



February/March 2025 Newsletter

Green Maintenance – Avonmore have continued to prepare our green in readiness for the opening of the outdoor season on 13th April (or 20th if the weather is against us) – which is less than 8 weeks away!!!! Towards the end of January an application of triple seaweed and soluble iron was sprayed on the green along with some mag/cal/phos solution. If anybody has visited the club lately, I'm sure you will agree that the green is looking in excellent condition. Also, as agreed by the executive committee in July 2024 (at a cost c£3K), a new sprinkler system was installed last week which should now eliminate any issues with the green drying out or burning during any periods of hot weather.

Pre-season meeting – 1st April 2025 – This year's pre-season meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st April starting at 7pm. If you haven't paid your subs by then, you can do so on the evening by card, cheque or cash – this year's fees are £95 for a full member (match fees have remained the same as last year - £3.50 per match). You can also join the 100 club - £40 per ticket – which gives you a monthly chance of winning 2 cash prizes. There is no limit on the number of 100 club tickets you can purchase. You can also pick up your copy of this year's fixture list with 20 home friendlies, 19 away matches as well as Interberga and Vale competitions on Tuesday & Monday nights respectively.

Social Events – The next skittles challenge match against our good friends from the Astwood Bank Club is on Friday 21st March 2025 starting at 7pm. If you would like to join in the fun, please let me know or add your name to the list which is displayed on the club notice board. The cost for playing will be £5 per head which will include a ploughman's supper. In April – Friday 25th – we will be holding a quiz evening organised by our very own Trevor A. If you would like to take part, again please add your name to the list displayed on the club notice board. Further details on cost and the food being arranged for that evening will follow soon.

100 Club winners – January's winners of the 100 club were Trevor Allison and Iris Smith.

Volunteers – The costs of running Inkberrow Bowls Club runs into the thousands of pounds and in order that the club can survive, it relies on it's members to help and support in many ways, thereby reducing those costs quite dramatically. The list of jobs undertaken by the members includes green and garden maintenance, cleaning of the pavilion and changing rooms, preparation of teas for friendly matches, maintaining the club website and social media channels.... the list goes on. The Club would not exist without those members who are willing to undertake these tasks. At the pre-season meeting on 1st April, you will be asked to volunteer for some of those tasks – please take time to consider how best you can help support the club, it is very much appreciated by the IBC committee.

New Members – We are continually looking for new members, especially lady bowlers, so if you know of anybody that would like to try our sport, then perhaps you could invite them along to a short mat roll up as a taster of what to expect when moving outdoors. Provisionally our Open Day has been booked for 10th May 2025 – further information will follow at a later date.