

RIVERAIN INDOOR BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER



September 2026

Welcome

Welcome to the second issue of a newsletter for members of Riverain Indoor Bowls Club. The first issue was published in August and contained limited information. Nevertheless, it was very well received by those that read it. As I mentioned in that newsletter, the long-range intention is to send monthly copies to members by email, but this will take some time to set up. What has happened, however, is that the club's webmaster, Jamie Claydon, has agreed to publish copies every month on the club's website. They can be found by clicking the Newsletters tab on the Home Page. The plan is that a 12 month archive of historical newsletters will be held on the website, so if you need to refer back to a previous issue for information, it will be easy to locate.

New members

If you are a new member to the club, we would like to extend a very warm welcome and hope that your association with Riverain will be long and successful. If you are an existing member, Riverain would like to welcome you back and remind you that membership renewals are now due. If you have not yet renewed your membership, you must do so by the end of September.

Winter Leagues

Gill and Matt have been putting together the schedule for the winter leagues, which start on 28th. September. The schedules are being sent out to the team captains as we speak, so if you have not yet received yours, you should get it in the next day or so.

National Competitions

The draw has been made for the first rounds of the various National Competitions in which we compete. The dates for these are as follows:-

Sunday 1st. November - Egham Trophy
Riverain v Harpenden

Tuesday 10th. November – Over 60s Double Rink
Riverain "A" v Bedford Borough

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Riverain "B" v Kempston Park

Saturday 14th. November – Denny Cup
Riverain v Bedford Borough or Kempston Park

Saturday 14th. November – Yetton Trophy
Riverain v Kempston Park or Harpenden

Friday 11th. December – Mason Trophy
Riverain "B" v Herts

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Riverain "A" v Kempston Park

Thursday 17th. December – Vivienne Trophy
Riverain v Bedford Borough

All matches start at 10.00am. Please note that as these dates are drawn by the relevant organisation, the matches do not appear on the club's fixture card, so make a note of the dates in your diary and come along and support the club's teams. Your support would be much appreciated.

Club Success

Congratulations to club members, Paul Maynard and Alex Walton who have beaten Cheryl Walters and Gary Clarke of Egham IBC in the EIBA Summer Competition Open Pairs. They will now be playing in the National Finals at Melton & District IBC (Melton Mowbray) on September 18th. to 20th. Good luck to both of them.

Appeal for Treasurer

The club requires a member to take over the position of Treasurer. The position would suit a retired member willing to give 2 to 3 hours a week to the club. Some previous bookkeeping experience would be preferred but is not essential. Training will be given in all aspects of the position. If you would like to offer your services, please contact the office for more information.

Friendly Matches

These were covered in the last newsletter, but a number of members have only just moved indoors, so it is worth repeating. The weekend captains, John and Barbara White, have now posted availability sheets for the October weekend matches so please put your name down as soon as possible if you would like to play in any of them. For your information, the October matches are as follows:-

Sat 10/10	Harpenden IBC	Home
Sun 11/10	Baldock BC	Home
Sat 17/10	Luton IBC	Away
Sun 18/10	Chesterton IBC	Home
Sat 24/10	Potton BC	Home
Sat 31/10	W.G.C. BC	Home

Riverain Shop Sale

The annual end of summer sale at the Riverain shop starts has started and runs to Saturday 12th. September inclusive. Why not come along and pick up a bargain in clothing, shoes and accessories, with a £20 reduction on sets of bowls.

Return Cups & Glasses

An appeal from Sue in the office for all members to return cups and glasses to the counter when you have finished with them. This will greatly help the catering staff when they are clearing up.

.. And Finally

Please remember that this is your newsletter. Any comments and/or contributions will be gratefully received.