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TONBRIDGE ANGEL INDOOR BOWLS CLUB**



Our Winter Season has begun!

We are now open 7 days a week... including Saturdays & Sundays until 8pm!

With the start of our winter season our Club Opening hours will now be extended to...

Monday to Friday 9am to 11pm

Saturdays and Sundays 9am to 8pm

Note: this extends on our pre-covid opening times, with the bowling hall now available to members through to 8pm on Sundays. Effective from Monday 27th September.

Fond Farewell to Summer 2021

The Club enjoyed a great summer. Our bowling hall was often full, with vibrant leagues, competitions and roll ups running throughout.

We were able to welcome many new members to the Club and many existing members took the opportunity to develop their game playing for the first time in competitions such as the Summer Singles Leagues.

Next summer we will have the new National EIBA Summer competitions to look forward to, as well as lots of new bowlers joining in following our successful Open Weekend. In the meantime it's down to the business of the winter season ...

Updated Covid Guidance (Winter Season 21)

You may have already noticed that all Covid Safety Signs within the Club have been taken down. This acknowledges that we now move into a new phase of 'living with the virus' in line with Government Guidance. And with the start of the winter season, this includes reverting to normal (pre-covid) bowling rules.

We will thus, from Mon 27th Sept, revert to our normal 2.5 hour rink sessions (with the continued option of playing and paying for 2 hours - see below), delivering rather than placing jacks, playing triples and rinks to normal rules, potential booking of all 6 rinks without empty 'safety' rinks in-between, and playing to the jack in the ditch rather than placing back on the 'T' when ditched during play.

However, Covid has of course not gone away. And some members will remain more wary than others of the continued risk that the virus presents. In order that everyone can feel as comfortable as possible when using the Club we thus ask that fellow members consciously and carefully respect the personal space of others ...

- 1) Please bear in mind as you move around the Club, including when using changing rooms and toilets, that others may still be nervous of you getting too physically close.
- 2) Some members may be wary of shaking hands with you before and after the game. Please respect each other's preferences.
- 3) Please only handle other player's woods if you are sure they are comfortable with that.
- 4) If leads do not want to share a single jack we have plenty of spare; use one per team.

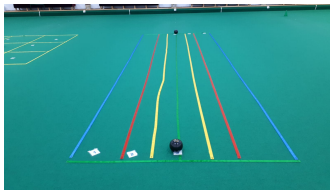
We also ask that neither members nor guests enter the Club if they have tested positive, have been requested to isolate, are displaying any Covid related symptoms, or have recently been in contact with anyone who has tested positive or who is displaying symptoms. We would also encourage all members using the club to continue to take regular lateral flow tests, which are free from your local chemist.

All safety measures will be reviewed on an ongoing basis and on further EIBA Guidance.

Rink Session Times

As noted above, all session times will now default to 2.5 hours and the rink fee for this is £4 per player. However, if members wish to, they can also choose to pay and play for only 2 hours. The rink fee for this remains £3.50. This allows those who wish to avoid the busy session 'change over' periods to do so. This option will continue throughout this winter season and will then be reviewed.

2021 Open Weekend



Thank you very much to everyone who volunteered at our 2021 Open Weekend. We had over 30 volunteers welcoming 129 visitors to the Club over the 2 days.

The feedback from our visitors was amazing; everyone had a great time and were especially complimentary of the warm welcome given to them by our volunteers.

As a result of all the hard work both before and during the event we had 16 visitors who became fellow members over the weekend, another 34 who have already signed up for our free taster sessions and another 39 who have asked that we follow up to arrange!

Of course staging such an event takes a lot of time, hard work and dedication... from designing and printing advertising, posting flyers through letter boxes, launching facebook ads, putting up posters, putting up bunting, meeting and greeting in the car park, showing people around the club-house, and ... hours and hours in the bowling hall ... but all completely worth it!

An amazing weekend and we can all now look forward to meeting and bowling with all our new members.

Thanks again to everyone who made the weekend such a great success.

And many thanks also to all those fellow members who have volunteered to run or help with the many ongoing taster and new bowler roll-up sessions that will now be running. If any more members would like to volunteer to help run these please message the club in the normal way or pass your name on to our Club Stewards. We could do with additional help both evenings and day-time and it's a great way to get to know our new members and help them to make the most of our great club.