



News from the Chair - October 2012



Firstly, I would like to thank the 90 members that came along to the AGM, considering the last 18 months of uncertainty the turnout was fantastic. and I thank you for your support. We did worry that the current Covid pandemic would prevent enough members turning up for the meeting to be quorate, but our worries soon disappeared as you all turned up.

Well Autumn has now certainly arrived, and the winter leagues are starting. Some teams still must register their players and some players must pay their membership fees prior to starting a game.

The Sets league has now finished, and Maurice is working out the league positions, unfortunately this time around it has all had to be done manually, which has proven to be very time consuming. As it was very well received and enjoyed by all we intend running it again in the future but will investigate how to run it using the computer system.

Our club has been chosen to host several County, Regional and National Competitions which will mean that some sessions will have to be cancelled during the year to enable them to take place. A full list of those affected sessions is on the noticeboard near the changing rooms, please do take a note of any that affect you, we will try to remind members nearer the time but cannot guarantee to do so. I have also included a full list at the end of my report. You can of course come along and watch the matches.

Please note that The Aircraft League will move from 1145 to 1200 start to

accommodate the County Seniors playing their 18 end matches.

When arriving to play your game we request that you remain in the bar and do not congregate rink side whilst the match is being played.

The Insurance claim to replace the flooded flooring is still being chased and recently we were informed that the assessors were waiting for a report from the contractors before taking the claim further, they are now chasing for that to be sent in so hopefully things will begin to move soon.

My team of volunteers have been working hard getting the kitchen ready for service ensuring that all surfaces, cupboards, and equipment is as clean as possible after being idle for such a long period of time, we served our first drinks on 13th September, slightly earlier than planned as the drinks machine was not behaving on that day.

Initially we will be offering hot drinks and pre-packed biscuits but if demand is there, we could expand our offerings provided of course that we have suitable volunteers available and able to run it. Opening times will vary but we expect to be open on a Saturday morning and Monday morning to start with.

We keep being asked about roll ups, possibly because some people also call individual casual rink booking a roll up. A roll up is when the club arrange for all those that just turn up at the specific time to draw out of a container a disk telling them which rink, team and position they are playing in for that session. It is a good way to meet other members and practice your skills. Currently we offer these sessions as follows:

Saturday 1000hrs and 1400hrs

Sunday 1400hrs

Tuesday 1400hrs

Friday 0930hrs

We ask members to be there 15 minutes before the session starts so that the allocating of teams can be worked out in time to start the session promptly. We reserve the right to not allow you to take part if you turn up late and the draw is being or has been done.

Members can of course book rinks for themselves when they are free so that they can play or practice with their friends and family. This we call casual and not a roll up.

Please see the questionnaire regarding the club below, copies will also be available in the club for the next 2 weeks and would appreciate your feedback to help us meet your requirements.

If you have any ideas or suggestions on how you would improve the club, please post into secretary's box in the office wall.

When you go to your locker please look around and if you see a locker with no name on it and you think that you know who uses it or used to use it, please let the office know as there are quite a few lockers that we do not have a name against.

Thank you for all your support over the recent period.

Keith Mansbridge (chair)

WHAT ENTERTAINMENT WOULD MEMBERS LIKE?

Quizzes

Bowls Competitions

Other Suggestions

Comedians

Dances (What Type)

**When would you like
the kitchen to be open serving teas
and coffees**

What else would you like to see the kitchen offer?

**When and how often would you require the extra items
from the kitchen?**

**Have you any suggestions at all regarding improving
the club?**

Any further comments that you wish to make?

When completed please place in secretary's letterbox

Sessions Affected by other matches.

Tuesday 19th October 2pm. Ladies Inter County Match

Saturday 6th November 10am. Denny Cup and Yetton Trophy

Saturday 20th November 10am. Denny Cup and Yetton Trophy

Sunday 28th November 2pm. Cambs VPs vs Spalding VPs? Not

confirmed yet.

Monday 28th February 10am CIBA knockout Cup Final.

Tuesday 30th November 2pm. Ladies Inter County Match

Saturday 4th December 2pm our own Club friendly match

Friday 10th December 9.30am. Mason Trophy

Saturday 25 and Sunday 26th December Christmas shutdown

Saturday 1st January 2022 Bank Holiday

Saturday 22 January 10am. Northants Federation Match

Tuesday 25th January 2pm. Ladies Inter County Match

Saturday 5th February 2pm. our own Club friendly match

Tuesday 8th February 2pm. Ladies Inter County Match

Sunday 13th February 2pm. Cambs VPs vs Lincs VPs? Not confirmed yet.

Thursday 17th February 1pm Ladies County Competition

Monday 28th February 1000 CIBA Knockout Cup Final

Sunday 6th March 2pm. our own Club friendly match

Tuesday 8th March Cambs vs Lincs Not confirmed yet.

Sunday 13th March 2pm. our own Club friendly match

Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th March all day. CIBA county Finals