

## General Club News

### **New members**

All 3 of our level 1 coaches have been working with potential new members long after the influx from open weekend in September 2023.

There have been on average approximately 8 people of various ages every week wanting taster sessions, with the vast majority joining at the completion of those sessions.

The coaching sessions are ...

Neil on Mondays at 5pm

Matt on Tuesdays at 5pm

Les and Lyn on Thursdays at 3pm

The New bowler ladder (2.30 pm on Thursdays) is now 30+ strong, double from when it started 2 years ago as a step ladder to future league games for new bowlers. It's turned into an extension ladder and hopefully with more new bowlers going on to join in the various leagues that are on offer.

A new member who has just joined, sadly lost his vision over the last ten years, he is currently having tasters with Les and both bowler and coach are finding it very rewarding. We have had visually impaired members in the past who have all enjoyed their membership. Yet another example of 'bowling is for everyone'.

In addition, Les and Lyn have started 4 new tasters with an NHS group on 28<sup>th</sup> Feb.

The club is getting good feedback from new members, word of mouth and social media are keeping the club and coaches busy.

Long may it continue.

Contributed by Les Herbert

### **Easter Opening**

The club will be closed on Good Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> and on Easter Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Happy Easter everyone.

### **Update on Car Park Flooding and Club maintenance.**

The work is scheduled to start on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March to replace the automatic one-way valves (which don't work) to prevent back flooding from the Botany Stream into the car park with a manually operated valve (see photo). The work is scheduled to take 3 to 4 days but this is weather and river levels dependent. The Environment Agency will be lowering the river level for their annual maintenance at this time which is why the work is scheduled then. The Board have taken the decision to undertake this work as it appears, due to Climate Change, this is an increasingly regular problem and is likely to continue which causes significant disruption to the Club's operation.



In consultation with the Borough Engineer and his recommended contractor a specification has been drawn up to fix the problem with a replacement valve (see photo) which we can manually operate ourselves. In addition to this we will also be installing a secondary flood relief valve on the Stream outfall.

We have recently tested both the petrol driven and electric salvage pumps which have both proven effective and reliable. Hopefully car park flooding will be a thing of the past.

Keith Elliment and Bob Bowlby who are responsible for the Club's maintenance could do with a Technical Illustrator to help document various maintenance issues which we have. If you feel able to assist with this, please contact Keith or Bob (or a member of the bar staff)

Contributed by Bob Bowlby & Keith Elliment

## **Defibrillator Training**

As most of you know, the club has its own defibrillator, and when we first obtained it, we had about a dozen people trained in its use. Over time some of those have left the club or are no longer physically fit to carry out a resuscitation. Volunteer Director, Bob Bowlby, has organised training for a further 12 people on Thursday April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 at the club. A sign-up sheet will be placed on the board for those wishing to take the training, however in order to do so you must be fit enough to kneel by a casualty for some time and, if necessary, carry out CPR until an ambulance arrives. This is a skill which may be a lifesaving one, not just in the club but anywhere.

Contributed by Bob Bowlby

## **Sponsors**

All members should have received a letter from one of our long-standing sponsors, please ensure you check the pigeon holes for your copy. It could also earn you some money towards your next subscription!

We are happy to announce that SA Landscaping have joined us as club sponsors.

Based in Tonbridge, they are a garden landscaping and installation firm that can help you with all your garden needs. If you are looking for a complete makeover, or maybe just need some new paving or driveways, fencing, turfing, tree or hedge planting, or anything else garden design related, then please get in touch with Sam at SA Landscaping. As well as design and installation, they can provide regular maintenance visits to keep your garden looking good, or if you just need one off help with a particular project then they can help with that too.

You can contact Sam by phone on 01732 671146 or email [sales@salandscaping.co.uk](mailto:sales@salandscaping.co.uk).

Please mention that you are from the Angel Indoor Bowls Club, as this will show Sam that his support to us is working for the benefit of his company. We thank Sam and his team for their support and hope that this is the start of a long association.

Contributed by Paul Gent

## **Bowling News**

The winter knockouts are on schedule with most of them at the semi-final stage. Finals weekend is Friday 12th to Sunday 14th. At the moment we have a few players still in 3 or 4 competitions, so we may use all 3 days to avoid anyone playing two back-to-back finals on the same day.

Bowlers Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th April at 7pm. Sheets are up for positions, without volunteers there will be no Friendly Fixtures, Kent League etc, so please do your best to help.

Summer National Fantastic 5's Competition Sheets are up if you would like to be considered for a Team get your names down as soon as possible. Please also look out for the Summer League Sheets which will be up shortly.

Summer Knockouts we will running 6 competitions. Please look on the boards in the club and sign up for some of these.

Men's Singles  
Ladies Singles  
Handicap Singles

Open Pairs (Partners drawn)  
Open Triples (Partners drawn)  
Mixed Pairs (choose partner)

## **National events**

### Dudley Hoille

Angel Men have qualified for Finals Day on Saturday 16th March at Folkestone

The Two Teams of 4 are:

Lead - Peter Flory

2nd - Peter Harris

3rd - Ian Corke

Skip - Tony Marshment

Lead - David Young

2nd - Neil Ramage

3rd - Trevor London

Skip - Paul Gent

Subs - Keith Elliment, Richard Comben and Matt James

There is a sheet on the board for any supporters who wish to go, supporters welcome and much appreciated.

National Family Pairs - Area Finalists - Jessica and David Young, lost to Marc and Arthur McGauaghan (Folkestone) 9-19

National Ladies 2 Wood - Area Finalist - Gail Barnes lost to Imogen Jenner (Swale) 9-21

National Ladies Over 50's Triples - Area Finalists - Gail Barnes, Mary London and Babs Tomlin vs Swale - Still to be played.

## **County Events**

Men's Fours - Quarter Finalists - Peter Harris, David Young, Brian Chalklin and Paul Gent vs Stone Lodge - Still to be played.

Men's Singles - Quarter Finalist - Paul Gent vs Deangate - Still to be played.

Men's unbadged Singles - Quarter Finalist - Neil Ramage vs Sevenoaks - Still to be played

Men's Over 55 Triples - Quarter Finalists - Brian Simmonds, Keith Elliment and John Barnes vs Royals - Still to be played.

Mixed - Quarter Finalists - Mary and Trevor London vs Mote Park - Still to be played.

Well done, to all our Angels who have got through to finals and good luck to those still waiting to play their matches.

Contributed by David Young

**RED NOSE DAY FUN MATCH ON MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup> AT 2PM**  
**Sign up sheet is on the board to the right of the changing rooms.**



Raffle and a proportion of the rink fees are going to Comic Relief and we will post the amount raised afterward. All bowlers, new and experienced, young, and old are welcome. Please see the posters in the club and sign up on the sheet. Rinks or triples depending on the number of players.

This is an excellent opportunity for some of our newer bowlers to experience match play in a carefree and fun way. £5.50 per player, no meal but tea and coffee as usual

Contributed by Jim and Chris Parker

### **Social Angels News**

Hello everyone, it's a big well done and thank you to all of you who supported our second quiz night. 118 of you took part, and according to feedback, we didn't fry your brains quite so badly. Well done to Lisa Hounslow's team who won AGAIN, close second, after the tie break question, was John Williams' team.

Hot on the heels of the quiz is the race night. Saturday 23rd March from 7.30pm. All pre- race horses have now been sold, but there will be ample opportunity to have a flutter on the night. No entry fee, just come along and enjoy. We can only take CASH for your bets so please raid that piggy bank.

Our hard earned funds can be seen to have been put to good use in the form of a new dart board and equipment. Thank you, Keith Elliment for your DIY skills. Watch this space for more darts news and possible competitions to come.

Please keep supporting us, we can't do it without you!  
Best wishes  
Jude Knowles, Chair of social committee.

## Angel 100 Club February winners

### Quarterly Prizes

£125 Mr P Couchman

£50 Mrs S Gates

£25 Mrs A Couchman

### Monthly Prizes

£12 Mr M Gates

£12 Mr D Wayne

£12 Mrs J Hammond



If you use social media please follow us on Facebook as Angel Indoor Bowls Centre, 'like and share' our posts. A simple thing to do but every time you share, we reach a whole new audience which may include somebody who may be interested in joining the club.

We are also on Instagram as angelindoorbowlsclub