YEOVIL VISUALLY IMPAIRED BOWLS CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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1. Indoor Competitions



The new Yeovil Visually Impaired Bowls Club Trophy and Plate competitions that ran indoors this winter have concluded. Congratulations to Mo Perry who won the Trophy and to Jo Spence who won the Plate.

2. VIBE National Indoor Pairs

Ron and Mo were preparing to travel to Nottingham on the weekend of 19^{th} - 20^{th} February as defending champions and Frank Berry was looking forward to entering his first national competition, pairing up with Daniel Elman Brown. Unfortunately the tournament coincided with Storm Eunice and despite their best efforts; Mo, Ron and Frank were unable to travel beyond Westbury due to the chaos with public transport.

3. Torquay Open Invitation VI Triples

Ron Homer, Mo Perry and guest Darren Moon were victorious in Torquay, winning the Patrick Lovell Open Invitation VI Triples Competition. Over the two days of the weekend; 18th &19th December 2021, the YVIBC team won seven games out of seven taking back the trophy which the YVIBC last had their hands on in 2017. The 2017 team which had included Nancy Cheeseman, only lost out on the last end of the last game by one point. A great weekend once again as always at the Torquay Leisure Hotels.

4. Moonfleet Indoor Bowls Club

Ron and Mo have recently been on a coaching course and whilst attending, they were approached by Moonfleet Bowls Club (Weymouth) who would like to invite our VI Club to a match at Moonfleet during the winter 2022/2023 season.

5. Frances Kay Trophy (Captain's Report)

A great morning of bowls was enjoyed by the members of the YVIBC and their opponents, the YBC, on Tuesday 8th February 2022. With new bowlers on both teams, how the game was going to play out was an uncertainty for both sides.

The game was played in a brilliant atmosphere with a lot of laughter and friendly banter. Our bowlers on rink three, Georgina Park (lead) Christine Tomkins (two) and Frank Berry as skip won 13.6, congratulations to them as the only winning rink for YVIBC. Congratulations to YBC for retaining the Frances Kay Trophy.

Our grateful thanks go to Lisa, Simon's mum, for making and donating the superb cupcakes.

We can't forget our three helpers on the day, Debbie Guppy, Christine Tomkins and Rod Courts for all their help. Debbie and Christine had to double up on the day as players as well as helpers. The game was a great learning curve for our new bowlers who now know what constitutes a full-on game.

6. Outdoor Season 2022

The first outdoor session will be Tuesday 19th April; entry to the outdoor green is either through the clubhouse or via the green gate at the top of the drive. The green gate is now routinely locked and can be opened using the same fob that you use to come in the main door of the clubhouse. Please be aware that the function room is currently undergoing refurbishment and at times there may be wet paint on some surfaces.

For the outdoor season, please remember to bring warm and waterproof clothing as we will be bowling each week in all types of weather unless the conditions are deemed unsafe.

Please feel free to arrive anytime from 10.15am onwards, it would be really helpful for Mo, if everyone can make sure they are changed and ready to play on the outside rinks by 10.45am so that games can be started promptly at 11am each week.

7. Fundraising

Many thanks to Jo who has raised £175 for our funds from the making and sale of Christmas cards. Jo is going to continue to make cards, please speak to her if you would like to order some birthday cards. Christmas cards will be available again in the autumn.

Thank you to everyone who has helped the club by using the Amazon Smile link. We have recently had another pay out of £20.33 from Amazon Smile, if you shop on Amazon, please continue to use the link below as it provides us with some extra funds for our club:

https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1068224-0

8. Tesco Community Fund (Bags of Help)

The new shirts are due to be delivered shortly and we also have a new trolley case well-stocked with measures, pins and white jacks etc for our matches this summer. These purchases have been possible due to the grant secured from the Tesco Community Fund

9. Summer Fixtures

Please see below for a reminder of the fixtures that have been arranged for the 2022 Summer Season.

Day	Date	Venue	Match
Wednesday-Sunday	4 th -8 th May	Weston-s-Mare	National Open.
Thursday	19 th May	Lyme Regis	Friendly Triples
Wednesday	8 th June	Sherborne	Friendly triples
Wednesday	27 th July	Somerton	Friendly Triples
Wednesday	10 th August	Yeovil	Summer Challenge Cup Game 1
Thursday	25 th August	South Petherton	Friendly Triples
Wednesday	31 st August	Yeovil	Summer Challenge Cup Game 2

Our Captain Mo will appreciate your full support.

Dress Code is Greys/white or club tops.

The Start Time for Lyme Regis is 2.00pm

Cost & Transport information at a later date.

All other games start at 2.30pm