

From the Chairman

Good grief where does the time go? It seems that only yesterday we were celebrating Christmas and yet it's February already.

I just wanted to let you all know that thanks to a lot of work by your management committee the club has ceased haemorrhaging money, this year we have more than halved the annual deficit, and whilst we are a long way from breaking even the future seems more certain. Make no mistake if we hadn't made the cuts we have there was a high chance that we would have had to close within a year or two.

More needs to be done and the committee is doing their best however your help would be appreciated. We need help maintaining the property, hedges need to be cut and the outdoor greens need to be cleaned prior to the start of the outdoor season. We also need people who are prepared to stock the bars and clear away glasses. There are numerous small tasks that need doing. If you are prepared to help please let a committee member know. Any jobs we do for ourselves saves having to pay for the work to be done.

Whilst income from lettings has improved we need everyone to publicise the fact that we are available for lettings such as weddings, children's parties etc. Our facilities are first class so please let others know.

With regard to bowling I would like to encourage you all to take part in club competitions, and matches against other clubs. Please don't refrain from entering because you don't think you are good enough - everyone has to start somewhere and playing with and against better players will help improve your game.

Our Match organizers have great trouble at times getting enough people to play and it is disheartening when they have to inform other

clubs that we don't have enough players to make up the requisite number of teams so please put your name down. Finally have a great year's bowling and above all else enjoy yourself.

Good luck. Jack Nott

Wembley Stadium Grant



Richard Rumsey did an excellent job for the club in putting together the application to Wembley Stadium Trust for new pushers, mats, jacks, score cards and two sets of junior bowls. Bob Miller represented the Club at the presentation.

Fred Paine

It is very sad to report that Fred Paine passed away on 1st January 2016. For along time Fred was an active member of the social committee.

New Coaches

Richard Candler, Ted Fielder, Lawrence Wilson and Jack Nott have recently passed level 1 of the Coaching course.

Improver Session

In January Stella Gough and Richard Rumsey with the help of some other Middlesex Coaches held a very successful Improver Coach over two sessions. We are hoping this can be repeated in the Summer.



Etiquette

We have recently had a number of complaints regarding behaviour on the rinks. Please ensure that you are aware of bowling etiquette and the laws of the game. We will be putting up a notice to remind players of the most important points.

Open Day

The Club is planning an Open day on 30th April to attract new members. Please help by distributing the advertising leaflets when they are ready to publicise the event.

Bar Prices

We have had to increase bar prices for the first time in 4 years because of 5% increases by Molson Coors each year for the last four years which we could no longer absorb.

Outdoor AGM

The Outdoor AGM which had to be postponed is now going to take place on Sunday 21st February at 10:30am. Please try to attend. There are a number of positions on the committee that need filling; can you help?

Brent League (Outdoors)

We need someone to volunteer to run the Brent league this year as Henry Melsom is standing down after 7 years. Thanks to Henry for all his work. He will be continuing as outdoor treasurer.

Outdoor Season

There will be a pre-season get together 25th April 7:00pm

County finals success

On Saturday 19th September 2015 at Bounds Green Bowls club in the Whisky Pairs, Peter Wilcock and Nick Zelenovic played against Mike Taylor and David Pitt of Masonians. Peter and Nick were the winners with a score of 21 -12. In the bar after the finals Eric Prior presented the winners and runners up with their cheques and bottles of whisky.

Indoor Membership

As of 31st December 2015 we have 103 Men and 32 Lady members. This includes 16 new Men and 3 new Ladies. Remember Indoor members can bowl indoors all year round at no extra cost except green fees.

Kelly Fleet

Congratulations to Kelly who is a junior member of the Club and granddaughter of Roy Dobinson who has achieved the Duke of Edinburgh Gold award. She had to take part over one year in various areas which covered Volunteering, Skill, Residential, Community and Sport. Kelly has been selected from over 7000 young people to receive the award from the Duke of Edinburgh at Buckingham Palace on the 16th May. Well done.

Club improvement programme

During last year the following improvements were made:-

- New rear door
- Replaced two bottle coolers
- Replaced cellar cooler
- All equipment serviced and annual contracts in place as required.
- Toilets updated
- Two new boilers installed

During this year we plan to bid for funding to improve the indoor section lights. Bob Miller has agreed to lead this project.

Indoor Match Secretary

Nick Winsor-Gaffney has agreed to take up the position as Match Secretary for the Indoor Section and is already looking at some new fixtures. We would like to thank him very much for taking on this job.

Competitions

These are now up on the notice board. Please ensure you complete your match in the allowed time.

