



# BARRY ATHLETIC BOWLING CLUB

## CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2020

### MESSAGE FROM ~~SANTA~~ THE CLUB CAPTAIN



First of all, I would like to say a big thank you to all our existing members and to all of our new members that have joined us this year. Even though it has been a very difficult year for everyone, we've been lucky enough to have about a dozen new male members and 20 new lady members.

There are so many people to mention and thank, but I would like to single out, and thank, Chris Wright for organising a number of events over the last couple of months of the season, which were a massive success and enjoyed by all. Added to that our Tuesday night spoons, saw us getting 30 playing members over the club every week. So once again, a massive thank you to everyone involved. So, with what was looking like a complete wash out back in March, actually turned out to be a very successful mini season.

The togetherness and camaraderie between everyone this year has been absolutely fantastic to see, and I believe the club is in a better place now than it has been for a very long time.

Now we have moved into the off season, things tend to quieten down at the club, but this year it has the complete opposite. With our pool nights being a real success and now our bingo/quiz evenings being enjoyed by all, I think the future is looking very bright for us all.

So finally I would like to thank everyone for the support they have given to the committee this year. Things could have been so difficult, but with the group of people we have now got at the club, I believe we are heading in one direction and can only go from strength to strength.

So finally, finally, I'd like to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Here's looking forward an exciting new season in 2021. Best wishes,

Carl 😊



⌘ The 2020 **Annual General Meeting** was postponed and it is planned to hold it when possible before the 2021 season commences. Nomination Forms are on the club noticeboard and nominations are welcome for all posts on the committee.

⌘ **Fixtures** for both Ladies and Men's teams can be found on the club web site [www.babc.co.uk](http://www.babc.co.uk) The new season will start on April 10<sup>th</sup> 2021.

⌘ Everyone is welcome to join the Club members **WhatsApp** group. Just ask to join *Barry Athletic Bowls*. Lots of news, discussions, arguments, jokes and banter. The only rule, at the moment, is DO NOT OFFEND anyone - no swearing, no extreme politics, & no rude jokes that may be seen as offensive – remember there are many differences of age, sex, background etc.

⌘ The **Club Lottery Bonus Ball** is a great source of income, and just a few numbers remain – ask Peter Rogers.





## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM THE TOP THE TREE



As acting Chairman I would like to thank everyone for being vigilant in this difficult season and providing support to the club, be it through the work you have been carrying out, your support at the bar or organising events such as the pool and bingo nights and being available for the limited number of games we have managed to play. Without your support this season would have been a disaster both financially and possibly long term when we could well have seen our membership decline. As it is, our membership is healthy and the bar is ticking over nicely. It is unfortunate we now have to close those activities that have been thriving, but we will open everything up again as soon as the legislation allows us to do this.

We will arrange an annual general meeting as soon as we are able, so that a new committee can take the club into hopefully a Covid free 2021.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing chairman Richard Bowen for the years he has been at the helm and wish him on behalf of the club a happy retirement.

I hope you all have a happy Xmas and a much better bowling season in 2021. *Geoff* 

### MEMBERSHIP FEES 2021

with effect from the 1st January 2021

Tier 1 - £120 (full playing member)    Tier 2 - £60 (social playing member)    Lady Member – £25  
 Student - £35                      Junior Member (U/18) – Free                      Social Member £30

**There is great benefit to the club by paying your annual membership fees by standing order.**

With a regular monthly payment from your account to the club, it is much easier to administer the club records and it ensures we have a regular monthly income stream rather than peaks and troughs. A growing number of members now regularly pay this way and it is the preferred method for collecting membership fees. Bank Account details and Standing Order forms can be found on the Club notice board, or ask a committee member. All contact details on Web Site - [www.babc.co.uk](http://www.babc.co.uk)

### *DREAMING OF A WRIGHT CHRISTMAS*

#### **Well 2020 - what a year It has been !**

Whilst it's not been the year any of us would have wanted with cancelled holidays and cancelled weddings (in my case) galore, those of us who are reading this whilst still in employment or enjoying retirement then we must consider ourselves the lucky ones!

The one positive that 2020 has brought us as a club though is a club togetherness that has been missing for far too long. The inter-club competitions that were played out during the limited season provided us with the perfect opportunity to integrate our new members and in particular our new ladies section. This has now been backed up with the social nights held over the winter that have been a roaring success so far.



While these nights may have been an escape from reality for many, hopefully it is the start of a new dawn for Barry Athletic Bowls Club that means we are able to become an all-year social hub, where it's members and friends can feel at home, and use it as a chance to unwind and enjoy themselves.

The management committee are applying for grants to ensure we are more self-sustainable moving forward, and we are reaching out to all members to support the club where possible.

As we enter our 110th year as a club, the situation we have faced this year means we need to be more than just a bowls club to ensure we are here in 10 years time.

**Wishing all our members and their families a very safe Christmas, and hopefully 2021 brings a return to normality and we get to see you all back on the green.**

**Chris Wright**