

YEOVIL VISUALLY IMPAIRED BOWLS CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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1. INDOOR BOWLS

Unfortunately due to the current lockdown, Yeovil Bowls and Squash Club remains closed. The situation is being monitored closely, we hope that we may be able to resume bowling once Yeovil Bowls and Squash Club is able to reopen. We must be realistic that this may not be until the outdoor season starts in April and even then it will depend on the Government guidance at that time.

The committee recently held a meeting online using Zoom and it was decided that the £20 indoor rink fees paid by some members in October 2020 will roll over to the 2021 indoor season.

The Community Grant from Abri/Yarlington will shortly be credited to the YVIBC bank account, some of the money has been granted to help with the costs of hiring the three rinks indoors next season and enable us to replace the indoor strings plus purchase some other equipment.

2. SIGHT CERTIFICATES

Please take the time to check your sight certificate's expiry date, according to the records held, it would appear that nearly everyone needs to renew their sight certificates to continue to be able to enter any competitions* organised for visually impaired bowlers.

If you need to renew your sight certificate, the application forms are available to download and print from the VIBE website. This form needs to be completed by the hospital eye clinic or optician undertaking the LogMAR test, which is the test currently used for sight classification. At the time of print, local opticians able to carry out the test include Robert Frith and Vision Express.

***Ron has been contacted by the organisers of the Weston-s-Mare tournament, if it goes ahead, for 2021 only, sight certificates will be accepted even if out of date**

3. YEOVIL VISUALLY IMPAIRED BOWLS CLUB MEMORIAL TROPHY

Desmond Perry, who was a past member of YVIBC, won a trophy at Cardiff in a triples competition where the team were runners up. After Desmond's death, the trophy has been given to Mo who has decided that he would like to donate it to YVIBC and for the trophy to be used for a new indoor competition. The trophy will be called the Yeovil Visually Impaired Bowls Club Memorial Trophy in memory of all the past bowlers of YVIBC. The competition for the cup will be an open knock-out event for any members of YVIBC who wish to enter; it will take place indoors from the start of November each year. Mo is going to arrange for a new plaque to be put on the cup.

The committee would like to thank Mo for his generous gesture.

4. YOUR COMMITTEE

Please feel free to contact any of the committee members if you have you matters that you would like raised at their next meeting. We aim to meet via Zoom every month if possible.