

Fixtures Secretary report.

Competitions were played this year against the ongoing backdrop of the COVID pandemic so it was not a normal season with rules on how fixtures were played evolving as the season went on.

The club fulfilled all their fixtures in the MWL, PG1 and 2 competitions this year plus the Carruthers cup and Alliance league, despite pleyer shortages at times due to COVID / quarantining etc. Several PG2 fixtures were played with just 2 rinks whilst the early games in the Carruthers were played as triples. With many clubs having reduced squads, the PG2 competition was played with only 6 points being awarded for a win.

Fixtures in the first half of the MWL were played as friendlies with only those in the second half counting in the league proper.

The club tour this year involved fixtures against Kings Torquay and Wyrrol Park in Glastonbury. A follow-up friendly against Wyrrol Park who were to visit Cardiff in September however was cancelled. This may be rescheduled to next year.

Finals Fixtures in the various South Glamorgan Bowls competitions were played at our rink which meant rearranging a couple of our Alliance fixtures.

Looking forward the club will be touring Torquay again next year with fixtures already arranged. In 2023 a new venue to Torquay will be considered subject to a volunteer coming forward to arrange.

In 2022 the club will compete again in PG1 and 2 but the divisions we play in are still to be confirmed. In PG1 we will either be in Div 3 (our current division) or 4 dependents on new teams joining the league. If the latter then increased travel will be involved for away fixtures as this division has many teams from the Gwent valleys and Vale of Glamorgan. In PG2 we have advised that we may not be able to consistently field 4 rinks of 4. We await the PG AGM where rules for next season and league structures will be formalised.

Lastly, next season's MWL is changing in structure and is likely to be played in two sections with the winners of each section playing off to determine the winners. In addition, the PG MWL and Cardiff municipal MWL may merge next season. A meeting to consider this is scheduled for November at which the club will be represented.

Kevin Bush, Fixture Secretary.