

From the Board.

Renewals

Membership renewals are due in this month. Please note that if you pay by bank transfer you must put your membership number and surname as the reference so that your payment can be credited to the right person. Where applicable, your invoice will include a new £5 annual locker rental.

Membership fees remain unchanged for another year, but rink fees will increase by 5% so that we can keep abreast of increases in our running costs. Rink fees will be for 2.5 hours only, or 1 hour booked on the day.

Note the only exception would be during the winter season which, to accommodate ladies' Kent league on a Wednesday that needs to run from 14:00 until 17:30; the rinks both before and after these times will be for 2 hour slots only, as shown on the Bowlr diary and charged as such.

First Aid Box



The first aid box has always lived on the green steward's desk but often gets lost behind other items and not quickly obvious if needed urgently.

Keith has now, kindly, placed it on a hook just below the defibrillator to make it easily accessible.

The accident book is inside the box.

I have attached a Security tag to it. If the tag is removed it will give a visual indication that the 1st Aid Box has been used. If removed please do not replace the tag but inform the Bar staff or Bob Bowlby of what contents have been used.

Car Park

We would respectfully remind members to please observe the speed limit in the carpark and also the one way system. Recently there have been two 'near misses' reported to us which give cause for concern. Please let's ensure that we have no accidents. We should also remind you that parking is only when you are in the club building.

Keep the date

Club AGM Friday November 28th

Reminders about our new carpet day

Bowling Shoes

To all members, the new carpet is being fitted during the week commencing September 14th. This is the club's biggest asset, costing around £47K, without a carpet the club wouldn't exist, therefore, a good maintenance programme is needed. You may be aware that we have a 10 strong carpet cleaning team whose work is essential for the life of the carpet. To ensure that we get the best and longest life from this investment we will be enforcing the EIBA (England Indoor Bowls Association) rules on bowls shoes. The rules are:

- The soles and the heels part of the shoe which come into contact with the carpet are completely smooth.

Only proprietary brands will be allowed as High Street brands such as Paver, Sketchers and others are not bowls shoes.

Bowls shoes can only be worn inside the club and must not be worn outdoors.

Please do not be offended if you are asked by a club member to show the soles of your shoes. If deemed unacceptable you will be asked to remove them or leave the green. We need to ensure that we all take the best care of the carpet so that it lasts as for long as possible. With care this carpet should comfortably last until the end of our lease in 2037.

Sunday September 14th

The bowls hall will be closed from lunchtime until September 21st while the new carpet is laid. The club building itself, bar and restaurant will be open during the week, normal opening. Why not pop in for a drink and watch the progress of the new carpet being laid?

Who will be first?

Would you like to be the first person to bowl on our newly fitted carpet at 11am on Sunday September 21st? If yes, then buy a raffle ticket (or as many as you like to increase your chances of winning) for £1 each from the bar. Dales, who are providing the carpet, are gifting a set of new bowls to the winner. That has to be worth a £1 ticket.

Also, why not sign up to play on the new carpet on September 21st. Payment (£2 per player) required on signing up and registering for the timeslot of your choice. 11.30, 12.30 or 1.30pm.

Note: Previously purchased tickets for those who cannot make this new date, please get your refund from the bar staff.

Saturday September 20th

10am – 3pm Bowls shop open

11.30. The lucky winner will be picked in the bar area in readiness for the following day, so join us to see if you have won. Raffle will be drawn by President Gwen.

Sunday September 21st

10am – 3pm Bowls shop open

11am. Welcome from Chairman of the board, Bernard Buss after which the bowls hall will be formally opened by President Gwen and the raffle winner will deliver the first wood.

11.30am. The first of three sessions of RINKS of 60 mins each, at 11:30am, 12:30 & 1:30pm

Eight players per rink. Smart casual wear (no jeans) or bowls kit plus bowling shoes. Rink time sheets held at the bar (when you can't remember what time you booked).

12.30 – 2pm BBQ lunch. Please sign up in the club as spaces are limited.

SPECIAL OFFER
10% DISCOUNT ON SHOES FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER
AIBC MEMBERS ONLY



Bowling News

Etiquette request for the month: Be a well behaved & respectful supporter

When sitting in the bowling hall to watch and support bowlers, please be aware that singles matches that do not require a marker, do not need advice or comments from observers. Your support of our bowlers is appreciated but comments and advice are not acceptable behaviour and is disrespectful and disruptive to the bowlers. This is also not good sportsmanship and is contrary to The Laws of the Sport. When in the bowling hall to observe/support bowlers, your silent presence is appreciated.

Summer Competitions finals weekend

The summer competitions finals are almost complete, with just one or two more semi-finals to be played. Some familiar faces will be involved in the finals, as well as one or two new faces. This is how the finals weekend will take place.

Saturday 10am, 13th September, Men's Singles and Ladies Singles.

Saturday 2.00 pm 13th September Handicap Singles and Triples.

Sunday 10.00 am 14th September Mixed Pairs and Pairs.

To see who has made what final, please refer to the competitions board in the bowls club

All are welcome to attend and watch some great bowls matches being played.

September Triples

September Summer Triples competition: runs from 7:30 pm Monday through to Thursday evening, on 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th. September. We already have 8 teams confirmed. However, there is still room for 2 more teams to enter, and to add an extra day to the competition. If you would like to enter a team, please let me know. You will need 4 players in your team maximum and to select three players each game to play over the course of the week's competition. There will be prizes available to win and some fun along the way. It will also be a real test for every bowler as we should all be playing the first competition on our new bowling carpet. Bring on the excuses of a poorly delivered bowl. Please feel free to come and speak to me if you have any questions to ask about any of the competitions taking place.

Winter Competitions now open

The Winter Competitions 2025/26 forms are now available on the competitions board, along with envelopes for use. The last date for entry is Thursday, 25th September 2025.

Luke Cheetham, Competitions Secretary

National Results

Congratulations to Mark Barnett and John Kerr for getting to the Area Final of the Open Pairs in their first attempt. In the final they were beaten 21-19 by Jack King and Jamie Ereira (2 county players)

In the National Singles David Young won his Area Final against Ian Honnor 21-7, but lost in the Inter Area Final 21-17 against Martin Heitzman (GB and England International)

In the Triples Darren Mortemore, Paul Gent and David Young won the area final against White Oak 18-5, and in the Inter Area Final they beat Adur 15-11 and have now qualified for the National Finals in Melton Mowbray.

Their quarter final match is against Hornsea of the weekend of September 19th-21st.

David Young

Member Representatives on Bowls Committee. If you did not attend the Bowls Club AGM in April you will probably be unaware that Russell Hooper and Paul Gent were elected as your

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Member Representatives on the Bowls Committee. If any member has anything they wish to discuss or would like to bring forward to the Bowls Committee meetings, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will raise as appropriate. Paul Gent

Winter Leagues

All the winter leagues sign-up sheets are now up on the notice board. There's a variety of pairs, Aussie pairs, triples and 2-wood triples and all different times of day and evening. There's also a brand new pairs ladder. And for anyone that isn't able to commit to a league but would still like the occasional game, there's a sign-up sheet for "pool players". We'll be looking to start the leagues in early-mid October, so the sign-up sheets will be coming down in mid-September.
Matt Sellen.

Kent League

The fixtures for both the men's and women's forthcoming Kent Leagues have now been finalised and will be displayed on the notice board.

Meet our Sponsors

Focus Investment Planning is an Independent Financial Adviser firm based in Copthorne, Sussex, currently celebrating its 20th anniversary. We have a team of experienced consultants giving advice throughout the Home Counties and have partnerships with dozens of bowls clubs across the Southeast, meaning we are highly experienced in the financial issues that affect bowlers at retirement and beyond. Many of Angel's members have longstanding relationships with Focus which continue to this day.

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Social Angels

Hello, your Social Angels are back and what an exciting mix of delights we have planned for you.

First of all though, you have the comedy night to tickle your taste buds. A tried and tested company who always offer a brilliant night of entertainment. Thursday 18th September, no bowling due to the new carpet being laid so what else have you got to do? Tickets are limited so book today.

With regards to the rest of the year, we have some new acts mixed with our tried and tested. Hopefully something to entice you to come along and join us.

We will also be running the Bowl25athon from noon Friday 24th October to noon Saturday 25th October.

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Everyone was so amazing last year at supporting the event that we're looking forward to another 24 hours of amazing fundraising and fun. We have set ourselves a big target to beat from last year but we can do it. Our chance to give back. Details to follow. Looking forward to entertaining you all over again, your support is amazing.

Jude Knowles
Social Angels Chair



Save the Date



Once again, this year we will be holding our MacMillan coffee morning on Friday September 19th raising funds for a very worthy charity. Coffee, cakes, raffle and a bring & buy sale. Please bring good quality items for the bring and buy stall. Homemade cakes are very welcome, but please send with a note of the ingredients for that those with allergies and/or dietary intolerances can be made aware. Thank you. Chris Parker

From the editor.

The following was so nice to receive after last month's publication. You know who you are, thank you, it restored my faith.
"Thank you for the newsletter and what a great job it is as I greatly enjoy seeing it and reading about members although I don't know many as I last played in 2010 so many have died or moved away.
Keep going as you are doing a great job,

Deadline for next edition is strictly 5pm on September 27th.

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In June, Bowls England and the English Indoor Bowling Association (EIBA) were pleased to announce they have been granted funding from Sport England to explore the potential of amalgamating as one organisation. Sport England's investment will enable dedicated project management resources and expertise to be allocated to this venture, as well as legal support to help create a new governance structure and corporation. We have now engaged the support of specialist consultants, Campbell Tickell.

Bowls England and EIBA believe that merging will help unlock our potential, increasing our capability to grow participation and tackle inequalities in sport. It would provide one voice for flat green bowls, an improved and streamlined experience for existing bowlers, a more straightforward and effective service for clubs, and consistency on policies and compliance matters. Furthermore, we would be able to release efficiency savings by avoiding duplication, which can be reinvested back into our sport.

As part of understanding the views of the bowls community, Bowls England and EIBA will be conducting a research programme including surveys and consultation sessions, starting with County Associations at the Aviva National Bowls Finals. This engagement and feedback will shape the development of a final proposal for a new National Governing Body.

To check the pulse of the bowls community on this journey, we would be grateful if those interested would complete a short survey, as well as passing onto club members, friends and family. This is the first stage of the consultation.

COMPLETE SURVEY

https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/BOWLS25/?dm_i=7FNK,ABK6,2XMELJ,1BVR7,1

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