

Dear Members

Plans are well underway to re-open the club fully in September, although we shall still be very cautious and implement a number of measures to mitigate against Covid-19 infections. A message from Trevor Prentice, your League Secretary, regarding leagues is reproduced below.

The committees are very grateful to the large number of members who signed up last season, although the amount of bowling was limited and, in the end, curtailed by the lockdown measures introduced by HM Government in early November last year. A number of members also made donations to the club. These subscriptions, added to the support we received from the government, have meant that we were able to stay afloat, despite the ongoing costs of running and maintaining the club premises.

With this in mind, those members who signed up last season as full members will be able to re-join this season at a reduced rate of £60. Others who made donations or signed up as non-playing members will also receive a reduction on the standard subscription rate of £90 (which is still the same as 2019-2020). We have also adjusted match fees for coming season: 2-hour league green fees will be reduced to £2.50 (from £2.60) to reduce the amount of cash handling at reception. 3-hour league match green fees will remain at £3.00. Rink fees for competition matches will be £3.00 for single session matches and £5.00 for a double session match. Our fees are still amongst the lowest of local indoor bowls clubs.

Please re-join this season and support the club – also please encourage your families/friends and neighbours.

Renewal Letters will be coming your way next week.

It is sad that our local neighbours Rushmoor Indoor Bowling Club have had to close recently, as a result of the Leisure Centre in Farnborough redevelopment. We have welcomed a number of their members to the club this summer and look forward to welcoming any others who might like to join our club.

I'd like to express my thanks to all those members, both on and off the Committees, who have helped keep the club alive during these difficult times.

Please pass this email on to any other members you may know who are not on email.

Richard Barnett
Chairman

Message from Trevor Prentice

Dear All,

I hope you have been keeping well.

As you may be aware all the leagues were changed to Open Pairs last winter because of the Covid-19 regulations. This winter I am hoping we can revert to the original formats including Triples and Rinks. All six rinks will also be in use when required, I realise there will still be members who will be nervous about bowling indoor this winter, but if we don't aim to get back to some sort of normality sooner rather than later then the implications on our club could be serious. This does not mean we will not be taking appropriate Covid-19 precautions this winter which will include the temperature checks on entering the club and the wearing of masks when not on the green or seated at a table. Please note that the ventilation system has been checked by heating engineers to ensure the fresh air supply in the building meets the governments recommended level.

The following tables details the leagues I am planning to run this winter:

WINTER 2021-22 – LEAGUE FORMATS

League	Day	Type of Game	Time	Expected Number of Teams
1	Monday	Open Rinks	10.00 am - 12:00 pm	LEAGUE ALMOST FULL
2	Monday	Open Pairs	12:05 - 14:05	LEAGUE ALMOST FULL
3	Monday	Open Rinks	14:15 - 16:15	MORE TEAMS REQUIRED
4	Monday	Open Triples	16:20 - 18:20	MORE TEAMS REQUIRED
5	Monday	Open Triples	19:00 - 18 Ends	MORE TEAMS REQUIRED
7	Tuesday	Open Rinks	10.00 am - 12:00 pm	LEAGUE FULL
8	Tuesday	Open Pairs	12:05 - 14:05	LEAGUE FULL
9	Tuesday	Men's Rinks	19:00 - 18 Ends	MORE TEAMS REQUIRED
11	Wednesday	Open Triples	10.00 am - 12:00 pm	MORE TEAMS REQUIRED
12	Wednesday	Open Triples	12:05 - 14:05	LEAGUE FULL
15	Thursday	Open Triples	10.00 am - 12:00 pm	LEAGUE ALMOST FULL
16	Thursday	Open Pairs	12:05 - 14:05	LEAGUE ALMOST FULL
17	Thursday	Open Rinks	14:15 - 16:15	MORE TEAMS REQUIRED
18	Thursday	Open Triples	16:20 - 18:20	MORE TEAMS REQUIRED
19	Thursday	Open Rinks	18:25 - 20:25	MORE TEAMS REQUIRED
21	Friday	Open Rinks	10.00 am - 12:00 pm	MORE TEAMS REQUIRED
22	Friday	Open Pairs	12:05 - 14:05	MORE TEAMS REQUIRED
23	Friday	Open Rinks	14:15 - 16:15	MORE TEAMS REQUIRED
25	Friday	Open Rinks	19:00 - 18 Ends	MORE TEAMS REQUIRED

Although some of these leagues are indicated as full, some of the team captains will still be looking for additional players. Please let me know if you would like to play in any of these leagues by sending me an email at trevor.prentice79@gmail.com indicating which leagues you would like to play in plus some indication of your bowling experience. I will then forward your details on to the appropriate team captains.

Each league will require at least 6 teams to be viable, but ideally no more than 12 teams to limit the number of weeks when team will not have a game. If you would like to run your own team in one or more of the leagues where the indication is "MORE TEAMS REQUIRED" please let me know and I will send you a registration form for your new team(s). Please bear in mind that you will need 6 to 10 players in your team for a rinks league, 5 to 8 players for a triples league and 4 to 6 players for a pairs league. The cost of registration is £12 per team, but if a league has insufficient teams and does not run, any entry fees paid for that league will be refunded.

I realise it might be difficult to make a commitment at this time, but if the leagues are going to start the leagues in October 2021, I really need to know your intentions a.s.a.p. A response before the end of August would be much appreciated.

Let's look forward to a more normal bowling season this winter.

Regards

Trevor Prentice
League Secretary – Camberley and District IBC