

## Membership Renewals

You will recently have received a request for your 2022 renewals. This includes a modest increase in renewal fees, for the reasons set out in the recently circulated Board Report.

The renewal process is quite labour intensive for the Club as we are very careful to ensure that your payments are properly logged and matched to your records, and we still need to physically post out several renewals.

It is, nevertheless resourced solely by fellow member volunteers and our Club Stewards.

It will make life considerably easier for these folks if you could return your form as soon as possible. Please don't let it get to the point where a fellow member volunteer or Club Steward must spend their valuable time chasing you for your renewal!

**Please remember to check your spam folder if your expected email reminder hasn't arrived and add our email address to your contacts list so it will be safe from being spammed next year.**

If you do receive a postal reminder but have access to email please let the Club know so that we can email you in future. This saves the Club considerable time and money.

As per last year, to streamline the process and avoid unnecessary costs, there will be no confirmation of payment, car park stickers, membership cards or club handbooks issued. These have all become unnecessary costs given our new systems.

## Before the Lights Go Out

The equipment is ordered, the electrician is booked and member volunteers have stepped forward to help. The lighting in the bowling hall is finally being replaced!

We thank in advance all members who have volunteered to help with this work. And especially to Keith who has organised everything.

To enable the necessary works to be completed, the bowling hall will be closed from Monday August 22nd, likely through to Friday August 26th.

The restaurant and bar will remain open during the daytime as usual that week, but will be closed in the evenings. So, why not come down during the day, enjoy your bar and restaurant for lunch and provide your fellow member volunteers with some encouragement!

**To mark the occasion your Social Committee is putting on a special 'before the lights go out' Quiz starting at 8pm on Friday August 19th - see poster on your website and in your Club for more detail.**

**Sam and Carl will also be serving food from 5.30pm to 7.30pm that evening. Why not come down for a meal ... and then enjoy the quiz?**

## Club 2022 Open Weekend

As per the recent Board Report, increasing our membership is key to the club being able to continue in its current form. And the main driver of increasing our membership year to year has to date been our Open Weekends. We are thus hoping that this year's Open Weekend, taking place on Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th September, will be another success.

Your organising committee is busy getting everything prepared. They will, however, need your help...

- **Distributing Leaflets to Friends & Neighbours**

There is a supply of promotional leaflets in the Club. Please take a supply and leaflet your friends, workplaces and neighbouring roads. Lots of people who attend the weekend say they do so as a result of receiving a leaflet through their door.

If we can all leaflet just a few roads around where we each live, we will make a huge impact. (There will be a 'master list' of local roads at the bar to avoid double leafleting).

- **Introduce a new member to the Club and have a few drinks on us!**

As a thank-you, all fellow members introducing a new member to the Club between now and 31st October will be entitled to £25 in bar vouchers.

So why not encourage some friends, neighbours or family to come down, enjoy the Open Weekend ... and if they go on to join you can toast them in for free!

- **Help over the Weekend**

Lyn London and Paul are co-ordinating the signing up of all of our volunteers for the Weekend.

Based on previous years' experience, we need at least 20 members on hand to help at the busiest times. If you feel you would be able to help over the Weekend in any way please give your name in over the bar or speak with Lyn directly.

- **Social Media**

A good number of people attending our Open Weekend also do so as a result of seeing our Facebook ads and posts. These will start going out shortly.

If you are a Facebook user please do actively pick up and share onwards these Open Weekend related ads and posts as they come out... a great way to help promote your club from the comfort of your arm chair!

- **Promotional Events**

We will also be distributing promotional leaflets to the local community ...

- o On Sunday 4th September at the town's infamous Dragon Boat Race event.
- o On Sunday 11th September at the neighbouring Farmers Market.

If you are available to don your Club Shirt and distribute leaflets at either of these local events please give your name in over the bar or watch out for the volunteer sign-up sheets that will go up on the Noticeboard before the event.

## Fantastic-Fives

Congratulations to the Alligators and Anacondas who have made it through to the Regional Finals. Unfortunately they now need to play each other in the first knock-out round. But it does mean that we will have at least one team in the National Quarter Finals!

Commiserations to the Aztecs who failed to reach the Regional Finals this year.

## Summer Competitions

Thanks to everyone who entered this year's summer competitions and made such an effort to get their games played by the required date. Congratulations to all those progressing to the final rounds.

We are still on course for all finals to be played during the week beginning Monday September 19th. Dates for each game will be agreed with the finalists as soon as we know who is in each final (in case the same bowler makes it through to multiple finals).

## Summer Singles Leagues

We have another 40 participants joining in with the second round of our 2022 Summer Singles League. Including a number of members joining in for the first time.

Congratulations to Kent County Singles Champion Paul Gent, who won the first round First Division.

Also to Rhys Briley (first round First Division Runner-Up), to Richard Wood and Mick Bates (newly promoted to the First Division), to David Young, Jess Young and Darren Mortemore (newly promoted to the Second Division), to Craig Knowles, Ivan Edmeads and Les Herbert (newly promoted to the Third Division), and to Lisa Huggett and Simon Huggett (newly promoted to the Fourth Division).

Just a reminder that all second round games are to be played by Sunday September 11th.

These Singles Leagues have, to date, only been held during the summer seasons. This is due to many members' commitments to County and National Competitions during the winter. However, if any members would like to play in some form of Singles League through the Winter please make that known to your Bowling Committee (especially if you feel able to organise it!).

## The Winter Season Approaches.



The last summer leagues games are scheduled to be played in the week beginning Monday Sept 12th. All the Summer Competition Finals and any last-minute rescheduled summer league games will then be played in the week beginning Monday September 19th. Bowlers with 'summer only' membership will be able to bowl up until Sunday September 25th.

The Club's winter season will then start on Monday September 26th (Club then fully open on Sundays and Mondays) and your winter rink diary will be open for booking from early September.

The winter leagues generally start in the second week of October. Information on what leagues may be running is now up on your Club Noticeboard (and on your website). Leagues will only run if there is a volunteer Steward.

If you would like to organise an additional league please let the Bowling Committee know.

How to sign up to play in any particular league will be provided by the volunteer League Stewards shortly. Watch out on your Club Noticeboard and website.

It is also hoped that the usual short Open Triples Competition will run in the weeks between the summer leagues ending and the winter leagues beginning. All members are invited to join in with this historic competition. More information on this will be provided on Club Noticeboard and website nearer the time.

## Mote Park "8-Club" Trophy Win

Congratulations to the Angels team of (see photo, left to right David, Jo, Tony, Barry (Captain), Trevor, Gwen, Babs, Lyn and Jess) who recently won the "8 Club" Trophy at Mote Park!

It's an all-day competition with 3 triples from each Club. The Angels squad came through a tight group stage to ultimately triumph in the final.

Hopefully this competition will become a great additional annual fixture to our summer bowling calendar.



## Etiquette Reminder - mobile phones

Just a reminder that mobile phones are to be switched off or onto silent when in the bowling hall. If you need to make, or take, an urgent call during a session you must leave the bowling hall.

## From Your Social Committee

The social committee are currently focused on the “40 years +1” celebrations. But also have lots of fresh ideas around more non-bowling activities that members might be interested in, including ...

- If there is sufficient interest, they would like to start a darts night, maybe on Mondays.
- A chess club
- Maybe trips to the Oast theatre

They are also looking at some fun bowling events ... cricket anyone?

If you might be interested in these, or have any other ideas, please speak with anyone from your Social Committee (Les Herbert, Lyn London, Dave Fenner, Jim Hawkes, Sue Miles, ably assisted by Steph and Mike). It's your Club - do make the most of it.

## Golden Oldies Film Afternoons

Starting on Tuesday September 6th, your Social Club will be hosting “Golden Oldies Film Afternoons” within the Club.

The films will be shown on the first Tuesday of every month, starting at 2.30pm (giving you the chance to enjoy a pre-film lunch in the Club's restaurant before-hand should you wish!).

The Afternoons are kicking off on September 6th with the classic comedy “Carry on Sergeant”.

## SAVE THE DATE 40 + 1 Years of Bowling at the Angel

This momentous celebration will take place on October 21st.

The Committee is promising entertainment on the night and is looking for all your old photos, scorecards, memories and memorabilia ... to help paint the picture as to how the club has evolved over the years into the club it is today ... and to evoke all those old memories ...

### From the Knit and Natter Group

The group, who meets at the club on Wednesday mornings, are currently knitting children's hats and gloves which will be distributed via the food banks this winter. If you have any spare wool lying about at home (that jumper you were going to knit but never started....) please give it to the bar staff who will pass it on.

### From The Cribbage Group

Totals for the Cribbage League collections donated to Hospice in the Weald.

Leigh RBL 'A'	£117.54
Leigh RBL 'B'	£ 89
Poult Wood 'A'	£ 84.05
Poult Wood 'B'	£ 87.96
King William	£ 84
High Brooms Cross Keys	£ 82.10
Tonbridge Bowls Club	£107.90
<b>Totalling:</b>	<b>£652.55</b>

What a wonderful total!! Well done for supporting such a great cause. 😊.

### New Sponsorship Opportunities

We are excited to announce our partnership with SNAP Sponsorship. SNAP is a website that helps grassroots sports clubs in the UK get sponsorship. This partnership means we can design sponsorship packages that provide real value for our members. Companies can now sponsor matches or leagues, or even, become a corporate sponsor. If you have your own company, or know someone who does, or if your place of work would like to support their local community club, then you can help by spreading the word. If you are interested in getting involved and benefiting from this amazing opportunity, please get in touch with Paul Gent or let the Club Stewards know and Paul will get in touch.

You can see our profile here - <https://www.snapsponsorship.com/rights-owners/bowls/angel-indoor-bowls-club>

#### Sponsors

I'm also pleased to share that the following corporate sponsors have agreed to renew their support for another 12 months:

Abbey Funeral Services. Easyfit Hearing Aids

The Ananda Clinic. Wood and Pilcher Welham Jones

We are in the process of contacting all our other sponsors, so hope to bring you more good news soon.

## Volunteer Opportunities

We are also looking for people to help with various tasks, so if you have any particular skills that you would be happy to use for the benefit of your club, then please don't be shy. It may be that you don't want to be on a committee or organise events, but you are happy to help out in the background, even on an ad hoc basis. Please let any Director or Club Steward know, as many hands make light work.

Do you have any design skills and can use Canva or any similar program, or would you be willing to learn how to use Canva? If so, please let Paul Gent know.

## Club Facilities Hiring

We lost a few of our facilities hirers during the pandemic. So, to increase the profile of the Club, boost bar usage and potentially generate more hirers in the future, we are offering our facilities to members of the local Tonbridge Community Forum free of charge for the first 12 months. This will hopefully allow more of the local community organisers to experience the great facilities we offer, and to spread the word around the local community about our Club.

Our local dementia group and the Tonbridge Lions (both members of this Forum) have already taken advantage of this offer.

Our charges are unchanged for other Hirers.

If you know of any local groups looking for somewhere to meet, you can access our standard charges on the website and please refer to our Club Stewards for further information.

## Dementia Friendly Organisation

The Club continues to be a proud part of the local Dementia Friendly community.

As well as ensuring our premises and staff are as supportive as they can be to this hidden disability, we also directly support the Tonbridge & Malling DFC by providing the use of our premises for their bi-monthly dementia cafés, a monthly carers group and a biennial virtual dementia tour bus.

If anyone would like more information about these local organisations please speak with a Club Steward.

