

## General Club News

### Board Appointment

The board are pleased to announce the appointment of Scott Harris to the board. His duties will include the overall responsibility for the clubs I T including Bowlr.

### 2024 - 25 Subscriptions Fees

Dear members please see below the new membership rates as of 1st September. This is a 5% increase in line with our 5-year plan. Please note that rink fees are not increasing.

The recording of membership and payment is carried out by volunteers, so prompt payment would be appreciated to make their task easier.

We thank you for your past support and look forward to your renewal to the best bowls club in Kent!

Kind regards. Bernard

### Membership Fees

Full Bowling Membership	£100
Assisted Bowlers (incl social)	£ 36
Social Membership	£ 36
Social + Summer Bowling	£ 40
Junior Membership	£ 21
Family - Session only bowling *	£ 53
Family - Session only bowling + social *	£ 71
Full Family Membership **	£210

\* All Family Membership Fees are per family. A family includes 2 adults plus their juniors.

\*\* Full family membership grants Full Membership to 2 adults plus junior membership to their juniors.

## Bowling News

### Summer Knockout update

All competitions are running well

Please remember to put your match correctly in the diary, any matches you are still in are in your personal account under 'My Club Competition Matches'. Plenty of signs on the notice boards around the club to show you how to do it. Also after the match you can enter your result into the iPad next to Rink 6.

Please put your scorecard in the box under where the draws are on the competition board, so the results can be authorised. (Had a number of cards not put in box). Failure to do so may result in the next round being delayed.

Thank you, David Young

### Dress Code

Many thanks from the Bowling Committee to everyone adhering to the Club's dress code.

We enjoy one of the more relaxed codes of any indoor club in the UK. So, it really is important that we all comply with the code we have which is, as we all know, documented in the Club's Byelaws.

<https://www.angelibc.co.uk/about/club-notices/club-bye-laws>

As part of this code, the Bowling Committee would like to draw your attention to a couple of specific points...

a. Regulation bowling shoes are to be worn at all times when on the carpet.

The carpet is mega-expensive, and we cannot afford to replace or repair it ahead of its normal life-span.

Note that **standard training shoes are not ok**, even if only worn indoors.

The Committee will be checking out a few shoes in the coming weeks!

2) If it's ok for the Club bar then it should be ok when bowling socially.

Whether bowling in your own roll ups or in Club Turn Up & Play sessions, the byelaws require you to be "reasonably" dressed at all times (with regulation shoes). The byelaws don't place specific restrictions on what is "reasonable" here, other than that nothing should be worn that might cause offence to other members. So, for instance, jeans are ok provided they are also ok to wear in the bar area; the 'working rule' is that if it's ok for the club bar then it's ok for your social bowling.

Separate requirements of course apply to our leagues and club competitions.

### Visiting National / County Players and our Dress Code

We will often have the situation in our Club where we have a National or County game, potentially with top players, going on alongside or even in between roll-ups where our members are dressed casually.

We should all be aware that this may be disconcerting for visiting players, particularly those from clubs with much stricter dress codes. Many clubs still require 'greys' to be worn even when bowling socially.

If that happens, we should explain our dress code to our visitors. We can also confidently deal with any overt or covert 'complaints' about our dress code following confirmation from the EIBA that our approach is absolutely fine and we have their support. As long as everyone participating in the County / National competitions are appropriately dressed on that rink, then the dress of our members on other rinks should be of no concern.

If you do receive any 'complaints' please pass onto a Club Officer.

Conversely, please be aware when playing at other Clubs that they may have a much stricter approach to dress code than we do. So when playing Counties or Nationals at other clubs please be aware and be very careful to properly adhere to the dress codes of those competitions.

### Hand Oil / Grippo in the Bowling Hall

We have had a few instances of hand-oil being used in the bowling hall leaving permanent stains on the carpet. A carpet which is mega-expensive and now with stains which we will all have to face for years to come!

We understand that this oil may be helpful to bowlers struggling to properly grip their bowls. We must, however, ask that no such hand-oil to be applied in the bowling hall. Please apply in the changing rooms or bar area and only bring into the bowling hall when the container is safely closed.

### KCIBA Home Counties League and friendlies

There are 2 forms in the Men's changing rooms for the KCIBA matches - one for KCIBA friendlies, and one for selection for the Home Counties League. President Darren Willis has requested these to be completed and returned to new KCIBA Secretary Russell Berryman as soon as possible. You can also download a friendly match form from

<https://www.kciba.co.uk/uploads/kciba/files/Match%20Selection%20App%20Form%202024%20to%202025.pdf> and the Home Counties for from <https://www.kciba.co.uk/uploads/kciba/files/hcl-application-form-2024-to-25.pdf> .

### Summer EIBA Nationals

The Summer national competitions are underway and progressing well.

In the Mens Singles we are guaranteed an Area Finalist, with one of Darren Mortemore, David Young, Jamie Ereira or Paul Gent due to face a player from either Swale or Deangate.

In the Ladies Singles Angel Jo Young faces Izzy Poulter from Mote Park, with the winner playing Angel Maureen Wood.

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In the Open Pairs there are 6 Angel teams left, along with one from Swale. And in the Open Triples there are only 6 teams remaining, and they are all Angels!

You may recall we had National Finalists (last 8 in the Country) in all but the ladies singles competitions last year. Let's hope we can at least repeat that feat again this year. Good luck to all competitors.

### Fantastic 5's

We have three Fantastic 5s teams entered this year and the competition is now well underway.

Angel of the South are lying second in group 9 and after some mixed results are still well placed to qualify for the knockout rounds.

Cool Runnings and Tonbridge Angels are both in group 10, currently lying second and third. Group 10 is tight and it's still possible for both our teams to qualify.

Good luck to all three teams in your remaining games.

### Bowling Committee Meeting 19 June

This year's Committee have had their second meeting. You can find minutes from that meeting on the Club Noticeboard and here ...

<https://www.angelibc.co.uk/news/updates-from-bowling-committee>

### Winter Leagues

Preparation will soon be underway to organise our winter leagues. Please let Matthew Sellen know if you feel you could lend a hand with this.

The customary League sign-up sheets will go up on the Noticeboard well before the winter seasons starts. With the leagues targeted to start week beginning October 7th.

The sign-up sheets will include a request for volunteer Stewards and Captains. The Leagues cannot run without these volunteer roles - do please consider stepping forward to help your club.

This season, to help alleviate the large number of cancelled league games experienced in recent seasons, we will trial using a "substitutes pool" for each of our leagues. If you feel you cannot commit to joining a league team, how about joining the "substitutes pool"? You would only be called upon to play should any team struggle to field the required number of players for a particular game, and of course would only be expected to play if you are available on that day. You will be able to sign up to as many league "substitute pools" as you wish and will be permitted to play for as many different teams in the relevant league as needed.

Further information will be given to Captains on how these "substitute pools" will operate before the season starts.

### September Triples

Our customary September Triples tournament will be played in the evenings of week beginning September 30th.

This will be open to all members. Entry will be as a Team, with any number of players in each team. Precise format will be shared nearer the date. Thanks to David Young for organising this year's tournament.

If you haven't played in this competition before do consider entering. All games are played over one short sharp week. Starting with "round robin" groups, with the best placed teams by the end of the week going forward to the knockout stage.

### Bowling Hall Hoovering

Many thanks to Keith Elliment and Luke Cheetham for volunteering to keep our bowling hall carpet hoovered.

We all know what a state the carpet can get into without an occasional Hoover.

If you feel you can help Keith and Luke with the occasional Hoover please speak with them directly, pass your name to a Club Steward or message the Club in the normal way.

### Winter 24 / 25 Club Fixtures

These are all now set and published on your website here

<https://www.angelibc.co.uk/bowling/club-fixtures/winter-fixtures>

Get them in your diary now and map out all those games that you will be signing up for!

### Access to rinks to play Counties & Nationals

Last season it was particularly difficult for our National and County competitors to get weekday evening rink space. Some members even had to resort to playing home games at Sevenoaks!

The Bowling Committee is keen to encourage as many members as possible to enter these competitions. It is thus working on a number of ideas to ensure better access to rink space in this coming season.

More details on this will be shared nearer the time.

### Public access to a rink

It may surprise some of our members that, as a key element of our Lease Agreement, the Club has an obligation to make a rink available for public use at all times. Up to now we get barely one such request per season and our Club Stewards are able to provide a rink at a time that suits.

However, it is not impossible that, should the bowling hall be particularly busy, then the Club Stewards will need to 'free a rink up' for them.

Rink 6 has been notionally flagged as the rink to be made available in such circumstances. In very rare circumstances (once every few years?!) it may thus be that any rink booking on rink 6 has to be cancelled with 24 hour's notice.

A very rare event, but if it should ever happen to you now know why!

### Safeguarding

I am arranging a safeguarding training session on Saturday September 14<sup>th</sup>. Times to be confirmed. It's important that anyone who is coaching or running groups which include either children or vulnerable adults attend the appropriate session. Please keep an eye on the notice board for times and details of the session/s where you will be able to sign up for attendance.

Chris Parker AIBC Safeguarding Officer.

### Social Angels News

Hi all,

This is just a thank you to all of you who have supported everything that we have done so far, some events more successful than others, but all great fun. We have a great Social Angels team but can always use more help. If you'd like to join the madness, drop me a message.

We are taking a break in July with no events organised but we will be back! Look out for the posters and Facebook announcements.



### Euros BBQ

Thanks to Lisa and her trusty commi chefs for a great BBQ. Best sausages, ever.

Then we watched, cheered, groaned and held our breath watching England's first match of the Euros. Great evening!

Happy summer everyone!

Jude Knowles Social Angels Chair

### Presidents Day Charity Match

We had a fun filled afternoon, and thank you to everyone who came along, especially those who turned up in fancy dress. We raised £163 for MacMillan Cancer Care with the possibility of a little more from Babs Tomlin's employers who may add to it.

Jim Parker. President.



### Club Sponsors

One of our sponsors, JP Glass, is offering a 20% discount on orders received before the end of August if placed within 7 days. Their normal discount of 15% discount if orders are placed within 14 days for members will apply thereafter. So now would be a good time to consider placing orders for any glazing, windows, doors or otherwise before the winter months set in. JP Glass can be contacted on 01732 365000.

We are reliant on the continuing support from our sponsors so do please consider getting quotes from them for goods or services. Remember to mention that you are a member of the Club when contacting sponsors.

### Angel 100 Club –

#### June Winners each winning £12

Mrs C Parker. Mrs J Sutherland. Mr D Knutton

#### Quarterly Prizes

£125 - Mr N Platt. £50 - Mr T Smith. £25 - Mr K Ashby

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