



IOMFGBC Newsletter – End of Season 2015

Well once again we come to the end of the bowling season, and another successful season for the Club. We increased our membership, saw an improvement in the condition of the green, had a great away trip to Scotland just to name a few highlights over the season.

In May 10 club members travelled to Scotland for a weekend Bowling trip. We were based in Falkirk, in Central Scotland and played matches against 4 clubs, Camelon, Grangemouth, Polmont and Buckhaven. We received fantastic hospitality at each club and hopefully in the future some of them will come visit us.

The trip was such a success that plans are being made to repeat the trip next year and it looks like the numbers going will be increased. As soon as dates etc are finalised Win will let you know.

The annual Onchan Fayre was a great success the club funds being boosted by over £500 due to the ever popular cake stall.



The leagues are almost finished with only an odd game left to play. If you still have a league match to play please arrange to do this before 15th September. All the Club Competitions for this year have been played.

We were treated to some excellent displays of bowls and some exciting matches especially in the last couple of weeks with the finals of the Ladies and Mens Pairs and the Ladies and Mens Singles. The hot favourite for game of the season must surely be the Ladies Singles final between Bernice and Pam !! It may be a week or two before the nails of those watching recover!!

The winners of Men's Pairs - Clive McGreal & Phil Smith

Ladies Pairs - Win Kewley & Pam Makin

Men's Singles - Clive McGreal

Ladies Singles - Pam Makin

The Commissioners have asked if we can finish the season on Tuesday 15th September in order for maintenance work to be started on the green. So if you have bowls etc in lockers in the clubhouse could you please ensure they are removed by then if possible, it will probably be another week after that before they board up the clubhouse but you don't want to risk your bowls being locked in till next year !!! I will ask Phil Sutton to let me know exact date they are going to board up clubhouse. Some of you may have met the new greenkeeper Michael Jackson. Billy Fayle retired at end of August after 22years as greenkeeper, the club presented him with a card and voucher and wish him well.



Important Dates for your Diary!!!!

Saturday 12th September - looking for up to 12 club members to join in a game between flat green and crown green to bring the season to a close. Please add your name to the list in the clubhouse or contact Win .

Saturday 3rd October - It is proposed to start Saturday morning coaching sessions again at the N.S.C. from 3rd October -10am - 12md any change to this Win will let you know.

Friday 23rdOctober - Meal and Presentation of prizes at the Welbeck Hotel, Douglas at 7pm. If you have not already put your name on the list in the clubhouse please contact Eric or Win we already have over 20 names so a good response for this first venture.

Friday 20th November - Annual General Meeting 6.30pm in meeting room Archibald Knox pub, Onchan . Please try to attend and any items / amendments you wish to submit please forward to Win in writing by Saturday 14th November. (copy of Constitution is on website)

**please note if you wish to play indoors bowls during the winter and have not already contacted Joyce Ogden please do so before 12th September on joyceoggy@msn.com

International Tournaments

4 club members Clive & Bernice McGreal, Win Kewley and Dave Moncaster are representing the island at the 10TH European Bowling Championships in Israel 9th - 16th October and in November 10 club members Clive & Bernice McGreal, Mark McGreal, Win Kewley, Pam

Makin, Phil & Ann Watterson, Dave Moncaster, Phil Smith, Karen Slack are representing the island at the Atlantic Rim Championships in Cyprus. Please wish them all a safe journey, good bowls and successful tournaments.

Finally a big thank you to all members from the Committee for your support of the club throughout the season , hope to see you all at the Welbeck, and at AGM and lets look forward to another good season of flat green in 2016.

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