

Penylan Bowling and Cardiff Bridge Club Newsletter

August 2021



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Finally, following the latest Covid-19 update from the Welsh Government, we can re-open fully and welcome back the Bridge section to play at the Club.

In accordance with the latest legal requirement, we have revised our Covid-19 Risk Assessment and a copy is attached for you.

Since the re-opening of the Bar, I am happy to report there have been no reported Covid-19 incidents at the Club. However, to minimise health risks to all our Members and Staff, the Management team recommend that you are fully vaccinated against Covid-19 (i.e. double jabbed). Certainly, do not come to the Club if you are displaying any Covid-19 symptoms or feeling generally unwell (especially with a cough or a cold).

If you test positive for Covid-19 shortly after visiting the Club, please ring 02920 491865 during Bar Opening hours to report this so we can advise other Members to test themselves.

Thanks to all our members for the support you have shown during this difficult time.

Russell Wall, President

TREASURER'S REPORT

I breathe a sigh of relief that we are still in business and appear to have made it through the worst of the Covid-19 crisis. There is little doubt that the donations made by the Members in summer of 2020 kept us afloat until the Government Grants and the Bounce Back Loan came to our aid, or that the bar has kept us financially buoyant since.

An on-line cashless payment system has enabled the Bridge section to contribute while playing Bridge on-line. This will continue for face-to face Bridge.

Much credit goes to our Bookkeeper (Carole Hibbs) who dealt with the day-to-day financial challenges.

Brian Quinlan, Treasurer.

BOWLS

Firstly, a special mention must go to Wayne Letman for his greenkeeping work which is saving the Club thousands of pounds.

In May, Bowls was back with a vengeance having started the season with a competitive in-house competition which brought in a substantial amount of revenue to the Club.

The change of Bar opening and closing times was a significant asset to the Club as visiting teams along with the home team were appreciative of these changes thus bringing in additional revenue.

The Bar opening times continued to remain the same which has proven to be a great financial success this season.

Whilst the Bowls section has continued to play their League Games, they have also introduced a further Club internal competitive competition to increase revenue to the Club.

A big thank you to Mark Letman for organising these extra competitions which have been a huge success.

The Ladies Bowling Section organised a 4-Club Local League which has kept the section up and running.

A huge thank you to all Bowls Members for their continued support to the Penylan Club.

Margaret Letman, Bowls Secretary

BRIDGE

The Bridge Committee have produced a varied programme of events for the coming months, starting in September 2021.

While we would all like to see face-to face Bridge return, it must be recognised that the Bridge world has changed and there is merit in offering on-line sessions as well. Also, we must acknowledge that there are those who are clinically vulnerable, or simply nervous about returning to Club Bridge at present.

The programme:

Monday Evenings – 6:30pm- 9:45pm On-line on RealBridge.

Improve Tuition and competitive play for those below the Rank of Regional Master.

Tuesday Mornings – 10:00am – 12:15pm On-line on RealBridge.

A friendly social Bridge session for anyone who just enjoys playing Bridge.

Tuesday Evenings – 7:15pm – 10:30pm at the Club.

A regular Duplicate session just like the good old days!

Wednesday Evenings – 7:15pm – 10:00pm On-line on BBO.

A regular Duplicate session, just on-line!

Thursday Mornings – 10:00am – 12:15pm On-line on RealBridge.

A supported play session for those looking to improve their Bridge.

Thursday Afternoons – 2:00 – 5:15pm at the Club.

A regular Duplicate session just like the good old days!

Team Matches – The Club is available to be booked for team matches via the Booking Secretary (mjoseph63@hotmail.co.uk).

Tuition for Beginners – A programme will start in January 2021.

Winter League – Discussions are under way to re-instate this event at the Club.

Please read the attached Risk Assessment to see the specifics of how the Club intends to minimise Covid-19 risks. A bullet point version of procedures at a Bridge session will be provided prior to re-opening face-to face Bridge.

BAR

The current bar opening times are as follows: -

Monday – 6:00pm 10:30pm

Tuesday – 6:00pm 10:30pm

Wednesday – 6:00pm 10:30pm

Thursday – 6:00pm 10:30pm

Friday – 6:00pm 10:30pm

Saturday Lunch – 1:00pm-2:30pm

Saturday Evening – 5:00pm-10:30pm

Sunday Lunch – 12:00pm-3:00pm

Sunday Evening – 8:00pm-10:30pm

Winter Opening Times (from Monday 27/09/2021): -

Monday – 6:30pm 10:30pm

Tuesday – 6:30pm 10:30pm

Wednesday – 6:30pm 10:30pm

Thursday – 6:30pm 10:30pm

Friday – 6:30pm 10:30pm

Saturday Lunch – Closed

Saturday Evening – 5:30pm-10:30pm

Sunday Lunch – 12:00pm-3:00pm

Sunday Evening – 8:00pm-10:30pm

MEMBERSHIP

The overall Club membership now stands at 442 and many thanks go to Phil Lloyd (our Vice President) for building up the Social and Associate membership.

Estate Management

Lockdown had its challenges:

The hall floor warped and a section the whole length of the room had to be removed!
Here are the before, during, and after shots.



Many, many thanks to John Edwards (Estate Manager) for his time and expertise.

There were several attempted break-ins during lockdown resulting in minor damage to the external parts of the Club. A CCTV system has now been installed to deter further attempts.

Air Conditioning

An air conditioning unit has been installed in the main hall, so anyone using the main hall will no longer have to suffer oppressive heat during the Summer and Autumn season. It also acts as a back-up for the heating system during the winter.

It's use during Covid is documented in the Risk Assessment.