YEOVIL VISUALLY IMPAIRED BOWLS CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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1. Return to Indoors

Indoor bowling has now started and it has been good to see everyone enjoying themselves.

Please remember that no outdoor footwear is allowed on the indoor rinks. Please change into your bowls shoes once you are inside the building, please do not arrive wearing your bowls shoes!

Please note-There will be no bowling on Tuesday 18th October 2022

2. Membership Fees/Insurance

Annual membership fees/Insurance will be due on 1st October, please see Ron. The current fees are £10 for membership and £12 insurance (this £12 covers both indoor and outdoor insurance and can be paid in 2 instalments if you prefer)

3. Annual General Meeting

This year's AGM will take place on Tuesday 1st November immediately after our Tuesday morning session, please bring a packed lunch with you on that day. All committee posts need to be elected for the coming year, please feel free to make it known if you would like to stand for election. It is important that as many people as possible attend to not only elect your committee for the next year but to take part in the AGM and voice your opinions on all matters that are discussed.

Please read the enclosed notice to members regarding the AGM and election of officers.

4. Fixtures

Sadly our fixture against Sherborne was cancelled as there were insufficient players available to field a team. We are hoping that we will be able to fulfil the Sherborne fixture in 2023.

5. Somerton match report (8th June 2022)

Another great afternoon for the bowlers of YVIBC enjoying the warm friendly atmosphere shown to them by the players and staff at Somerton bowls club. Even though one of our rinks fell behind during the first half of the game, we were all level. Once again, the laughter from Simon and the team could be heard across all rinks, which is exactly the atmosphere you want to play bowls in.

The captain of the day Mo (bless him), really had a torrid time trying to establish the line needed and failed to bring his rink home losing by two shots. With two rinks losing, we did manage to avoid a whitewash with a drawn game skipped by Ron Homer. Half time refreshments were laid on for us, as well as the customary raffle. As the fixture was so successful, the good people of Somerton invited us back next year before we left. Thanks once again to Jeff for our transport on the day and to our helpers who are so generous with their time and sometimes patience!



6. South Petherton match report (25th August 2022)

After last year's disappointment of the game being cancelled due to torrential rain, the YVIBC were really looking forward to the match against South Petherton bowls club. Three rinks of triples took on the hosts who were absolutely fantastic towards us both on and off the green.

The warm reception and friendly atmosphere didn't change on the Green, and as the weather cleared away the last hour was played in brilliant sunshine.

Even though we lost 2 rinks to 1 we couldn't have played the game in a better atmosphere, and to top the day off the rink fees and draw money were donated to our YVIBC who are a registered charity. We have been invited back next year on Thursday 24th August 2023 and we are really looking forward to it.



7. YVIBC MEMORIAL TROPHY

We will be running the YVIBC Memorial Trophy Competition again during the indoor season. Please let Debbie or Mo if you want to enter the competition.

Anyone who doesn't win their first game in the Trophy Competition will then be entered into the YVIBC Memorial Plate Competition.

8. Summer Challenge Cup match report (31st August 2022)

We all know the ingredients for a friendly, may I say also somewhat competitive game of bowls. The game against the YBC had everything anybody wanted. Good weather, a great playing surface, excellent company and loads of fun and laughter.

Up to the break, I don't think anybody expected us to be in a leading position on all four rinks, but we were. At the break the hosts looked after us VIs with great care and attention. The draw was shared and the lovely cupcakes from Simon and Lisa were a great hit with everyone.

They say it all changes after tea and it did. The YVIBC went into overdrive and every rink won by a good margin, four rinks to nil is enough said, we lost count of how many shots it was.

At the presentation of the summer challenge trophy, the captain for the YVIBC (Mo Perry) thanked everyone at the YBC for their hospitality and the YBC players for filling gaps for the YVIBC.

We had a great response from those players, who said they thoroughly enjoyed playing alongside our VIs and they all said they would willingly do so again, if any of them were needed. A fantastic way to end the season.

