



CHAMELEONS NEWS



The newsletter for the Cardiff Chameleons Swimming and Bowls Club

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50+ Club

February winners are £15.00 to Jackie Minchin and £10 to David Galsworthy. Congratulations!!

Eastern Leisure Centre UPDATE

It is looking very unlikely that we will be returning to Eastern LC at the present time. They want to charge us **£98.00 per hour to use the pool each week**. Although we are trying to see if they will give it to us for less the only thing we can expect is, that in time, they will increase their fees. The other downside to this is that we would have to increase subs to more than the £3.00 we charged before.

In this respect, we have been sourcing other pools and Pamela has booked the pool at the **CMC Sports & Social Club** (UHW) where she works. They will charge us **£45.00 an hour (less than half of Eastern)**. The only evening of the week the pool is available is on a **Thursday evening**.

Pamela has now booked further sessions for March; they are **3rd, 10th, 17th and 31st**. **These sessions are from 8pm – 8.45pm** (earlier than it was at Eastern LC).

You will **need to book** as we do at Howells and Pamela's contact details are on the "contact us" table at the end of the newsletter. If we get a good response then we will split the hour in to two half hour sessions.

The subs will stay at **£3.00 per session** and there is a room available for parents to go to whilst the session is going on plus free parking in the multi-storey car park opposite. This means (hopefully) the swimmers will return to having two sessions a week as the Sunday evenings will still carry on at Howells School. We had a few members from the Sunday sessions also attended on the Thursday and some may decide to just attend on the Thursday. This would lead to spaces being available on the Sunday sessions.

Are you coming back?

We only had **2 members** who normally swam at Eastern L.C. return. It would be appreciated if people who used to attend at Eastern would let us know how they feel about these sessions and whether you are going to come back or not at all.

Cannot attend!

If you have booked a place for swimming either at Howells School or the CMC S&S and are unable to attend please can you let us know well in advance and not half an hour before the session starts, as we can then rearrange the sessions. We know things can happen last minute but please try and give us some advance notice.

North West Special Olympics Gala (Cheshire Penguins)

We have had notification that the above gala is being planned for Saturday 14th May. We will travel up on the 13th and return on the 15th. Robin and Ian have agreed to run the trip, as Pamela will be away that weekend. So if you are interested then please let Pamela know a.s.a.p. but **before the 6th March** and then we can start to organise the trip and the cost.

Bank Transfers

Banking for charities with HSBC has in the past been free. However from 1st November 2021 they began making changes – a *monthly charge of £5 for each account*, then 40p for each cheque deposited or issued and 0.40% on all cash deposited. Thank you to all using the bank transfer system already.

Bank details: HSBC - Account name – Cardiff Chameleons - Sort Code 40-16-30 - Account Number 01431285

In future, please use bank transfer whenever possible to avoid these charges.

It would also be helpful if you could add your surname and reason for payment e.g. Membership.

Many thanks for your help. Any queries please ring Elaine- 02920 764770.

[Cardiff & Vale Special Olympics Group...](#)

...Are looking for athletes' profiles, swimmers or bowlers, so that they can have information to promote the group on its Facebook page. If you would be interested all you need to do is a small write up of yourself, (or someone can do it for you), giving details of what you do in the day i.e. you work or attend a day centre, what sport you are in, your likes and dislikes and what Games you have attended and if possible a photograph. Please then get it to Pamela soon, for further details please contact her via the details on the contact box below.

[Welsh Learning Disability Indoor Bowls Pairs Championship. Cardiff Indoor Bowls Club February 20th 2022](#)

Forty bowlers took to the green at Cardiff Indoor Bowls Club to compete for three Classifications titles in the Welsh Learning Disability Pairs Championship 2022. Well done to all competitors who took part in this competition, despite the awful weather conditions, all the entrants to arrive safely. Some tremendous bowling was witnessed by over 90 Bowlers, Volunteers, Coaches and supporters. Bowlers from Pembroke, Radnorshire, Islwyn, Rhondda and Cardiff Chameleons, took part in round robin competitions in three separate classifications. The winner and runner-up in each Classification going on to the Semi-Finals and Finals to determine the Welsh Champions. The L3 Classification Semi-finals was an all Cardiff Chameleon affair. The final was between Sean Thackwray and Meilir Sion versus Paul Scott and Newcomer Mark Hosken with the latter pairing running out the Championship winners. The L2 Classification final was between, Millie Campbell and her partner James O'Brien and Garon Owen and Anthony Burge (Islwyn). Millie and James were convincing winners in this Classification. In the L1 Classification, Cardiff Chameleons bowlers Simon Bould and Alex Jones came out on top after a very tight game with both pairs level just after the halfway point, the winners just edged ahead in the last two ends to take the title. This was their second title after winning the L1 Classification in 2020. Our Sincere thanks to the Coaches and Volunteers from all the clubs, the Markers and Volunteers from Cardiff IBC for their support. A special thank you to Mr. Howard Davies past WIBA and BIIBC President and Vice President of Cardiff IBC, for once again presenting the Trophy's to our worthy winners.

[Printer and Laminator](#)

Those of you who are avid readers of this fine publication may recall that I was offering to anyone a laminator and an HP printer for free to a good home. Well I still have them, so there can't be many good homes about, so I am advertising it again but this time if anyone knows of a charity who may find these items useful to let me know. Contact details below.

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Club sessions	
Bowls – Cardiff Indoor Bowls Club - Friday 4.00 – 6.00pm	
Swimming - Howells School – Sunday 6.00-6.45pm & 6.45 – 7.30pm (Booking required)	