



GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY INDOOR BOWLING ASSOCIATION

Dear Member

What a disappointment that our season came to such an abrupt end as Clubs everywhere went into shutdown . due to the Covid-19 virus & robbed us of the coach trip to Maidenhead for our final match against Berkshire at Desborough IBC . Additionally, the AGM planned for Easter Saturday at Cotswold has been postponed and hopefully will become the prelude to a 2020/2021 season. Happily, a fixture list for 2020-21 has already been confirmed, thanks to our fixture Secretary Roger Harrison, who has managed to increase our number of friendly fixtures to 13. We now have a home & away fixture with Worcestershire & welcome back an annual match against our friends from Devon. Incidentally, we were able to reward Roger for all his hard work on behalf of the Association with the award of Life Membership, presented on the extra friendly occasion of our match versus the Glos VP's.

We did have a disappointing start to the season when we were heavily defeated in the Liberty Trophy and had to concede our matches in the Over 60's and Under 25's competitions due to lack of support. However, the support for our friendly matches has been outstanding. So on behalf of our President Brian, myself & your Committee, I would like to express our sincere thanks for your support throughout the season.

For me the outstanding feature of the season was the number of new members who made themselves available to play and then acquitted themselves so well that we enjoyed considerable success. For example defeating Oxfordshire home and away and recording a 28 shot victory over our great rivals from Somerset, culminating in a big win against the GVPBA, having lost to them last season. Overall we played 9 friendlies, winning 5 & losing 4, with an overall shot difference of 1,071 against 906.

We have a small dedicated group lead by our President Brian Smith which forms our Committee and we would like to express our gratitude to both the Cotswold and MidGlos clubs for making their facilities available to us. Their catering adds to the pleasurable atmosphere at our friendly matches. Also sincere thanks to Reg Tibbles, who does an excellent job managing our web site.

I did previously state that we have a dedicated committee that work hard on your behalf, however it is you the membership that are the backbone of this Association, for without your support on the green, all their hard work counts for nothing, so please continue to support your Association.

Finally my message to our members is to stay safe and well and be optimistic that we shall all be playing together again before the end of the year.

Best Wishes
Derek Severs