesday 21st March 2023 – LWIBA Presidents Match

Tuesday 4th April 2023 – Bowls Cricket Evening

Sunday 16th April 2023 – 50th Anniversary Celebration Match -v- EIBA

Saturday 22nd April 2023 – Joint LIBA County Finals at SIBC

Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th April 2023 – Club Finals Weekend



League Stickers Reminder

It has recently been brought to our attention that our new 50th anniversary club stickers are being used as home stickers in leagues. Please note, these stickers are only to be used in club representative games and the league stickers rule still applies which was voted for at the last AGM, i.e. maroon for the home team and yellow for away. Thank you in advance!

County League Update

Spalding have been successful in recent county south league fixtures and have ambitions of qualifying to the county finals against the north league winners. The men are not completely out of the running for a place in the final as they still have to play Grantham who are one point ahead, as well as Boston and Stamford who top the table only 13 points ahead. In a closely contested mixed league, we are only one point behind Skegness at the top of the table with Boston and Grantham also not far behind with a game in hand. Our Trudy Bates ladies are currently top of the table, eight points ahead of Boston. Our over 60s team are finding it tough going this season in a division which is topped by a strong Lincoln team.

Good luck in the remaining fixtures and ongoing push for places in the county finals and thank you to all our players and captains!

National Inter-Club Knockout Updates

Over the last couple of months, Spalding Lightning have been progressing nicely in national inter-club competitions and are through to the semi-final of the Egham Trophy, Top Club and the "David Cornwell" Under 30 Double Triples. This is an exciting time of the season, especially in the Egham Trophy as we don't believe the club has ever got to this stage of the competition, certainly not in recent years anyway.

In the Egham Trophy, with wins against Grantham (118-42), Stamford (104-45), Barwell (82-66), Lincoln (94-43) and a close encounter with Cumbria (76-72), Spalding Lightning now play Huntingdon in the national semi-final on Sunday 5th March 2023. This will be played on two rinks at home and two away basis so please do come and show your support against a strong Huntingdon side which will no doubt include recently crowned world indoor pairs champion, Nicky Brett. In the mixed top club, Spalding Lightning pursue a third title in the competition and with wins against Peterborough (12-4), Melton (10-6), Leicester (16-0), Nottingham (14-2) and Hornsea (16-0), now play Swale in the semi-final who have won the title on four occasions themselves. This match will be played at the national championships at Nottingham IBC at 6.30pm on Saturday 25th March 2023, hopefully followed by the final at 9am on Sunday 26th March 2023 against Exonia or Norfolk. The Egham final follows the top club on the Sunday so it will hopefully be a busy couple of days for the club.

Our under 30 double triples team (pictured below after their quarter final win) have proved too strong for their opposition so far with wins against Nottingham (40-9), Melton (41-25) and South Shields Vipers (35-8). The national semi-final and final will also be played at the national championships at Nottingham IBC on Saturday 1st April 2023. Our semi-final opponents at 9am will be Exonia, hopefully followed by the final against Huntingdon or Ipswich at 6pm.

Spalding Lightning's ladies are still in the Mason Trophy after good wins against Stamford (38-13) and Charnwood (32-31) and play Nottingham in the last 16 on Friday 3rd March 2023.

Please do come and show your support to your club!

Unfortunately, the defence of our Denny Cup title came to an end at the quarter final stage in an exciting match which went down to the wire against Hartlepool. Our Yetton Trophy ladies also had a good run but lost by two shots in the last 16 against Lincoln.



Bowls Bash

Bowls Bash is an exciting new form of lawn bowls that is really easy to play and fun for all ages and abilities. It couldn't be easier to try Bowls Bash. There is no dress code and equipment will be provided. All you need to remember is your bowls and flat shoes to look after the green.

When you arrive at the club, a friendly Bowls Bash co-ordinator will be there to help you get started and provide any guidance you need. The equipment will be ready and you will be given a reminder of the rules and a scorecard. Bowls Bash is normally played in teams of two, with players delivering 30 bowls each per match. If the scores are level, a sudden death tie break determines the winner - one bowl per player to add to the drama! A Bowls Bash match lasts just an hour with everybody involved throughout.



Bite-sized rules

- 2 teams of 2 - reds and yellows
- 3 bowls each player per end
- 5 ends complete a set
- 2 sets complete a match
- Scores 1-1, or both sets tied, a tie break determines the winner
- Decide which team goes first
- Players take it in turns to deliver their bowls closest to the jack
- Closest bowl 3 points, second 2 points and third 1 point
- Your bowls touches the jack (a kiss), 2 points bonus
- Each team can nominate one power play end per set, which scores double
- The player who scored 3 points places the mat and starts the next end
- Tie break is 1 bowl per player, nearest bowls to the jack wins. Time to be a hero!
- Any bowls in the ditch do not count
- If the jack is knocked out of play, it returns to the spot

What are you waiting for? Just give it a bash! Book a Bowls Bash session via the Play Bowls portal or let Simon (07971 289891) or Pauline (07834 781622) know of your interest to have a go. We are currently offering every Monday evening between 27th February 2023 and 3rd April 2023 and hope to add more dates in the future. Session times will be 7-8pm and will be £3 per person per hour.

Book via this link (<https://www.play-bowls.com/clubprofile/spalding-indoor-bowls-club>)

Taster Weekend - Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th February 2023

It was great to see 60 visitors attend our taster sessions recently. Our thanks goes to Pauline for all her hard work and organisation, as well as the helpers and coaches for their support and guidance over the weekend.

