

<u>Preston Indoor Bowls Club Monthly Newsletter – February 2024</u>



Preston in National Competitions!

- Preston are in the last 16 of the National Mixed Fours Competition. This heat will be played at 12:30 on Fri 23rd February at Bristol IBC (Veronica Michael, Andy Michael, David Green, Kathy Green. Substitute Perrine Salvatori).
- Nereston are in the Area Finals of the National Ladies Pairs Competition (Veronica Michael, Jackie Ward).
- 💫 Preston are in the Men's Singles Area Final (Andy Smalldridge).
- Nereston are in the Men's Pairs Area Final (Andy Smalldridge, Joe Beckett).
- Nereston are in the Men's Over 60s Area Final (Cliff Ainsworth, Tony Fenton).

Congratulations to them for getting so far against such fierce competition. We wish them the very best of luck!

- Grateful thanks to Christine Clack for her generous support of the Christmas raffle. Please note that Christmas raffle prizes cannot be claimed after the end of February.
- **Congrats to Guy Strudwick, Peter Avey, Clare McSorley and Steve Stevens, the winners of the John Wilcox Legacy Trophy.
- SWhether you're paying on-line or by cash, can Members please ensure they pay the correct amount for rink fees. As always, please also ensure that unused rink bookings are cancelled in time for others to book them.
- The Lost Property cupboard will be emptied on 26th February! Please make sure there is nothing of yours left in there as it will be gone after this date. Please note that if you put anything in the lost property cupboard from now on, you fill in the book and date it, so we can keep check on items.
- Look out for information on an exciting new singles league that we are in the process of setting up for next season.
- Plt's nearly time for the nominations for directors to go on the notice board, please think about if you would like to be nominated or would like to nominate anyone. There are numerous places to fill. If you would like more information please speak with one of the current directors.
- Can members please note that food is not allowed in the Bowls area.
- Job Can Members please bring drinking glasses back to the bar after use.
- Please be aware that new Info Folders have been placed on Restaurant tables. These folders contain useful information about the club.

• 6 Please be aware that a 2 way stretch of the bowling carpet has been scheduled for 7:00am on the 14th February.

The Board

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