



CLUB UPDATE

An Update to members from your Board

New Member Activity

We are delighted to have welcomed 7 new members since we re-opened and to have re-started our taster sessions. Paul Gent is also planning a social media campaign to invite members of the local community to come and have a look around the club. If you feel you could help with this please let Paul know (or leave your name behind the bar).

Your Restaurant

Your restaurant is up and running, offering a standard menu plus daily specials. You do not have to pre-book, but if you wish to you can do so by phoning the club.

Winter 19/20 Comps

Gary McIlravey has kindly volunteered to re-start these, liaising with Tom and Heather. If you are still in any of the competitions Gary will be in touch with further information.

Club Opening Times

The Club's revised opening hours are; Tuesdays, Wednesdays (from 16 Sept) and Thursdays 9am to 10.30pm, Saturdays 9am to 5.30pm and Sundays 9am to 3pm. We will look to further extend our opening times as soon as member activity levels warrant it.

Extended Opening!

We are delighted that club utilisation is already such that we feel it viable to extend our opening hours. As a result the club will now be open additionally on Wednesdays (from 16 Sept). See left for up to date opening times.

There is already lots going on in the club. We currently have our 'interim' pairs and triples leagues drawing to a close (thanks to Gary McIlravey and Paul Gent for organising these), and new internal leagues will be starting up very soon. Do keep an eye out on the club website and noticeboards for further information on these and other activities being planned.

We also have various 'turn up and play' sessions underway (thanks also to Jim Hawkes and Brian Simpson for arranging these). If you fancy joining in with these just turn up and you will be organised into a team on the day.

Covid Guidance

Following further guidance from the Government and the EIBA, and based on our own experience gained over recent weeks, we are making various updates to our Covid Guidance. The changes are summarised below and detailed on the Covid Member Guidance page of our website.

Face Coverings

Latest government guidance is for face coverings to be worn within indoor sports facilities. **It will thus be a requirement to wear face coverings when entering the club from Tuesday Sept 8th. They can then be removed whilst playing or whilst seated using the bar / restaurant.**

Vending Machine

The drinks vending machine is back in operation, albeit with a slightly reduced selection for a short period.

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to form a rota to Hoover the bowling hall carpet on a weekly basis. It only takes 30 minutes or so and the more volunteers we get the more we can spread the load. If you can help please email angeloffice@angelibc.co.uk

Flood Risk

The Club has recently received a grant from Sport England to fund work on the car park drains and non-return valves. This work will be arranged to take place in the next weeks.

Further spending on flood-proofing the bowling hall itself will wait on news of the successful renewal of our lease. The lease is up for renewal in October 2021 and we continue to actively chase engagement from T&M.

Sad Farewell

Your Board have been made aware of the following members who have sadly passed away since our closure in March. We send our heartfelt love and support to all their Families and Friends. It may well be there are others who have sadly passed away that we are not aware of. Rest assured the sentiment remains the same.

Colin Huntley
Di Rozier
Tom Buss
Ron Bonnett
Graham Langley
Jo Deakin
Brian Partridge
George Holt
John Wilkin
Doug Adams
Mike Gibson

Lockers

Whilst everyone is asked not to use their lockers if at all possible, our lockers are now back in use for those who need to use them (eg for members who struggle to carry their woods in and out each time they play or those who walk to the club).

If you do need to use your locker and your locker is in the bowling hall please avoid touching neighbouring lockers and please be extra careful to maintain social distancing. Lockers in the changing rooms will be accessible on a 'one in - one out' basis.

Please see the updated [Member Guidance](#) for more detail.

Short session roll ups

If you would like a short session on your own when the bowling hall is quiet you can now buy 2* £1.50 bowling vouchers at the bar. Just hand one voucher in each time you bowl for 1 and half hours or less. Bookings can only be made on the day.

Bowling News

No Kent League matches are expected to be played this season. A number of clubs around the county are considering the practicality of playing 'slimmed-down' inter-club friendly matches instead, and there will be more news on this from your Bowling Committee in due course.

In the meantime, the EIBA have set dates for both the start of all 2020/21 National Competitions (start mid October) and the finishing of last years competitions (1st to 18th November). See [here](#) for further detail. We wish all Angel members well in both.

Bowling over the next 12 months or so is clearly going to be a somewhat 'different to usual' experience. And there will be real challenges ahead for some of our fellow indoor clubs (a small number of clubs have sadly already had to close permanently). In the meantime, it is hoped that the various changes made to your club over recent months will ensure we are in a good position to weather the ongoing impact covid may have on us, and that we can all continue to enjoy our bowls in a safe and friendly environment.

Regards

Bernard, Matthew, Neil and Paul

