



G.I.B.A NEWS

Brought to you by your President Steve Desperques

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Time for another update of events over the last couple of months.

AGM MONDAY APRIL 28th 7pm

This year the positions that we will need to fill are,
Vice President, Building Management, and P R Social
Please think about helping out and get your name down on the nomination forms. My thanks go to Richard who as Vice P has been a great help as my right hand man and I am sorry that he feels that he can not carry on. All the relevant information will be posted on the board next to the gents toilets.

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT

The working party is still meeting on a monthly basis to try and make sure that we carry on looking at new ideas and keep pushing the ideas that have already been put into motion.

Advertising : Reference the Umbrella we have had a further 2 months now and it is still being very well supported, so again thanks to the members who have helped.

UMBRELLA LEAGUE IN THE SUMMER

The summer league forms are now available and those wishing to continue in the umbrella can now put their names down. **Forms are at reception.**

Coaching is available if required please contact Richard Hill to arrange suitable times.

OPEN DAY

We are looking to hold an open day on Saturday 17th May from 11.30am to 6.00pm. Please pass this on to your friends and family and encourage them to have a go.

Sponsorship: As you know we had a few sponsors for some of the leagues but we could do with some more so please see if you can get your Company to sponsor a league.

Social Functions : We have had a couple of social functions since sending out the fliers but could do with a few more so if you work for a company and are looking for an evening a bit different to the norm please remember your club.

Help Wanted

I am pleased to report that we now have 2 volunteers for the cleaning of the carpet and would like to thank **John Martel** and **Roger Blanchford** for giving up some of their time to help us with this duty.

However if you feel that you could also spare a few hours to help spread the load then please put your name forward.

PLEASE CONTACT Richard Hill on 256283 or on his mobile ,07781100423 or myself on ,07781125112.

Thanks must go to Shirley and John Jehan for organising a Euchre drive which was very successful

MENS BRITISH ISLES

The mens competition was held at the Dewars Centre in Perth Scotland from March 11th to the 13th.

First up in the preliminary round was our Triples team of Mac Timms, Mick Merrien and Paul Merrien with the Junior Singles Malcom De Sousa [Jersey] playing a couple of rinks away. The Triples were playing a team from Ireland and started very closely with only single shots going either way over the first 7 ends but then on the 8th end the trio from Guernsey dropped a count of 7 followed by another

7 on the 9th end. This of course made it virtually impossible to come back from and eventually went on to lose 27-9

The Junior Singles also saw a very close start with the score being 9-9 after 10 ends and although Malcom was playing extremely well his English opponent slowly pulled away to win 21-13.

The semi-finals on Wednesday had the Fours of Jersey playing Ireland and with very little going their way lost 21-7.

Also playing was our pair of Kris Bichard and Dan De La Mare who were playing Scotland, Kris having started slowly over the first couple of ends started to find the line and weight and played some excellent lead bowls with Dan also playing well but they were up against a very much on form pair who played some very good conversion shots to win 27-11.

Ian Merrien also played later in the day in the Singles against the Scottish champ and quickly found his line and weight and always had 2 or 3 of his woods in the head and ran out a very deserved winner 21-13.

Thursday was Finals day and Ian was playing Craig Docherty of England. Again Ian found the line and weight very quickly and went into a 6-2 lead before the Englishman also started to find the weight and came back over the next few ends to lead 7-6 and 14-8 with Ian coming back to 14-12 but then Craig seemed to find another gear with Ian eventually going down 21-12.

LADIES BRITISH ISLES

Held at the Lianelli club in Wales March 16th and 17th and didn't our Ladies do well, coming back with 2 titles and only just missing out on the triples.

The Fours of Shirley Petit, Mavis Richards, Gwen De La Mare, and Lianna Bichard played the Wales team and after a very close match were just edged out 17-13.