



CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2021

Barry Athletic Bowls Club

Message from Santa the Club Captain

Bizarrely, since Christmas 2019 and during covid, our membership has almost doubled and the average age of members has plummeted. This is due to the return of the Ladies' Section and the unprecedented, massive influx of newcomers during the summer of 2021.

We have an exciting season ahead in 2022. Fixtures, which will shortly be on the club web site www.babc.co.uk, start in April and will include the ladies in 2 new leagues, and the mixed team. The gents' leagues have been revamped with both 1st & 2nd teams being accepted into the brand-new East Wales League. Added to that, we shall have the midweek Munro Cup (men), club Spoons on Tuesdays and hopefully, friendlies throughout the summer.

Following the success of last season's finals day and the evening celebrations, even more club competitions are planned for 2022.

Social events have gone through the roof with Boom Box Bowls, Italian Night, Choirs, Gin Nights and parties to celebrate just about anything. There really is no need to go anywhere else for a good night-out!

The bowling green remains the premier bowling surface in Wales and with the clubhouse in the middle of refurbishment, Barry Athletic is showing it has a lot to offer new and old bowlers. The club tour to Torquay in September is well into the advanced planning stages with 4 fixtures & hotel already confirmed.

Off season has seen the growth of the club skittles team - the Rock 'n' Bowlers, and also a pool team - both playing in the Barry Leagues. Mid-week coffee mornings orchestrated by the Jolly Baker, Wayne Arnold continue to attract new members. Bowling has continued to be played in the winter months, with mixed, ladies' & men's teams playing with great success.

Finally, it has been great to welcome 4 of the new members on to the Club Management Committee and with their help and your support, 2022 will be a fantastic success on the Island.



Carl Best



Message from the Fairy Ladies' Captain

I would like to wish all of our members and families a wonderful Christmas! Welcome to our new bowlers - there have been quite a few in what has been a tough year for everyone. The ladies had many games of bowls in 2021 which were very enjoyable and kept us going.

I am really looking forward to next season as we have entered 2 rinks in the Afternoon League - one in section B and the other in section C - both playing on Thursday afternoons. Also, we have 2 rinks entered in the Ladies' Evening League - 1 each in sections A & B. The Evening League will be on Monday evenings, but this may vary for some clubs. Added to that, we have Spoons on Tuesdays and the Mixed League on Fridays. Details of County Competitions etc will not be released until February.

We are hoping to hold an afternoon Christmas Lunch for the ladies after Christmas so look out for details. I would like to say a big thankyou to everyone who helped and participated in 2021.

Stay safe and have a very Merry Christmas. Angela Gray (Ladies Captain)



....and from the top of the tree..



It's all Ho Ho Ho at the Ath !!!

As Chairman of the club, I would like to start off by thanking all of our members for making 2021 a memorable season, both on and off the green.

The boom in membership numbers has meant we now have countless volunteers to help out with any work needed around the club and helps shapes us towards a bright and prosperous future, regardless of what Covid brings our way!

We have trialled a number of different things this year such as Boombox Bowls, Rum & Gin Nights, mixed spoons, and all have been a roaring success. This is solely down to the dedication and commitment of our members. We are slowly becoming the envy of a lot of bowls clubs in Welsh Bowls and with the fantastic potential we have, I believe we are only just at the start of a wonderful journey.

I would like to wish all of our members and their families, the most wonderful of festive periods and an even better 2022.....see you on the green in 4 months time! **Chris Wright**

MEMBERSHIP FEES 2022

with effect from the 1st January 2022

Tier 1 - £120 (full playing member)
Student (full time) - £30

Tier 2 - £60 (social playing member)
Junior Member (U/18) - Free

Lady Member - £60
Social Member £30

There is great benefit to the club by paying your annual membership fees by standing order.

With a regular monthly payment from your account to the club, it is much easier to administer the club records and it ensures we have a regular monthly income stream rather than peaks and troughs. A growing number of members now regularly pay this way, and it is the preferred method for collecting membership fees. Bank account details and standing order forms can be found on the club notice board, or ask a committee member.

All contact details and membership forms are on the website - www.babc.co.uk