

RIVERAIN INDOOR BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER



October 2026

Welcome

Welcome to the third issue of a newsletter for members of Riverain Indoor Bowls Club. Don't forget that copies are available to view on the club's website

Club Competitions

Entries are now open for the various Club Competitions. Entry fees are £3 per person per competition and entry forms are available from the Office. Completed entries must be handed in to the Office by **Sunday 15th. November**. If you are unfamiliar with the various competitions available to enter, they are as follows:-

Mens Singles
Mens Pairs
Mens Triples
Mixed Pairs
Mixed Triples
Mixed Fours
Ladies Singles
Ladies Pairs
Ladies Triples
Open Novices Pairs

All competitions are open to all members. The Open Novices Pairs is only open to members who have never won an indoor club, county or national competition. Pairs can be the same gender or mixed.

National Competitions

On the subject of competitions, the National application forms for the Men's, Ladies and Mixed competitions are on the notice board ready to enter your names for selection. Please support these competitions.

Aussie Pairs on Friday evenings

Steve Feiger is once again organising the Aussie Pairs sessions on Friday evenings. These are fun evenings and are not taken too seriously. They start on the first Friday in October. If you would like to play, just turn up by about 18.45pm. The games last until about 21.15pm.

Further club success

Congratulations to club member Alex Walton who has become National Summer Finals Mens Singles Champion at the EIBA Summer Competition at Melton & District IBC (Melton Mowbray). Well done Alex.

Friendly matches

The Weekend Captains are still desperately short of names to play in the October weekend friendlies. We appreciate that many members are only now starting to move indoors, so if you are able to play please put your names down. In the meantime, the following is a list of the November matches:-

Sun 1/11	Kempston Park IBC	Home
Sun 8/11	Hatfield IBC	Home
Sat 14/11	Glebelands IBC	Away
Sun 15/11	Stotfold BC	Home
Sat 21/11	St. Andrews BC	Home
Sun 22/11	Letchworth & Dist. BA	Home
Sat 28/11	North West Essex BA	Home
Sun 29/11	Cuffley & Northaw BC	Home

The start time for all these matches is 2.00pm, with the exception of the Glebelands match which is 2.30pm.

Information from the Club Office Manager

This is a new section in the newsletter whereby the Club Office can pass on information to all members.

1. Everybody at the club knows that the scoreboard portals are less than ideal and are unreliable. However, If your scoreboard breaks down, PLEASE DO NOT FIDDLE with the switches. This causes untold complications. Please report the problem to the Office.
2. From the beginning of the league season (28th. September) all the yellow jacks will be replaced with white ones. Each rink will have a white jack, if you are rolling up and require an extra white jack you will need to come to the office to collect one. Please don't take jacks from other rinks. We ask that members return the extra jack to the office at the end of their session.
3. Matt would like to make members aware that we are in the process of installing CCTV in the shop. Due to several unfortunate events this has become necessary.
4. Matt has reviewed the price of the Riverain Club Shirts and has brought the price down to £30.00 per shirt.
5. We are pleased to announce that the kitchen are planning on starting a series of Friday Lunch Specials, served between 12.00 and 2.00pm.and cost £8 each. No need to book in advance, just turn up and order.

The Specials for October are as follows:-

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| Friday 8 th . | Lasagne, garlic bread & salad |
| Friday 16 th . | Scampi, chips & mushy peas |
| Friday 23 rd . | Chicken tikka, rice & poppadom |
| Friday 30 th . | Fish, chips & mushy peas |

Introduction for new members

If you are a new member and you were not given a copy of the Introduction for New Members booklet when you first joined the club, you can collect a copy from the Club Office.

International Trials

If any club members are interested in an international trial, the application forms are now on the EIBA website. Just go to the website, click on the appropriate form, download, complete and return it to the EIBA.

Carpet stretching

Please note that the carpet is being stretched on Friday 16th. October. The members affected have been advised.

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