



# **GIBA Newsletter**

May 2022

Brought to you by Kris Lowe

**The winter season has drawn to a close and the committee would like to once again thank you for your support throughout this season getting back to normality**

## **Inter-Insular**

The inter-insular took place on the 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> April in Jersey. Although we were unlucky to lose both the Men's and Ladies inter-insular, we did bring home 5 out of 6 Channel Island titles. Well done to all the players who took part. The results were as follows:

**Men's Inter-Insular** Jersey 10, Guernsey 6

**Ladies Inter- Insular** Jersey 14, Guernsey 2

**Under 35 Singles** J Bonsall beat M De Sousa 21-16

**Veteran Singles** D King beat D Ahier 21-17

**Mixed Pairs** I Merrien & A Merrien MBE beat S Ruderham & M Kilvin 21-18

**Open Pairs** M de Sousa & J Brown beat D Jeffrey & G McFarlane 17-13

**Open Triples** G Plitschou, S Le Noury & M Le Noury beat C Renouf, M Duckett & M Job 18-15

**Open Fours** I & A Merrien, A Merrien & S Petit beat R Clive, R Macdonald, D Ahier & B Cabot 15-12

## **IIBC**

Ali, Ian and Rose travelled to Bristol for the IIBC World Championships held between 25<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> April. In the singles, Rose won two of three games but unfortunately had less sets than her opponents and came third in her group. Ian progressed through second in his group and came up against South Africa in the last 8. After tying the first set 9-9, it was a close second set but South Africa came back with a 5-7 win to advance to the semi-finals. Ali also progressed through to the last 8 and after a tough match against Hong Kong Ali lost on the tie break, 10-0, 7-8, 0-1.

Rose and Ian topped their group in the Mixed Pairs but unfortunately lost to Ireland in the quarter finals. Ali and Stewart Anderson (SCO) topped their group, beat England in the quarter final, beat Ireland in the semi final and then went on to win the Mixed Pairs 7-8, 8-6, 1-0 against Scotland's Michael Stepney and Claire Anderson. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> time Ali has won this title with 3 different partners.

## **Night at the Races**

We raised £1,357, which was an amazing amount for our first fundraiser following COVID. Thanks to Island AV for sponsoring the equipment, everyone who sponsored races, brought horses and those who came down to participate on the evening. Special thanks to Catherine, Josh, Ali, Ian and Sarah for helping to run the event and to Rob on the bar. The money that was raised has been used to fund those travelling as selected Guernsey players in competitors such as the Inter-Insular and British Isles.

## The AGM

The AGM took place on Monday 18th April. Steve Desperques has taken presidency for another three year term. The Wednesday Evening Triples has been changed to open rules with a re-spotted jack and to start at 7pm instead of 6:30pm. The married pairs was changed to a family pairs. The drawn handicap pairs and drawn triples were changed to weekend events the drawn triples will happen in early October and drawn handicap pairs towards the end of the season.

Some council positions are still vacant for 1 and 3-year terms. If you are interested in becoming a council member or volunteering in any other way, please contact us.

## Presentation Evening

The presentation evening was held on Saturday 30th April at the Royal Guernsey Golf Club. This was a successful evening, thanks to Josh and Catherine for once again organising this event, and to the golf club for hosting and providing great food.

## Summer League

A 2-4-2 drawn pairs umbrella will take place on a Thursday evening throughout the summer, with one league running May to mid-July, and another running mid-July to September. Registration closes at 6:45pm for a 7pm start, and the first half starts on 6th May.

## Terriers / Tigers

The Tigers has now broken up for the summer season, however we are looking for another coach, or several coaches to help out on a rotational basis. If anyone is able to offer any help this would be gratefully appreciated.

Terriers are running still throughout the summer. If anyone would be willing to volunteer to help Paul on a Saturday morning this would be appreciated, please get in touch.

## Dates for your Diary

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** start of the 2022/2023 season

**Under 19's British Isles Championships** 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> October in Ballybrakes, Northern Ireland

**British Isles Championships** 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022 in Belfast, Northern Ireland

**IIBC U25** early December 2022 in Belfast, Ireland

**Channel Island Finals** weekend in Jersey, in January 2023 date TBC

**World Bowls (Potters)** 6th to 25th January 2023

**2023 Inter-Insular** in Guernsey, April date TBC

**Easter Tournament** 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> April 2023

**IIBC** April 2023 dates TBC *in Australia*

## Call the Shot

In a game of singles, you are playing with the red bowls. You are down, the score is 18-20. What shot would you play?

