**Summer Singles League**

We are trying to run a singles league over the summer months to give everyone the chance to keep bowling in a competitive environment and having some fun along the way. We are aware of the summer heat so intend to have a reduced length game with a pre-defined number of ends so everyone knows in advance what they are signing up for and also introduce a few changes to a normal singles game to speed things up.

Using a similar format to the World Indoor Bowls championship you will play 2 games where each game is 7 ends, with a short break in between (if needed) and a 3 end tie break if level at 1 game all. If the match moves to a tie break only 1 wood scores on each end of the tie break so you could play either 2 or 3 ends of the tie breaker depending on the scores. This limits the match to a max of 16/17 ends instead of first to 21 points which can go on for many ends as we all know.

There is no need for a marker and you play the jack from where it’s cast (which gives practice of bowling to off-centred Jacks) unless it goes out (outside of the ring markers or in the ditch) in which case it’s recast by the second bowler – if it goes out a second time the jack is placed by the first bowler somewhere in the rink (not necessarily centred). You use 3 woods instead of 4 which also shortens the game.

1 shot to count on the first end of the first game only, the jack is in play if its hit into the ditch during play along with touchers and re-spotted on the tee if it goes out of the ring markers and no visiting the head is allowed.

Depending on numbers we plan to have 4 or 5 in each league and individuals will arrange games convenient to themselves – if we have time to play more than one league then the top 1 or 2 will move up a league and the bottom 1 or 2 will drop down a league depending on numbers.

Hopefully this will generate some interest over the summer months to give everyone practice to get ready for the competitive season.

The entry list is up in the Cabin and you can contact me via email if any questions

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