

ANGEL IBC NEWSLETTER

YOUR CLUB, YOUR NEWS, YOUR NEWSLETTER

Thank You to our amazing volunteers, the club wouldn't work without you.

COVID RISKS: Having recently received advice from the EIBA we are now able to update our Covid-19 safety guidance. It can be found on the website under news/updates from your board, or by following this link.

https://www.angelibc.co.uk/public/files/Board-Directors/Board_Update_July_19th.pdf

THANK YOU

To everyone who has donated woods. Your generosity means that new players are able to join a roll up and have the opportunity to discover which ones suit them best before buying their own.

Volunteers urgently needed.

Bowling Committee

Being a members' Club (run by members for members), our Club only works thanks to the input and dedication of those members who take on volunteering roles.

An amazing number of our members already do something, however small, to keep our Club running. To help spread the 'volunteering load' we ask every member to consider volunteering to help out with one of the below roles. Often it only needs an hour or so a week of your time.

If you haven't volunteered before, why not start now? You don't need any prior knowledge to volunteer. We will give you all the training and support you need.

POSITIONS FOR THE BOWLING COMMITTEE

As the club now moves forward towards some sort of normality, we need to make preparations for the upcoming winter bowls programme. With this in mind, and as we were not able to complete this business at the end of last season, we are asking members to come forward and take on positions to help run the winter programme. We cannot run this without you!

PLEASE CONSIDER TAKING ON A POSITION AND/ OR NOMINATING SOMEONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO DO SO.

A list will be up in the club for members to sign up to. Alternatively, you can email your submission to the Angel Office

POSITION	NAME	PROPOSED BY	SECONDED BY
Chair			
Secretary			
Treasurer			
Men's Captain			
Ladies Captain			
Men's Vice Captain			
Ladies Vice Captain			
Competitions Secretary			
Fixtures Secretary			
League Coordinator			

Winter Leagues



In order to share the workload of the former position of League Secretary we would like to suggest that this position is replaced by each individual league having its own **League Steward**. Overseen by a **League Co-Ordinator**.

League Steward

Each league would have its own **League Steward** (someone who plays in that league)

Role

- To decide on the format of that league (Rinks, triples, pairs, Aussie pairs etc.)
- To help with the selection of teams
- To identify captains for each team
- To be responsible for the day to day running of just that one league
- To check scores have been put into BowlR after each weeks matches

-To work with the league coordinator to deal with any problems that might arise.

BowlR will produce all the team sheets and programme of fixtures. This information will be entered into BowlR for you and will NOT be the responsibility of the League Steward

League Co-Ordinator

Role

- To oversee the smooth running of all leagues
- To work with the league stewards to ensure that all leagues are up and running by the beginning of October.
- To help ensure there are a variety of leagues for members to participate in.

League Stewards Sign Up

We are looking for volunteers to run a league in each of the following sessions. If you would be willing to run a league, please sign up below, indicating the type of league you would prefer this to be (men's, ladies, open, triples, rinks, pairs, Aussie pairs etc). We would be aiming to have a variety of leagues for members to take part in.

DAY	TIME	PREFERRED TYPE OF LEAGUE	NAME OF VOLUNTEER
Mon	12.00		
Mon	7.30		
Tues	9.30		
Tues	12.00		
Tues	7.30		
Wed	8.00		
Thurs	9.30		
Thurs	2.30		
Thurs	7.30		

Sunday August 8th Farmers Market.

On Sunday August 8th the Club will have a presence at the Tonbridge Farmers Market (in the car park across the road from the Club). This is to kick off our advertising of our forthcoming Open Days (see more on these below).

The Club will have a 'stall' for people to visit, as well as members wandering through the market handing out Open Day flyers. It's a great opportunity to increase the profile of our Club amongst the local community.

Could you spare an hour on the morning of Sunday August 8th to support your Club?

We need volunteers to both host the stall and to wander through the market handing out leaflets. If you are willing to help, *please sign up on the Noticeboard in the Club* now.

If you would like more information please speak with a Club Steward, Neil Ramage or Paul Gent.

Sunday 12th September Castle Fair Sunday

Volunteers needed to man our stand at this event.

Sunday September 18th & 19th Open Days

Many thanks to all those who have already signed up to help on the day.

We do need still more volunteers though. We need people to meet and greet, to show visitors around the Club, to help in the actual bowling hall and, if they are interested, to chat through potentially joining the club and to organise follow up Taster Sessions.

Sign Up sheets are on the Club Noticeboard.

Open Day Flyers

We will also be looking to members to help distribute flyers advertising our Open Days. If every member can distribute just 20 flyers to neighbouring houses we could distribute 5,000 flyers. For free!

The flyers are printed and ready to go. So, look out for the sign-up sheet which will be put out mid-August. You will be able to sign up just for your road.

Ps If you know of any family, friends or neighbours who may like to come and have a go on the Open Day feel free to take flyers to distribute at any time. You can also point them to the dedicated Open Day information page on our website. And if they can't wait until the Open Day we are doing Taster Sessions all the time ...just contact a Coach and we will arrange! event to either run or assist post open day taster sessions for potential new members.

Could you help with post Open Day Taster Sessions?

Following our previous Open Day in 2019 we had over 70 people wanting follow-on Taster Sessions, resulting in over 50 new members! A massive boost to the Club.

Whilst very welcome, this large number of Open Day attendees wanting Taster Sessions did take us a bit by surprise and somewhat overwhelmed the limited number of qualified coaches in the Club.

This year we are thus asking for volunteers to assist, not only on the day, but also with any Taster Sessions coming out of the Open Day.

We are looking for volunteers of all ages to either lead, or to assist, with the Taster Sessions. Our qualified coaches will provide you with all the training you need. Just a couple of hours a week from mid September onwards (depending on numbers) would be extremely helpful.

This is a great way to meet potential new members and to enable other people to enjoy both our Club and our great sport. A very rewarding volunteering opportunity.

You can Sign Up on the Club Noticeboard now.

Don't forget. This year, 2021 is the **Club's 40th Anniversary**. We still need volunteers to organise an appropriate celebration later this year. Are you able to help?

The Bell is back!



The session bell will now ring 2 hours after session start time. This is to signal that the session is coming to a close and no new ends are to be started. You may, of course, complete any ends already underway. Please then leave the bowling hall promptly so that people can enter safely for the next session.

Summer leagues news – Join in from August 1st

The currently running Singles League finishes at the end of July.

We have three divisions running. Congratulations to all those who make promotion to a higher division!

The League will start again on August 1st and run until the end of September. Why not join in?

Each game is arranged directly by the players involved at a mutually convenient date and time. No markers are needed.

Thank you to Tony Morez for volunteering to maintain this League for fellow members, despite injury

This is a great way to improve your game and challenge yourself.

If you would be interested in joining the League please sign up in the Club, message your Club or pass your name into a Club Steward (Paul, Ed or Laura).

Club competitions news

Summer competition games are now ready to be booked through bowlR. Please, ensure that scorecards are correctly headed with the league / comp etc for steward's entry. Thanks to Roger Hood for organising the competitions.

Finals day Saturday 11th September

Winter 19 / 20 Unfinished Comps

These will be completed in 2021. If you have a game to play against fellow summer indoor bowlers feel free to arrange the game whenever you wish. If your game involves an outdoor bowler, it will be played in October.

Scorecards

The Club Stewards are updating our Leagues and Competitions within Bowlr from the Scorecards placed in the 'pot'. To avoid confusion, please do not put Scorecards other than for Leagues or Club Competitions games within the tub.

Please also be sure to label your league / competition scorecard with date, session time and whether your game is a league or competition. If your league game is rearranged from another date, you must note the date of the original tie. Without this information the Stewards may be unable to locate your game and the score will then go unrecorded.

You can see all the competition trees as they currently stand in the Members area of your Bowlr account, or follow the link below (copy and paste into your browser if doesn't click)

<https://www.angelibc.co.uk/competitions/seasons/5/tournament>

Bowls Café – A social café style monthly meeting for those who are living with dementia and their carers. If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining us, or for further information, please email bowlscafe21@gmail.com or text/ leave a message for Chris Thorogood on 07786875228

Social Media

Social media is a great way to spread the word about our great facilities and to reach potential new members. If you are a Facebook user please visit our Club pages and post something. This will help share our Pages with your circle of friends.



<https://www.facebook.com/Angel-Indoor-Bowls-Centre-Tonbridge-1213591888802221>



@angelibc

We have already attracted a number of new members via our social media pages but there is, for sure, potential to make it an even more effective recruitment tool. Just by visiting our Club pages and posting something you can help with our recruitment drive.

Thank you to Paul Gent for maintaining our Social Media Accounts.

2021 Renewals

2021 Membership Renewals are due as normal this September.

The Directors have decided to hold the level of subscriptions at the current level for a further year. Thus, full membership will cost £90 for the year. Holding subscriptions at the 2019 level is felt appropriate given the continued disruption to 'normal service', as well the potential for further disruption in the year ahead. It is also made possible thanks to the generosity of the member donations made in lieu of the 2020 renewals and the decision to suspend the role of Green Stewards (see below).

To minimise member costs the Renewals will be completed by volunteers with as little stationery and postage costs as possible. Further information on the arrangements will follow in the August Club Newsletter.

Green Stewards

The Club has now operated without Green Stewards for 18 months.

When we relied on paper diaries this role was critical to maintaining some level of order in the bowling hall. But in view of the ongoing situation and the changed nature of the rink booking process (onto Bowlr) it has been decided to suspend the role of Green Stewards in the Club indefinitely.

We thank each and every member who has acted as a Green Steward for the Club over the years. Also thanks to Jim Hawkes who organised the Green Stewards for us all.

One consequence of suspending this role is a cost saving to the Club (since our Green Stewards traditionally enjoyed a discount to their annual Renewal Fees). This cost saving has been passed onto all members via our decision to hold 2021 Renewals at the 2019 level.



EUROS 2021

Around 20, socially distanced members met at the club to watch the Euro 2021 cup final. It all started so well, didn't it? We have to be proud of our national team who played well, but it just wasn't their night. Nevertheless, we all had an enjoyable evening.

Club Cribbage League

Paul Buss is looking to get the ever popular Club Crib League up and running again. Further information can be found in the Club. If you are a crib player and would like to join this friendly evening league please speak with Paul.



PRESIDENT JIM'S CHARITY FUN DAY

Sponsored by Abbey Funeral Services Ltd, as part of the company's community engagement, 24 bowlers took part in a fun filled afternoon, when instead of their usual bowls kit, the players came in colourful outfits. The theme this year was 'holidays', and Club President and Director of Abbey Funerals, Jim Parker did not disappoint. The best outfit went to Sue Miles who won a bottle of Prosecco.



The pairs competition, saw a high level of skill and enjoyment. Thanks go to the Club management team for use of the club for this event which members always look forward to.

The winning pair was Trevor London and Ray Ecclestone, runners up, Babs Tester and Karen Ottaway. Proud winners of the wooden spoon award were Ann Wild and Christine Elliment and a special 'Wrong Bias award went to Dave Fenner.

Donations and the raffle raised £293.85 for the Tonbridge Cottage Hospital's dementia services.



News items for our newsletter, which will be published at the end of each month, should be emailed to the editor angelenews338@gmail.com by 15th of the month at the latest. You can also leave news items with the bar staff, in an envelope clearly marked Newsletter editor and include your name and a telephone number. Anything received after the 15th will be published the following month.

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