



SIBC NEWS

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Welcome to the next edition of the SIBC newsletter for the 2021/22 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.

First Denny Cup Final In The Club's History

There has certainly been some delight in the Denny Cup this season as our men have reached the final for the first time in the club's history. With wins against Peterborough (116-52), Stamford (81-67), Leicester (88-49) and Lincoln (85-53) and South Shields Vipers (89-80), our men played in the club's first semi-final since 1979.

Our semi-final opponents were Wey Valley IBC from Surrey. It was described by many players and spectators that it was the best atmosphere they have experienced and was likened to an international series. Whilst we have some good players, we were underdogs in this tie as Wey Valley have reached the later stages on a number of occasions. However, we did start the stronger of the two teams and were 37-24 up at ten ends as our stars began to pile on the pressure. Wey Valley were not willing to give up without a fight and at 18 ends, had clawed back to within six shots to set up a tense final few ends. This did close to within three shots but driven by the support of the spectators, some outstanding bowls meant that we were eleven up (72-61) when the four hour time limit ran out.

Everyone played their part in a great day in the club's history but the top winning rink was skipped by Dominic McVittie, who had a fantastic game with his rink of Harry Mycock, Lewis Parnell and Andy Dunham and returned a winning scorecard of 21-13. A special mention has to go out to both youngsters, 13 year old Ollie Jeapes and 18 year old Harry Mycock, who conducted themselves well in a pressure game and enjoyed such a fantastic experience.

Sophie Morton Photography also has to be credited for some brilliant action shots which some of you may have seen on our website and social media. The final will be played at Nottingham IBC at 6pm on Saturday 9th April 2022 against a team from Norfolk IBC which includes 2022 world indoor singles semi-finalist Wayne Willgress. If you are at a loose end, this will not be one to miss!

Line Up For the Final

Stephen Harris, Ollie Jeapes, Graham Smith and Mathew Orrey

Kevin Ekins, Simon Lilley, Martin Spencer and Jordan Philpott

Harry Mycock, Lewis Parnell, Andy Dunham and Dominic McVittie

Brian Martin, Mike Robertson, Ean Morton and Tristan Morton

Reserve: Martin Simpson



Upcoming Social Events

The club's social events sub-committee are very conscious of the lack of social activities brought about mainly by the dreadful Covid-19 pandemic and the consequent curtailing of events. We are now working on a gradual return to normality, but we are also aware that we cannot rush headlong into settling too much too quickly. We have studied your comments in the recent survey and initially some of the same events as in previous years will be rescheduled for the future. We all know the catering and bar are a major issue to us as a club but more so when it comes to organising events and so some of our activities will have to be arranged at venues off site. Rest assured, the team still have your best interests at heart and will keep looking at ways to aid your enjoyment.

The events for the near future are a **quiz night** on Saturday 9th April 2022 which will be held across at the Castle Outdoor Bowls Club. Please check the social events notice board to enter a team. In May, there will be an evening with **musical entertainment** and a **fish and chip supper**. In June, we are looking at an event to possibly tie in with the **Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations**.

Following on from that, there will be a **hog roast meal and entertainment** on Saturday 30th July 2022 at Pinchbeck Village Hall but will be limited to 100 guests. Between 14th and 18th November 2022, we currently have 55 people going to **Potters**. If you are interested in going, please contact Roger Perkins for more information.

PLEASE DO KEEP AN EYE ON THE SOCIAL NOTICE BOARD FOR FURTHER DETAILS ON ALL UPCOMING EVENTS.



Royal Mail Cart Race Night

Royal Mail Cart BC are arranging a race night which will be held on Saturday 14th May 2022 at the Tulip Club which is within the grounds of the Sir Halley Stewart Football Stadium.

We will be charging £2.50 per ticket which will be sold prior to the evening. There will likely be eight races plus an auction race. We will be selling ownership of £5 per horse which will again be sold prior to the event and can be bought by anyone even if you are not able to attend the event. You can also name your horse to add a bit more of a fun twist to the evening. For the auction race, the people in attendance on the evening will bid against each other to be the owner of a horse in the said race. 50% of the money raised will go to the winning owner and the other 50% into the fundraising pot. You can also place a small bet on each race on the night if you wish to do so.

Any social event is a good way to bring everyone together, especially after the tough couple of years we have all been through. Yes, this race night is a fundraising event for Royal Mail Cart BC but we don't want to limit attendance to Royal Mail Cart BC members only. It would be great to see as many of you there as possible. For more information, please do not hesitate to contact me (Martin Spencer), Simon Lilley or Martin Simpson. Further details will also be on social media over the next month or so. If there are any other social events that anyone would like advertising, please let me know.

Remote Scorers

Health and safety is a big part of the world we live in now and our management committee have arranged for remotes to be added at the end of each rink so that players don't have to leave the confines of the rink to change the score. We expect these to be added by the end of the season. Fundraising has been ongoing for some time to be able to pay for these and a special mention has to go out to Maisie Belding, Jan Sinclair, Anthony Cronin and Roger Perkins for making it happen.



Spalding Stars In Lincolnshire Liberty Trophy

Twelve of our members (Stephen Harris, Simon Lilley, Graham Smith, Jordan Philpott, Martin Spencer, Mathew Orrey, Kevin Ekins, Mark Dawes, Ean Morton, Tristan Morton, Andy Dunham and Dominic McVittie) have helped Lincolnshire to the final of the Liberty Trophy. The Liberty Trophy is the main inter-county knockout competition and have had wins against Yorkshire (166-77), Cumbria (117-97) and Northamptonshire (127-91) to progress to the final which will be played on Saturday 26th March 2022 at 1pm on Nottingham IBC.

Lincolnshire have also progressed to the national finals in the under 18s double triples competition. Our very own Harry Mycock and Ollie Jeapes were part of the team who beat Yorkshire by a single shot (28-27) to progress to the national semi-final which will also be held at Nottingham IBC at 9.30am on Sunday 27th March 2022, hopefully followed by the final in the afternoon.

Well done and good luck to everyone involved in the county!

National Championship Qualifiers

Congratulations and good luck to our individual national championship qualifiers. The national championships will be hosted by Nottingham IBC between Saturday 26th March 2022 and Thursday 14th April 2022.

Men's Two Bowl Singles - Stephen Harris
Ladies Two Bowl Singles - Chelsea Tomlin
Men's Pairs - Harry Mycock and Dominic McVittie
Ladies Pairs - Ruby Hill and Chelsea Tomlin
Ladies Triples - Ruby Hill, Chelsea Tomlin and Annie Dunham
Men's Fours - Andy Dunham, Kevin Ekins, Dominic McVittie and Jordan Philpott
Ladies Fours - Ruby Hill, Rebecca Simpson, Chelsea Tomlin and Annie Dunham
Men's Over 50s Triples - Brian Martin, Mike Robertson and Graham Smith



Congratulations also to Ruby Hill who fresh from her win in the national under 25 singles has been selected to represent England at the World Indoor Championships. The International Indoor Bowls Council Championships are being hosted by the City & County of Bristol IBC between Monday 25th and Friday 29th April 2022 and will consist of men's singles, ladies singles and mixed pairs. As a club, we have had success at these championships after Graham Smith won the men's singles in 2010 and then defended his title in 2011 and Annie Dunham and Martin Spencer won the mixed pairs in 2017.

Floater List and Winter Leagues 2022/23

It has recently come to our attention about the amount of league games that are cancelled due to not being able to field a team. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the floaters list which can be found on the notice board near the club competitions. Please note, cancelling a game should be a last resort and we would like to encourage all team captains to make use of the floaters list where possible.

Winter league entry forms have been available since Monday 14th March 2022 and can be found in the tray outside the office or on the club website. We would appreciate if entries were submitted by no later than 14th April 2022. For those of you who receive our club e-mails, you will know that the proposed schedule has been revamped and there will be two days that will be run on a promotion/relegation basis, being Monday and Wednesday. It is important that captains place their team in the correct division based on their capabilities. A new league format has been proposed on a Friday teatime which is aimed (but not exclusively) to new bowlers. This will be a triples 4321, i.e. the four nearest bowls will score and a maximum of ten points can be scored each end.

Disability Bowls England Call Up For Mike

Congratulations also to Mike Robertson who has been called up to the Disability Bowls England team to compete in the Home Nations Championships against Scotland and Wales at Solihull IBC between 22nd and 24th April 2022.



I have recently had the pleasure of having a chat with Mike about his inclusion in the Disability Bowls England team. I have had some battles on the bowls green with Mike over the years and have the upmost respect for him and his achievements. In 2016, Mike had qualified to Leamington in the national fours with Brian Martin, Ean and Tristan Morton and was asked whether he would be interested in taking part in Disability Bowls England events. In 2017, he joined Peterborough IBC and got selected to play in the Home Nations later that year and has been part of the indoor and outdoor set up ever since. He also got selected to represent England at the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games in 2018. Not too bad considering he didn't know Disability Bowls England even existed in 2016. Unfortunately, he has missed out on selection for the Birmingham 2022 Games but Mike's very respectable and modest character wished his Disability Bowls England colleagues all the very best.

To have so many bowlers involved at all levels of the international game is something that we are very proud of as a club and something we should all get behind.

2022 Survey Results

This month, the club took part in a survey to see how we are doing and how we can improve. We had over 60 responses (18.5%) from members with a wide range of feedback. Communication was raised as an issue which the committee is committed to work on over the next year. Although not all comments were positive, as a result of members comments, our social events, bowler improvement courses and catering cafe open times are all planned.

Our taster days will be held on 21st and 25th May 2022 and the club would like your support. If you know anyone who would like to give bowls a try, please do encourage them to attend one of our open days. Notices will be displayed at the club and online in due course.

But when we get it right, here is some lovely feedback.....

"Having attended the coaching sessions in the summer, I joined the club in September. The coaching sessions were an excellent introduction to the club and everyone was extremely friendly and helpful. It is quite daunting turning up for the first session not knowing anyone and not really having a clue about the game. My first couple of sessions were with Michelle and she was extremely friendly and encouraging. This gave me the confidence to continue with the game and the club. Since then, without exception, everyone has been very helpful and a pleasure to be with. The intake of 2021 has brought a lot of new members, the vast majority experiencing the same positive welcome as me".

Dates For Your Diary

Finals Weekend - 23rd & 24th April 2022

Presentation Night - 24th April 2022 at 7pm **(this will be ticket only this season charged at £2.50 each)**

AGM - 25th April 2022 at 7pm



It has been mentioned in a previous "dates for your diary" section about the normally well supported Quintet competition. Unfortunately, due to leagues late starting this season, we are unable to run the competition this season.