



SIBC NEWS

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Welcome to the first edition of the SIBC newsletter for the 2022/23 season.

If there is anything you would like to see included in future newsletters, or news items for the website or local press, please contact me (Martin Spencer) either via e-mail: martinspencer1988@gmail.com or mobile telephone: 07540 066241.



Presentation Evening Saturday 29th October 2022 6.30pm

Please come and support our 2021/22 presentation evening on Saturday 29th October 2022 commencing at 6.30pm. We are also delighted to announce that Mark Dawes, the 2018 and 2021 world indoor singles and pairs champion will spend the evening with us.



The evening will commence with the presentation of trophies followed by a bit of an exhibition evening with Mark. When you arrive, you will have the opportunity to place your name in a draw. Four players will be drawn out to play Mark in a 20 minute challenge but in order to qualify, you must have your bowls with you. An added incentive here is that should you beat him, you will get FREE membership for next season.

Mark will play two challenge matches and then hold a half an hour Q&A session so please come with some interesting questions for him to answer. Mark will then play the final two challenge matches and the evening will finish at approximately 9.30pm.

Admission is free for this evening and please bring your own food and drink. Please also bring a raffle prize if you can.

Race Night

We are also in the middle of arranging a race night which will be held on Friday 9th December 2022 at the Tulip Club which is within the grounds of the Sir Halley Stewart Football Stadium.

There will likely be eight races plus an auction race. We will be selling ownership of £5 per horse which will be sold prior to the event and can be bought by anyone even if you are not able to attend the event. You can also name your horse to add a bit more of a fun twist to the evening. For the auction race, the people in attendance on the evening will bid against each other to be the owner of a horse in the said race. 50% of the money raised will go to the winning owner and the other 50% into the fundraising pot. You can also place a small bet on each race on the night if you wish to do so.

Royal Mail Cart BC held a similar event during the summer and raised over £1,000 for their club so this makes for an excellent fund raising opportunity, as well as an enjoyable evening for all.

Please get in touch with a member of our management committee if you have any further questions or wish to buy a horse. It would be great to see as many of you there as possible.



Under 26 Internationals Update

The weekend of Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd October 2022 saw Ffrith IBC in Wales host the Men's Under 26 International Series and West Denton IBC the Ladies U26 International Series. Both series were rearranged from February 2022 when a rise of Covid cases caused concern and reason for them to be postponed. Spalding were well represented as Ruby Hill played for the girls and Jordan Philpott and Stephen Harris played for the boys. Jordan also had the honour of captaining the team in his final year in this age group.

Both teams were in the mix after the first day. The boys had beat Ireland 81-75 and Wales 76-61 to set up a winner takes all clash with auld enemies, Scotland. Unfortunately, Scotland proved too strong as they won the series for the first time since 2015. Despite missing out on the series win, Stephen was awarded both BIBC and England Players of the Series trophies. Well done Stephen!



However, it was better news for Ruby and the rest of the England girls. Having lost to Wales in the first game 65-71, England bounced back well to beat Ireland 106-56 before the Scotland showdown on the Sunday. Scotland beat both Ireland and Wales which meant that England had to beat Scotland in the final match to give them any chance of winning the series on shot difference. Fortunately, England won a closely fought match 79-72. This meant that England won the series and impressively for the fourth consecutive season.

Ruby Hill, Chelsea Spencer, Annie Dunham, Stephen Harris and Graham Smith will represent England at the forthcoming British Isles Championships in Belfast. After winning the national title in 2021, Ruby, Chelsea and Annie will represent England in the triples and Stephen and Graham in the pairs. They will be joined by Matt Whyers, Mark Dawes and Dominic McVittie for the senior international series. Good luck to you all and the rest of Team England.

Are You Looking To Improve Your Game?

The club are putting on classes to help you improve your game and will address things like line and length, types of shot, head reading and much more. The classes will take place on Monday nights and Thursday mornings subject to demand and availability. Places will be limited to ensure those taking part get the full benefit of the classes. The first session in September was well received and there was plenty of positive feedback therefore, please ensure that you register your interest to guarantee a place by putting your name down on the coaching request list that is on the board by the drinks machine. The cost is the price of a roll up (£3.75) payable at reception on arrival.

Dates:

Monday Evenings between 6.30pm and 8.30pm - 10th and 24th October 2022 and 7th November 2022

Thursday Mornings between 10am and 12pm - 3rd and 10th November 2022

Other Social Events

The club is working hard to put a social calendar together for everyone to enjoy, especially after the tough couple of years we have all been through. It was great to see so many people at our pub games evening in the summer and with that in mind, we are in the process of trying to find a date for a crown bowls evening. With the crown bowls expertise of our very own Dominic McVittie, this will no doubt be an enjoyable evening and something a bit different. Please keep your eyes peeled for further information.

Our ladies have also arranged a charity cake and Christmas fair which will be held at the club on Friday 25th November 2022 between 10am and 12pm.