



# Barry Athletic Bowls Club

## Winter Newsletter Feb 2018

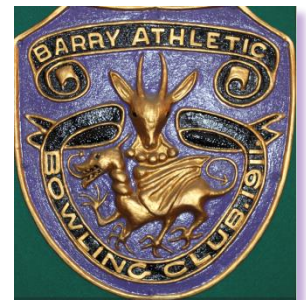
As the new season is almost upon us there is cause for much optimism at the club in 2018. As well as a rigorous league season to look forward to, there will be plenty of additional fixtures and events to whet the appetite of players and members alike.

### NEW SEASON

Under the captaincy of David Wright, the first team squad will be looking to bounce back in to the top division after the narrow and somewhat unfortunate relegation last year. New recruits George Treppleton, Carl Best and Chris Williams will add some experience to the squad which will be vital as we look to secure victories in some local derby matches throughout the season. The second team squad will be looking to consolidate their position after their promotion last year and will benefit from the continued leadership of Captain Paul Webley.

### TEST MATCHES

We are fortunate to hold a **Ten Nation Test Match** in July when bowlers from across the world will descend on the 4Wood Green, Barry to compete in a round robin tournament which will serve as a pre-cursor to the **Atlantic Rim** games in 2019. Visiting countries will include bowls heavyweights from South Africa, Australia and Malaysia, as well as some of the home nations, in what should be an exciting competition for players and spectators alike.



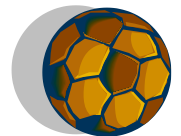
This will be followed in August with an **under 18's International between Scotland and Wales**, where young bowlers from both countries will be showing off their skills, looking to catch the selectors eyes and stake a claim for a place in their respective senior teams. The Welsh President Alun Hodges will also be using our facilities to host a Barbarians fixture during the season.

### OPEN TOURNAMENTS

**Our open tournaments are always popular with the bowling fraternity and the Ron Thomas Pairs and the Milton Eskins Triples, both named after stalwart members of the club, will be run over the summer by Mike Vaughan and Chris Wright respectively.**

### ON THE GREEN

The Club are delighted to reinstate the fixture against our neighbours from the **football section**. A dozen of the managers and coaches from the Barry Athletic F.C. will take on a club select team during the season ! This fixture has been successful in the past in encouraging new members to the sport and it is hoped that, by resurrecting the fixture, the club will see a number of converts joining the bowling fraternity in the coming years.



With the club and county competition schedule, the weekly **SPOONS** competition PLUS the introduction of an exciting **new members competition**, it all promises to be an interesting and busy year for our club. With such a range of activity and events it is important that we organise ourselves well to show off our club in its best light.

## BARRY BOWL



Following a successful inaugural competition in 2017 the Barry Bowl finals will again be held on the 4Wood Green in September. The competition will be sponsored this year by gentlemen's shoe retailer *The Brogue Trader* from Cardiff. With increased prizes and entries this year, the competition will be even more fiercely contested than last year when Resolven

were crowned winners.

## 4WOOD GREEN

Under the watchful eye of our Greens Manager David Snelling, and supported by Avonmore, our green looks in fine condition ahead of the opening in April. We aspire to provide members and guests with one of the best, most consistent playing surfaces in Wales and we are well placed to meet that aspiration in 2018. Our green side facilities have been improved too with the planting of our Barrybados palm tree garden and the refurbishment of the cricket pavilion ensuring that players and spectators can enjoy the game in a fitting and complementary environment.



## VOLUNTEERS

Our regular band of members that tirelessly support the running of the club will need even more support this year as we look to hold a number of additional events. Offers of assistance to run the bar, help out with the catering and numerous maintenance jobs are always welcome. Help will be needed more than ever this year as the club hosts players and visitors from around the world.

There will be a Volunteer request put on the club notice board at the start of the season to enable members to volunteer for events such as the Ten Nation test match and the Barry Bowl Final. **Please put your name on these lists** as every pair of hands will be needed to host these events and demonstrate to the wider bowling world the welcome and hospitality that our club is famous for.



## SPONSORS

We have been fortunate to retain all our major sponsors this year and this will help us to build a solid financial base for the future. We have ambitious plans to develop the club and its facilities further for existing and new members in the coming years. The work done by Mike Vaughan and Chris Wright in attracting new sponsors is so important to our future financial security and the way in which we can prepare for the future.

**2018 SEASON** Our season starts on the 14<sup>th</sup> April. It would be good to see as many members as possible present to start the season as we mean to go on. With the support, financial and otherwise, of many of our members the club has gone from strength to strength over the past few years and it is important that we now continue that path. With the support of our members there is every confidence that we can.

## Key Dates for the Diary

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| March 26 <sup>th</sup>    | Monday 7pm Club House                    | <b>Spring General Meeting</b>  |
| April 14 <sup>th</sup>    | <b>Opening Day</b>                       | July 3 <sup>rd</sup> ~ 12 <sup>th</sup> <b>Ten Nation Test Match</b> |
| August 7 <sup>th</sup>    | <b>Wales vs Scotland U18s Test Match</b> |  |
| September 2 <sup>nd</sup> | <b>Club Finals Day</b>                   | September 28 <sup>th</sup> <b>Barry Bowl Final</b>                   |