

Message from the Chair - Danny Kite

#### **Brian Blight**

We are very sad to announce the sudden death of Brian Blight. He was taken ill during an internal league game and transferred to hospital, where he suffered a massive heart attack overnight, and sadly passed away.

Brian was a highly regarded long-standing member and friend of BIBC and had been a Board member in recent years. He was a regular volunteer, helping to run the club and was generous with his time in helping to coach fellow bowlers.

Brian will be sorely missed, and our thoughts are with his family at this sad time. We will let you have more details in due course.

Hopefully you have all had a busy and enjoyable summer, I know I have.

Whilst the indoor summer playing season is not as hectic as the outdoor one, this has given the Board a chance to catch up on some of the background necessities needed to keep the club vibrant. Some of these are coming to fruition whilst others are in the pipeline and will be reported on in future copies.

One item that will not seem obvious is that the audio-visual capabilities of the club have been improved and upgraded.

Another is the background work that has been going on with regard to bowls gatherers or pushers as they are more commonly known and due to the level of interest in this matter there will be a report further on in this newsletter.

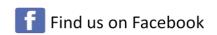
#### Catering announcement

Metcalfe Catering, who have been running The Hungry Bowler for many years, have tendered their resignation and this has been accepted by the Board.

They will be leaving the club on 31st August.

Plans are being drawn up to continue a catering service from 1<sup>st</sup> September onwards and negotiations are still ongoing.

Watch this space as they say!





#### **Pushers**

As I am sure you are aware, the Board was presented with a dilemma in that, following a high-risk assessment on the use of pushers our insurers advised that claims may not be covered and that the directors and/or members may become personally liable. Consequently, the pushers were removed from use.

The depth of feeling that followed was obvious and the Board strove to find a way around the situation.

Several options were considered, including some fairly radical designs based on other equipment used by less-abled bowlers. We approached both a Canadian and an Australian manufacturer of bowls aids, as well as local manufacturers with some suggestions – all to no avail.

Bebbington Steps produced the original pushers, but unfortunately, that company is no longer trading.

An alternative design was created, and several prototypes have now been produced. The latest example was presented to Julie Deferville and others, as she was the member who organised the petition that was presented to the Board.

This prototype has been accepted by the group, and actions are in place to manufacture them. They will be slightly smaller than the old ones, considerably lighter but just as manoeuvrable.

This, however, is only a partial answer to our predicament, and it is the method of use of the pushers that continues to cause concern and may again result in a high-risk assessment. Whilst the presence of pushers may be welcomed by many members, safety of all members is the main priority of the Board.

A list of conditions for use has been produced and if followed will allow the new pushers to be used safely, resulting in a lower risk assessment.

These conditions will be posted around the club and must be strictly followed. It will be up to everyone to police the use of the pushers to ensure the conditions are adhered to, which will allow their continued use.

Pushers will be used entirely at the personal risk of the user.

**League Notes-Steve Neal** 

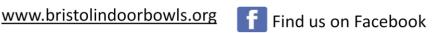
Below is a full list of teams showing confirmations received so far for the Winter 2024/2025.

Emails were sent to Team Secretaries at the end of July. If you have not received the email, please check your spam. I would be grateful if you can reply by the end of August.

If you would like to enter a team or join a team, you can contact me on my mobile, 07974 107729.

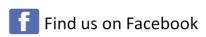
For leagues that are full, you can still register your interest to enter a team, as not all teams have confirmed vet.

Leagues will start week beginning 23rd September 2024. Schedules will be sent to Team Secretaries in the first week of September.





MON 12.00 LADIES TRIPLES vacancies	8	Mon 16.00 OPEN SINGLES – 1 vacancy	16
Emeralds	Confirmed email	Chris Brown	Confirmed email
Exiles		Colin Davis	Confirmed email
Mondays		James Newby	
On The Up		Jim Creek	Confirmed email
Soul Mates	Confirmed email	Keith Chaney	Confirmed email
The Royals	Confirmed email	Mark Gill	Confirmed email
Two Plus One		Mike Wheeler	Confirmed email
Whatever	Confirmed email	Pete Belsten	
		Peter Degg	Confirmed email
MON 14.00 OPEN FOURS – vacancies	13	Peter Marr	
Allsorts	Confirmed email	Peter Sims	
BAC (BAWA)	Confirmed email	Ray Pike	
Beaufort	Confirmed email	Roy Billings	Confirmed email
Electrons		Steve Brice	Confirmed email
Kingswood Park	Confirmed Phone	Steve Neal	Confirmed
Musketeers	Confirmed Phone	Terry Clash	Confirmed email
Reagle	Confirmed email		
Surfers	Confirmed email	Mon 19.00 OPEN TRIPLES - vacancies	9
Teddy Boys	Confirmed email	Axemen	Confirmed email
The Grass Hoppers	Confirmed email	Bristol City A	Confirmed email
The Royals	Confirmed email	Famous Grouse	Confirmed email
The Toasties	Confirmed Phone	Metric four	Confirmed email
The Victorians		Kids on the Block	
		Mad Hatters	
		Off the Rails	Confirmed email
		Regal	Confirmed email
		South Bristol Massive	Confirmed email
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		Peter poss adding team	





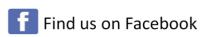
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Abbots	Confirmed email	2+1	
Bilbie Bowlers	Confirmed email	Avonvale	Confirmed email
Canaries	Confirmed email	Backwoods	Confirmed email
Couples	Confirmed email	Bowlers in Disguise	Confirmed Email
Fantastics	Confirmed email	Bowls R Us	
Friars	Confirmed email	Damaged Goods	
Frys	Confirmed email	Dead End Kids	Confirmed email
Golden Bay	Confirmed email	Deep Rivers	
Greville		Grababag	
Guess Who		High Flyers	
Happy Jacks		LA Combo	Confirmed email
New Beginnings	Confirmed email	One hit Wonders	Confirmed email
Shadows	Confirmed email	Phantom Menaces	Confirmed Email
SPARTANS	Confirmed email	Phoenix	Confirmed email
Spirit	Confirmed email	The Incredibowls	
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The Goshawks	Confirmed email		
The Hybrids	Confirmed email		
The Skylarks	Confirmed email		
The Valley Boys	Confirmed email		
The Wrong Bias	Confirmed email		
TUES 14.00 OPEN Fours - vacancies	10		
BAC (BAWA)	Confirmed email		
Chocolate Quarter	Confirmed email		
Four Tops			
Heads & Tails	Confirmed Phone		
Henleaze	Confirmed email		
Nomads	Confirmed email		
Oddbins	Confirmed Phone		
St Annes A	Confirmed email		
Teddy Boys	Confirmed email		
Westbury Park	Confirmed email		



WED 10.00/12.00 AUSSIE PAIRS DIV 1 FULL	19	WED 14.00 OPEN FOURS - vacancies	9
ABC		Bilbie Bowlers	Confirmed email
Ashton Mojos	Confirmed email	Downend Tuf Guys	Confirmed email
Birds of Paradise	Confirmed email	Griffins	Confirmed email
Daffodils	Confirmed email	Lord Raglans	Confirmed email
Down Unders	Confirmed email	PBA	
Dynamic Duo	Confirmed email	The Keynotes	Confirmed email
English Brewers	Confirmed email	The Druids	Confirmed email
Exeter Crocks	Confirmed email	The Royals	Confirmed email
Frys	Confirmed email	Victoria Park	Confirmed email
Kelly's Heroes			
Mallacoota	Confirmed email		
Parakeets	Confirmed email		
Poms	Confirmed email		
Road Warriors	Confirmed email		
Spirit	Confirmed email		
Sydney Hopefulls	Confirmed email		
Tasmanian Devils	Confirmed email		
The Waughs	Confirmed email		
The Wombats			
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Dee Jays	Confirmed email	Avonvale	Confirmed email
Jezebels		Bazbowl	
Outsiders		Eagles	Confirmed email
Polkadots	Confirmed email	English Brewers	Confirmed email
Roses		Gentle Giants	Confirmed email
The Keynotes	Confirmed email	Jack Happy	Confirmed email
Sapphires	Confirmed email	Just a Yard	Confirmed email
The Royals	Confirmed email	Kings	Confirmed email
Thursdays		Metric Three	Confirmed email
		Nomads	Confirmed email
THURS 14.00 OPEN TRIPLES - FULL	19	Office Ed	Confirmed email
3+1	Confirmed email	South Bristol Massive	Confirmed email
Allsorts	Confirmed email	Spartak	
Banana Bunch	Confirmed	The Aussie Johns	Confirmed email
Billabongs	Confirmed email	The Dark Horses	Confirmed email
Chocolate Quarter	Confirmed email	Triards	Confirmed email
Couples		Tuf Guys	Confirmed email
Davrons	Confirmed Phone	Two + 1	Confirmed email
English Brewers	Confirmed email		
Exeter Crocks	Confirmed email		
Heads & Tails	Confirmed Phone		
Regnatrix	Confirmed email		
The Abbots	Confirmed email		
The Amateurs			
The Boys	Confirmed email		
The Pirates	Confirmed email		
The Three Wise Monkeys	Confirmed email		
The Victorians			
Three + Three	Confirmed email		
Travellers	Confirmed email		





FRI 12.00 OPEN PAIRS - FULL	24	FRI 18.00 JUNIOR/ADULT AUSSIE PAIRS - vacancies
Ashton Mix	Confirmed email	Quackers
Backwood	Confirmed email	SJ's
Barrier Reef	Confirmed email	Thiaretical
BAZBOWL		Moo's Team
Billabongs	Confirmed email	Izzy Buzzy
Bowled Over	Confirmed email	Cassowaries
Cavaliers		The Pirates
Cointreau		The Purnells
Country Folk	Confirmed text	The Scott's
Crusaders		JR's
Dambusters	Confirmed text	Interceptrers
Double Trouble		The Hiccups
Dynamic Duo	Confirmed email	
Fiddlesticks		
Good Guys	Colin Confirmed	
Hot Shot Ladies	Confirmed email	
Jackalls	Confirmed email	
Outcast	Confirmed email	
Philistines	Confirmed email	
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**Crown Green – Jane Geater** 

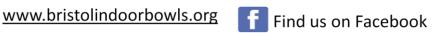
Crown Green bowls took place on 17th March, kindly organised by Danny Kite and Mike Humphries, they also explained how to play and the rules of the game.

Members were a bit hesitant but soon got the hang of it.

It was run as a round robin knockout using all nine rinks and bowling in all directions which was an enjoyable and fun experience. The final game of six ends was won by Clive Drake and runner up was Chris Holloway.

Food was available from 3pm onwards which we were able to pre-order at the start of the afternoon and everyone had a good time.

We have decided to include Crown Green again next season and hope more players will join us on Sunday 6th April 2025 for the experience.





#### Missing bowls

BIBC makes available many sets of bowls for short term use. The following set has been missing for some time; if you have them, or know of their whereabouts, please let Danny Kite or Rod Edgerton know - we need to keep track of club property – many thanks.

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**SWCIBA representative- Jenny Tibbs** 

#### Somerset Women's County Indoor Bowls Association (SWCIBA)

Hello ladies,

Here we are again nearing the start of our winter bowls season at BIBC.

We ladies have great links with SWCIBA where we can play in county matches against other counties and or internal Somerset competitions (double rink, singles, pairs etc), it is open to all.

We also enter a couple of national club competitions, the Yetton Trophy and the Masons Trophy (which is an over 60s competition).

We have two noticeboards with the relevant information for each, the SWCIBA board is just outside the ladies changing room and the national board is inside the changing room beside the lockers.

Please have a look. I'll be adding information as it comes through so that everyone can see what dates are involved for your diaries.

We would love to see more ladies joining us in the above competitions. They can appear quite daunting but are really just another match for those who would like to progress to the next level.

We are a very friendly bunch who like to do as well as we can on the day but also enjoy ourselves.

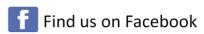
If you'd like to know more, I'm happy to chat. I usually play on a Monday at 12.00, Tuesday at 14.00 or the Wednesday morning Australian pairs.

Those at reception can point me out to you.

Looking forward to meeting you!

Jenny Tibbs







#### **Junior News**

Many BIBC juniors, both current and former club members, play for various outdoor clubs during the summer season. They take very active roles in the clubs, playing in league teams and individual club competitions. We've seen them have huge successes in the past, and this season has seen them repeat those successes at club and County level. Below are just a few examples of those success stories, which are still happening while we write this newsletter, so if we miss anyone, we'll do our best to include you next time.

# Somerset young bowlers triumph

SOMERSET'S young bowlers, including local youngsters Jack Vine from Norwest Bowls Club and Sam Dart from Purnells Bowls Club, once again brought home the trophy for an amazing third year running when they met their counterparts from Gloucester-shire, Worcestershire and Wiltshire for their annual Under 25's Four Counties Competition.

The squad of Zach Broom, Sophie Hicks, Sam Dart, Peter Loaring, Lucas Powell, Aaron Broom, Stanley James, Imogen Cracknell, Jack Vine, Oakley Trent, Kimi Powell and Madi King along with sub, Olivia Starr, all travelled to Bristol Bowls Club on bank holiday Monday for their game and the weather



Hat-trick of victories for Somerset

was fairly kind to them while they were playing, but true to form, as they came off the green after the game it fairly bucketed down leaving everyone soaked to the skin.

However, nothing could dampen their spirits after an excellent 15 shot victory. And just to add to the Somerset celebrations Lucas, Aaron,

Stan and Imogen managed to score a Hotshot!

Somerset have some very talented young bowlers and it's great to see the really excellent standard of bowls they achieve. It makes you think - who said lawn bowls was a sport for the oldies? I don't think so - not any more!

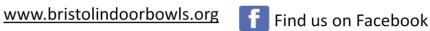
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Sophie Hicks, with Lydia and Fliss Sheldrake represented Somerset County in the national Amy Rose competition for junior lady bowlers, and their success means that they will play in the national finals at Leamington.

Brad Cox represented Somerset in the White Rose competition – the equivalent of Amy Rose for junior men. Ed Hopegood summed up the performance as follows:

A cracking game, played in great spirit between two teams who will surely be strong rivals under the new format coming into force next season for the foreseeable future, due to the majority of the players being teenagers.

Brad Cox was runner-up in the County junior men's competition, while Lydia Sheldrake and Madi King were runners up in the Ladies County Pairs competition.





#### In other news - Safeguarding

You may have noticed that on one of the notice boards there is a collage of club officers, employees and volunteers.

These are the individuals who help keep the club operating, but you might not know much, if anything, about the individuals shown.

We're pleased to feature Tracy Bartlett, one of the club's safeguarding officers.

As you will read below, Tracy has a great deal of experience within safeguarding, which is an essential part of any organisation these days. Below are some examples of how Tracy works with people with particular needs and is keen to point out that BIBC members may contact her on almost any topic even bowls coaching!

I have worked within social care for over 30 years and currently work for Shared Lives - a national organisation.

Shared Lives schemes support adults with learning disabilities, mental health or other needs that make it harder for them to live on their own.

These schemes match someone who needs care with an approved carer. The carer, in turn, shares their family and community life, and gives care and support to the person with care needs.

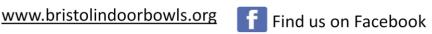


Differently-abled people have been faced with significant cuts, in areas such as Day Services and within Support agencies on a national level. Similar difficulties with funding have caused bowls clubs to close on a national level.

Both Day services and Bowls clubs offer a safe place for disabled or isolated people to go for their wellbeing and to socialise. It also gives their families and carers a short break from their caring roles. My vision has always been for inclusion for all, within my work and home life.

I organised an open day at Severn Vale Bowls Club on 4 April 2022, where I am a coach for Bowls England. This was to align my work for Shared Lives with Bowls England to promote inclusion for the local people. I invited people within Shared Lives and people who attend some local day centres, together with some support agencies, health and social care professionals, carers, families and bowls members to come and have fun!

As a coach I trained the volunteers and completed risk assessments to ensure the safety and planning of the day went smoothly.





As a Safeguarding officer for Bristol Indoor Bowls Club, I discussed it with Head Coach Danny Kite. Danny volunteered to support me with the event in 2023 then again in 2024 with the loan of some very interesting bowls equipment.

I'm pleased to say that both events went well, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. With the club volunteers' support, money was raised for Shared Lives amenities' funds by baking cakes and organising a raffle. Our visitors were pleased to try the cakes with a hot drink in between bowls.

My passion has always been to promote inclusion for all. My bowls club aim was to open its doors to the local community, so they were pleased to help. I don't think any of us realised the events would grow to be so popular.

As an indication of further success, a Shared Lives person with learning disabilities – her name is Tina - told me that her goal had been to play bowls with her foster dad and had tried for years with other clubs without success.

With our coaching she went on to reach her goal within a year. She now a full member, plays for her local bowls club and was awarded the cup for most improved bowler by our club members as shown in the photo. This proves that if you follow your dreams, you can make them a reality.

I aim to continue my work within Shared Lives and for Bowls England, promoting lawn bowls during the summer and indoor bowls during the winter. I am also involved with supporting local schools to play bowls, as I believe it is good for all ages' health and wellbeing. It's been great to see people of all ages and abilities enjoying a sport together.







