



November 2024 Newsletter

Annual General Meeting – This year's AGM was attended by 27 members with 13 apologies. You will receive the minutes of the AGM with this newsletter, but the main issues discussed and passed by the members present were as follows: the annual subscription will be £95 next year, an increase of £5, but the match fees of £3.50 will remain the same. Short mat membership (formally known as the social member) will also remain at £30 per annum. The members present fully supported the Bowls Club becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), which the committee will now proceed and complete the application forthwith. In conjunction with becoming a CIO, the rules of the Club, unanimously accepted by the members, have been updated, you will also receive a copy shortly. John Scott will be leading a group of members in re-installing the website and investigating the best social media options for advertising the Club and the sport of playing lawn green bowls.

100 Club – October's 100 Club winners were Iris Smith and Jill Nash. November's 100 Club winners, drawn at the Annual Lunch were Mick Smith (£100), Liz Yeates (£60) and Iris Smith (£40).

Annual Lunch & Presentations – 32 members and their guests enjoyed an excellent meal at the Kings Court Hotel, followed by the presentation of the trophies to the 2024 winners. A date for your diary next year – 2nd November 2025.

Short Mat – We are now fully into the short mat season with rollups taking place on Monday afternoons (2pm-4pm), Wednesday mornings (10.30am-12.30pm) and Friday evenings (5pm-7pm). This year's pairs tournament will start in December, so if you would like to enter please put you and your partner's name down on the list which can be found on the club noticeboard. If you can't find a partner, we will endeavour to find someone for you, still add your name to the list. On Saturday 21st December we will be holding a *Social Ladies v Mens'* Short Mat Challenge match. We are looking for 8 aside, so if you would like to join in can you let me know, or at your name to the list, again to be found on the club noticeboard.

Social Events – The skittles challenge game against the Astwood Bank Club was a great success, many thanks to all those who helped and supported on the night. The next social event will be the Christmas Quiz/Bingo evening on 7th December, if you would like to enter a team (maximum of six per team), then please can you let me know or add your name to the list on the club noticeboard. Christmas jumpers or festive outfits are compulsory!!!!!! The cost will be £5 per person to include a light supper of sandwiches and nibbles.

Christmas Lunch – This year's Christmas Lunch will take place at the Throckmorton Arms, Coughton on December 11th 2024. If you would like to join the party, if you haven't already notified me, please can you let me know at your earliest opportunity as we need to book the places. I will send the menu separately (also see the club noticeboard), but can you send a deposit of £15 per head to the IBC bank account by 13th November using your name as a reference. We will need your choice of food from the menu by the end of the month and the balance of the cost of the meal.

County Bowls – Two vacancies, for the positions of secretary and deputy secretary, have arisen at Worcestershire Bowls Association. If any member wishes to volunteer for either of these roles and would like further information, then please contact Steve Yeates, IBC secretary or Richard Long, WBA Treasurer.