28th August 2018

Dear Fellow Bowlers

**Leonard Denny Memorial Trophy 2018-19**

We would like to invite your Club to enter the 2018/19 Leonard Denny Memorial Trophy competition (a copy of the rules is enclosed). The two Semi-Finals and the Final will be played at Cambridge Park on Sunday, 6th April 2019. Dependent on the size of the entry, it is likely that round play-by dates will be 31st December, 27th January, 22nd February and 22nd March, with possibly a preliminary round by end of November.

We intend to maintain the top prize of £1,000 with £500 going to the runners-up. We also expect to pay a nominal amount, dependent on the size of the entry, to the losing semi-finalists.

We will retain the Entry Fee for the competition as £45.00 The closing date for your entry is Saturday 27th October 2018. If you would like to ensure your entry by email, please indicate your intentions (without payment) at your earliest convenience to: ldmemorialtrophy@gmail.com (Dawn Slaughter)

Please complete the entry slip below, including all the details requested, and send it with your cheque to:

Leonard Denny Memorial Trophy

Cambridge Park Indoor Bowls Club.

Cambridge Park

East Twickenham

Middlesex

TW1 2PG

Cheques should be made payable to Cambridge Park Indoor Bowls Club or you can pay online – details on the attached form.

**New rule for 2018-19!** *The top named club in each tie to contact opposition within one week of receiving the draw (or updated draw) to offer 3 dates (one of which must be a weekend and one of which must be a weekday/night) before the end of round date. If no contact has been made, then the offer of dates passes to the opposition.*

 Last year, there were a couple of instances where no early contact was made resulting in a lack of choice of dates and three way phone calls and a couple of extension dates which is unfair on those waiting to play the next round! We all bowl in competitions and know what a nightmare it can be for the first couple of months cramming everything in, which is why there will be an extra week for playing for the early rounds.

It’s very helpful last season to be able to make the vast majority of communications by email. Unless we have been otherwise advised, I have taken the liberty of sending as many invitations as possible to the contacts we had last year plus a few more who have asked to take part. I understand that the team manager may well have changed and so if you could let me know a new contact name and email, that would be good. Also, with the new GDPR Regulations, I will require a signature from the named contact.

If you are considering entering the competition for the first time, you should be aware that we try to run the competition on a fairly relaxed basis and try to minimise the need to travel long distances, particularly during the early rounds. We have extended our invitees to include Wiltshire, Gloucestershire, Somerset, North Devon, Norfolk and Suffolk. We do hope that you will have a go. Huntingdon and White Knights have fought their way through to the Final two years running, with Huntingdon winning by 2 shots in 2017 and 1 shot in 2018. They had some really tight matches to get through to the semi-finals but Barking & District, Egham, Adur and Hounslow have all been knocking very loudly on the doors and have nearly made it through!

We really require a minimum of 42 clubs to make the tournament viable. We have kept the prize money the same for the last few years, even though we have had less entrants. In the future, maybe we have to make it an Open Tournament so that clubs can put in Men’s or Ladies Rinks or Mixed Rinks. Is that a step too far? Please let me know!

If you are no longer the contact for the competition, please could you forward to the person who is. Thanks.

Whilst writing, a lot of you will be familiar with the London & Southern Counties Four Rink Shield and Single Rink Competitions. For this season Roger Purssord and the committee have added Mixed Pairs and Mixed Fours Competitions. Although it is too late to enter for 2018-19, if you would like details for next season for any of the London & Southern Counties Competitions, please contact Roger on rogerp.cambridge@btinternet.com

Yours sincerely

Dawn Slaughter

Tournament Organiser

On Behalf of Cambridge Park IBC

**Leonard Denny Memorial Trophy 2018-19 Entry Form**

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| Club Name |  |
| Team Manager |  |
| Postal Address for Draw (if no email) |  |
| Email |  |
| Preferred TelephoneNumber |  |
| GDPR | I agree that I, the above named Manager, am willing to have my contact details published for the benefit of this competition and that they will not be passed to any other third party. |
| Signed |  |

For 2019-20, we would be willing to enter if the competition was for Open Rinks e.g. all Men, all Ladies or Mixed Rinks

YES, DEFINITELY / NO THANK YOU / MAYBE (delete as appropriate)

Cheque for £45 enclosed YES/NO

Pay by Bank transfer: YES/NO

Account Name: Cambridge Park IBC

Bank: National Westminster

Sort Code: 60-22-03

Account #: 63431017

If paying by bank transfer please put LD then club name e.g. LDHuntingdon