

THE ROAD TO RE-OPENING Update 8th June 2021

As Management has advised the aim is to re-open on 1st September providing there are no further mandatory restrictions. The Indian variant is causing great concern at present and may delay Boris's plans to return to 'normal' on 21 June.

So, with fingers crossed, Management also plans to open the Club from the 6 July for roll-ups only on Tuesdays and Thursdays until the start of the new season. The Club will open at 10.00am and close at 4.00pm. All roll-ups must be pre-booked by current members through David on 01354 655621.

Plans for the new season are still very much in the air. Of the 75 league teams competing prior to lockdown 21 have confirmed their return but 12 teams will not. Replies from the remaining 42 teams are still outstanding and Management would be very pleased if Team Captains could let the Secretary know of your intentions as soon as possible.

It is hoped to achieve at least a league programme of a Pensioners League, hopefully two divisions, Afternoon Triples League, again hopefully two divisions, one evening Combined League and one Mixed Triples League. Evening Leagues will play on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Leagues will be supplemented by the Men's County League of seven matches and the Senior Citizen League – revised fixtures are due shortly as Ely 'B' has just withdrawn. Our ladies will not compete in the Ladies County League even if there is one. March will host the Men's & Mixed County Finals 2019-2020 season over the weekend of 19-20 and the Senior KO Cup Final on Monday 21 March 2022. Hopefully, Keith Hunt's mixed fours team will be in action! Club Competition Finals 2019-20 are scheduled for 3-5 December but are subject to who returns and who doesn't, especially as there are still outstanding semi-final matches. Hopefully, sufficient entries for the new season will be received. Unfortunately, Chris Palmer is unable to organise the coming winter season of Wednesday Drives. Chris is very much thanked for an excellent job done to date. We are currently looking for a new organiser. If you would like to help, please contact Secretary. When the CSMBA will return has yet to be confirmed but March IBC are hosting 3 events for the North Cambs Bowling Association later in the season.

New League/Competition Rule *'No roll-ups allowed on the same rink as a scheduled league game or Club competition round to be played later that day'.*

Subs, Rink Fees and Vending Costs

Social membership is subject to VAT and increased from £7.50 to £8.50 to compensate from 1st September 2020.

Management has revisited decisions made prior to lockdown in January 2020 when it was agreed to increase subs, rink fees and vending costs from 1st September 2020. After discussion, and in light of the Covid Pandemic and to encourage members to return, the Committee unanimously agreed not to increase these costs for the forthcoming season. So, full member subscriptions remain unchanged - £34 or £39 depending on age. Moreover, the Committee has agreed to reduce the full membership fee for those who have supported and joined this current season, by the £20 already paid. Rink fees remain at £2.50. Vending remains at 50p.

Club Covid Hygiene Policy from 1st September 2021

Management has agreed to retain the following Covid Hygiene Policy subject to the return to 'normality'.

- (a) Stay away if you have any symptoms of Covid, cold, flu or tummy bug.
- (b) Sanitise hands on entry.
- (c) Everyone must sign in even if you use a mobile phone to register with the Club's QR Code.
- (d) Management will continue to regularly Zoom equipment, contact points and furniture as well as the regular cleaning regime to keep the Club Covid Secure.

The EIBA will issue further guidance on the return to normality after 21 June, which may have an impact on these decisions.

Secretary
7 June 2021