

BROMLEY IBC NEWSLETTER

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WISHING YOU ALL A HEALTHY, ENJOYABLE AND HAPPY 2022

The first day of a new year and hopefully one with less disruption to our lives and to our game of bowls.

This newsletter goes out knowing that further restrictions to our way of life may occur, but meanwhile we ask that you will all endeavour to comply with the present ones in respect of the use of the Centre, **as follows:-**

Face coverings are legally required to be worn by members, visitors and staff, who have face to face contact with the public, when they enter and move around the building.

The face covering can be removed when you are on the green playing and when having a drink or a meal. Those exempt from wearing face coverings, while not a legal requirement, will hopefully show an exemption card.

In addition, if any of you live with or have been in contact with someone who has been identified as a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant you must self-isolate for 7 days, even if you have been double or triple vaccinated.

We must remain vigilant and continue to take reasonable precautions, so that play continues and all remain healthy.

So we therefore please ask you and emphasise again:-

- not to turn up if you have any symptoms or feel unwell
- continue to take your temperature on entering the Centre and before entering the cloakrooms or any other facility
- use the gels provided
- If you have not done so, please get a Booster which will greatly improve your immunity
- think carefully about personal contact - 'Fist bumps' are less risky than handshakes – your choice and
- retain social distances as far as possible through out your stay.

To also repeat – if there is anyone who has considered that vaccination is not for them, please think again. Covid is no respecter of persons.

NEW YEAR OPENING AND CLOSING TIMES

Saturday 1st January
Sunday 2nd January
Monday 3rd January
Tuesday 4th January

Closed [Game cancelled]
Closed
Closed
Normal Hours



To all who contributed to the

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

our grateful thanks

You raised **£329** for Club Funds

USE OF MOBILE PHONES

Increasingly, we are receiving complaints or individually have been made aware, of the unacceptable use of mobile phones on the premises, not just in the bar and reception areas but also on the rink.

The original requirement that phone calls should only be made and answered in the foyer, between the 2 sets of double doors at the entrance, seems to be rarely practised..

Consider these statements: – “. I have heard phones go off on a number of occasions recently where people have not apologised and proceeded to talk whilst on the green or on the bank. This can be off-putting to some players who are trying to focus on their own games.”

Another: - “Once we were taught that if you wished to improve your game a player should concentrate on all shots played and assess the choice of shot used etc – certainly not a time for sitting, making a call and discussing one’s holiday for example”

Further, members come to the Centre not just for play but also for social contact – as a player said recently that to see members of her team and the opponents sitting down for coffee but glued to their mobiles and some in conversation, was in her view not just unfriendly, but rude’.

So we are sure that you will understand that the following will now be operative:-

- Please switch your mobile ‘**off**’ or on to **silent mode** before entry to the Centre.
- If you wish to make a call during your stay, please do so in the foyer.
- If you consider that you may be in receipt of an **urgent call** while on the rink, please put your phone on “**vibrate**” and should you receive it, still take the call away from the rinks ie in the foyer. Prior briefing of your colleagues will avoid any possible embarrassment by leaving the rink abruptly.
- Calls must not be made or taken on the green.

We hope that you will all endeavour to comply and to appreciate the needs of others.

CLUB LEAGUES

Proposed Singles League

Geoff Boyd wrote a little while ago about a prototype singles league he and Richard Wood were trying to start up this year before a full run at it next year. A few have indicated a willingness to give it a go **so do we have any more?** Brief details are below.

- Each league would have 5 or 6 players and would run for a 6-week period from mid-January to mid-March
- Each would play everyone – two sets of 10 ends – 2 points for a win, 1 for a draw
- Self-administered i.e. no markers needed
- Self-arranged i.e. booking of times and rinks.
- At end of the season (dates to be defined) the winners of each league to play in knock out quarter, semi, etc (depending on how many) to determine overall winner.

In a future whole season the leagues may be bigger and there may be promotion and relegation between the different leagues.

Please let Geoff know of interest by, at the latest, the date of the Company AGM, January 15, 2022, following which with Richard (who is helping him administer) they will finalise and publicise the details.

CLUB COMPETITIONS

Novice Pairs

The Novice Pairs is taking place on **8th January**. Please report at **9.45 am** [and not 9.15 as previously advised] so as to start around **10.00 am**.

If you have not entered, and would like further details or are now considering that you would like to enter, then there is still time to enter as a single or as a pair, please contact Sue Bennett.

Club Competitions – a reminder

Sue especially asks players to remember to book your competitions in plenty of time and not to leave arrangements till a couple of weeks before the closing date.

This is especially important as the Club may have to close with little warning due to covid restrictions and it will help to complete competitions for the season if the rounds are 'up to date'.

Although the first person listed is the challenger who should offer dates, it is ok for the person on the opponent side to ring and discuss dates too.

200 CLUB DRAW for the season 2021-2022

Apologies results are not available

The result of the 200 Club Draw for December 2021 will be posted when the Centre re-opens

BOWLS NEWS

Markers Course at White Oak IBC; Sunday 30th January 2022

If you are interested in being a trained Marker or you are a Marker who wants a refresher, please contact Alex Duckworth.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

ART GROUP

Normally meet every two weeks between 11am and 2pm on a Monday. Brian Flagg will be in touch.

FRIDAY MONTHLY QUIZ NIGHTS

Sadly, still in abeyance.



ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S QUIZ

How did you do?



1.	O.I.R.D.C.	Once In Royal David's City
2.	S.C.I.C.T.T.	Santa Claus Is Coming To Town
3.	D.D.M.O.H.	Ding Dong Merrily On High
4.	L.C.	Last Christmas
5.	S.N.	Silent Night
6.	R.T.R.N.R	Rudolf The Red Nosed Reindeer
7.	T.F.N.	The First Noel
8.	J.B.	Jingle Bells
9.	M.C.E.	Merry Christmas Everyone
10.	O.L.T.O.B	Oh Little Town of Bethlehem
11.	G.R.Y.M.G.	God Rest You Merry Gentlemen
12.	W.A.C.I.B.	When A Child Is Born
13.	S.A.T.W.S.	See Amid The Winter Snow
14.	T.D.O.C.	Twelve Days Of Christmas
15.	D.T.K.I.C.	Do They Know Its Christmas
16.	W.S.G.S.U.T.C.	When Santa Got Stuck Up The Chimney
17.	M.B.C.	Mary's Boy Child
18.	A.I.A.M.	Away In A Manger
19.	H.C.S.C.	Here Comes Santa Claus
20.	H.C. (W.I.O.)	Happy Christmas (War Is Over)
21.	G.K.W.	Good King Wenceslas
22.	O.C.A.Y.F.	O Come All Ye Faithful
23.	T.H.A.T.I.	The Holly And The Ivy

24.	W.C.	White Christmas
25.	I.B.I.F.C.	I Believe In Father Christmas
26.	U.U.A.C.I.B.	Unto Us A Child Is Born
27.	D.T.H.	Deck The Halls
28.	H.T.H.A.S.	Hark The Herald Angels Sing
29.	W.T.K.	We Three Kings
30.	R.A.T.C.T.	Rock Around The Christmas Tree
31.	L.D.	Little Donkey
32.	I.W.I.C.B.C.E.D.	I Wish It Could Be Christmas Every Day
33.	I.T.B.M.W.	In The Bleak Mid Winter
34.	I.S.M.K.S.C.	I Saw Mummy Kissing Santa Claus
35.	C.T.M.A.W.	Christmas Time Mistletoe and Wine
36.	W.W.Y.A.M.C.	We Wish You A Merry Christmas
37.	F.T.S.	Frosty The Snowman
38.	S.T.I.C.	So This Is Christmas
39.	L.D.B.	Little Drummer Boy
40.	S.B.R.	Sleigh Bells Ring

THIS MONTH'S QUIZ



What do Alexander the Great and Winnie the Pooh have in common?

What is the opposite of a croissant?

If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?

Which branch of the military accepts toddlers?

Did you know you can actually listen to the blood in your veins?

What's the opposite of irony?

SOME ODDS & ENDS – ouch!

I finally decided to sell my vacuum cleaner. All it was doing was gathering dust!

When you die, what part of the body dies last? The pupils... they dilate.

A friend of mine went bald years ago, but still carries around an old comb. He just can't part with it.

You know there's no official training for rubbish collectors? They just pick things up as they go along.

What do you call a woman who sets fire to all her bills? Bernadette.#

Maybe one or two of these might apply to somebody you know, but certainly not you....right?

My doctor asked if anyone in my family suffered from mental illness.. I said, "No, we all seem to enjoy it."

I thought growing older would take longer.

My bucket list: keep breathing.

Camping: where you spend a small fortune to live like a homeless person.

Just once, I want a username and password prompt to say, "Close enough..."

Being an adult is the dumbest thing I have ever done.

I'm a multitasker. I can listen, ignore and forget all at the same time!

Retirement to do list: Wake up. Nailed it!

People who wonder if the glass is half empty or half full miss the point -- the glass is refillable.

When you can't find the sunshine . . . be the sunshine.

I don't have grey hair. I have wisdom highlights.

Sometimes it takes me all day to get nothing done.

I don't trip, I do random gravity checks.

My heart says chocolate and wine, but my jeans say, please, please, please eat a salad!

One minute you're young and fun. The next, you're turning down the car stereo to see better.

I'd grow my own food if only I could find bacon seeds.

Losing weight doesn't seem to be working for me, so from now on I'm going to concentrate on getting taller

Common sense is not a gift. It's a punishment because you have to deal with everyone else who doesn't have it.

I came. I saw. I forgot what I was doing. Retraced my steps. Got lost on the way back. Now I have no idea what's going on.

If you can't think of a word, say "I forgot the English word for it." That way people will think you're bilingual instead of an idiot.

I'm at a place in my life where errands are starting to count as going out.

I don't always go the extra mile, but when I do it's because I missed my exit.

I don't mean to brag, but I finished my 14-day diet food supply in 3 hours and 20 minutes.

I may not be that funny or athletic or good looking or smart or talented. I forgot where I was going with this.

Having plans sounds like a good idea until you have to put on clothes and leave the house.

It's weird being the same age as old people.

When I was a kid I wanted to be older... this is not what I expected.

Life is like a helicopter. I don't know how to operate a helicopter either.

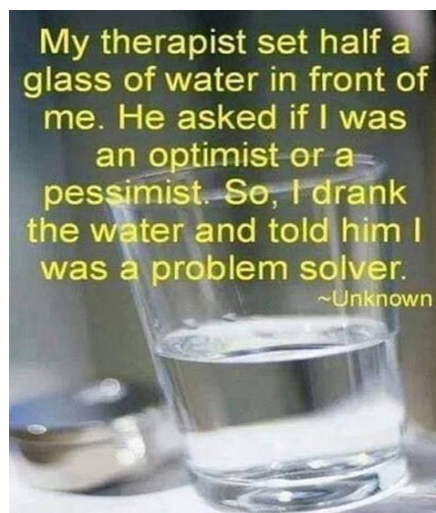
It's probably my age that tricks people into thinking I'm an adult.

Never sing in the shower! Singing leads to dancing, dancing leads to slipping, and slipping leads to paramedics seeing you naked. So remember... don't sing!

I see people about my age mountain climbing. I feel good getting my leg through my underwear without losing my balance.

We all get heavier as we get older, because there's a lot more information in our heads. That's my story and I'm sticking to it.

I had to read this list in 3 segments because my mind wandered off in 3 different directions.



Keep in touch on Facebook, emails and email alerts, which can be obtained via the website at www.bromleyibc.org.uk

I would personally appreciate your help:-
Please send me any bowling news, stories, quizzes, jokes,
items for sale etc – Daphne Richards

REMEMBER TO KEEP YOURSELF SAFE

WEAR YOUR MASK

WASH YOUR HANDS, SANITISE & KEEP YOUR SOCIAL DISTANCE

Take Care Everyone

DIET DAY 1 :

**I HAVE REMOVED ALL
THE BAD FOOD FROM
THE HOUSE. IT WAS
DELICIOUS.**

**I LOVE TO MAKE LISTS
I ALSO LIKE TO LEAVE
THEM ON THE KITCHEN
COUNTER AND THEN
GUESS WHAT'S ON THE
LIST WHILE AT THE
STORE**



**Got up at 5am, 8km run
completed, came back
prepared a vegetable
smoothie for
breakfast....
Don't remember the
rest of the dream....**