



## Directors Newsletter January 2018

Well here we are half way through the season and hopefully you have enjoyed a good festive period.

2018 hopefully will prove a successful and enjoyable year especially with it being our 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year. This will be celebrated in many ways and hopefully all members will be included and wish to support the events planned.

- Charity Celebration Ball Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 look out for details shortly
- Match v E.I.B.A Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018
- Mach v L.I.B.A & L.W.I.B.A t b c
- Open Tournament t b c
- Volunteers Event t b c.

Our brochure next year will be a celebration edition and we hope to have new club shirts.

Several projects are being considered some of which we can afford, others that will be scheduled for the future. The aim is to invest in the club to put it in a place to look forward for the next 10 years.

The wish list includes

- Car park repairs, signs & markings
- Entrance/Exit structures for the green
- Close up a further archway
- Improvements to Master scoreboard including score pads for each rink
- New IT Management system
- Bar flooring
- Dining room oak panelling replaced

Full proposals will be put to the AGM

Currently we are trying to achieve the Disability Clubmark for the club which is the reason for some alterations. If successful this will assist us in applying for grants/any other source of funding. The main aim is to make the building a safer environment for all our members and to attract more members including disability groups.

The club does have a responsibility to all its members and be seen to have carried out risk assessments and put policies in place. Yes you could say “red tape health and safety gone mad” but in the modern world you need to safeguard all your members.

We rely on the efforts of our volunteers who do a fantastic job and we are sincerely grateful.

Our staff are hardworking conscientious and represent the club well and ensure it runs well. They are all First Aid trained and have attended Safeguarding talks.

The Directors have different skill sets and Roy Riseborough was co-opted following a resignation of a previous director and he brings skills that are particularly useful as we try to achieve the Disability Clubmark status and understanding the problems the club faces with our increasing age status of members.

This is a breakdown of our age range of our membership

Under 18 10 1.47%

18-39 24 3.54%

40-54 43 6.33%

55-64 86 12.67%

65-74 225 33.13%

75+ 291 42.86%

Total of 679 members

Last year our membership dropped considerably but we have managed to get our playing membership back to similar levels as before but our social membership is down. No doubt we will go down again but hopefully our membership drives will again get our numbers back up.

The 7% increase from September has been reflected in an increase in revenue since then with our figures showing a 9% increase in the similar period of the previous year so the activity on the green is up. We need to maintain this so keep up the good work.

Please follow Facebook & our website for update on the teams and players successes and any forthcoming events.

It is your club so please continue to give your support.

**Have an active, enjoyable and healthy season.**

### Comments