

General Club News

News from the Board

Bowling Committee AGM

May we thank the members who attended the Bowling Committee AGM and we would apologise to those members who thought it was the Club AGM but this is not held until the end of November each year when a review is made of all the club's activities throughout the year (September to August).

At the meeting it was obvious that some members were concerned about the dress code with rumours around that the Board is going to change this, but this is not the case. The dress code is clearly explained in the byelaws which are on the website and hard copies are on the notice boards.

Some concerns have been raised by some members about the code not being adhered to especially in respect of shoes.

It should be noted that only approved bowling shoes with smooth soles should be used on the carpet and not worn outside the club. Any other form of shoe will damage the carpet. Please note the carpet has to be maintained to the EIBA specification as we host County and National competitions. A replacement carpet costs in the region of £40,000.

A new outlet into the river for all rainwater that falls upon the club is now under our control. This has been achieved by installing a sluice / gate valve in a new manhole on the river which allows us manually to open and close it when necessary, avoiding the car park flooding. All gutters, down pipes and drains have been cleaned and serviced. The two oil interceptor tanks have been emptied, serviced, and cleaned. A thank you to Andrew Young Borough Engineer for his help and advice.

Summer Opening

The club will be closed on the two bank holiday days, May 6th and May 27th.

Restaurant Summer Opening:

Monday – Closed

Tuesday – 10.15 – 2pm

Wednesday 10.15 – 2pm

Thursday - Closed

Friday - 10.15 – 2pm

Saturday - 10.15 – 2pm

Sunday - Closed

Carl and Sam will be on holiday from 21st May until 11th June.

Bowling News

Finals Weekend

Congratulations to all the finalists and winners.



Ladies Singles - **Jo Young 21** Babs Tester 16

Men's Singles - **Gary McIlravey** w/o Paul Gent

Bernard King - **Matt James** 2 sets Paul Gent 0

Ladies Pairs - **Karen Ottaway and Denise Smith 16** Judith Liddall and Mary London 15

Men's Pairs - **Geoff Shoebridge and David Young 18** John Williams and Nick London 13

Ladies Triples - **Judith Liddall, Denise Smith and Mary London 29** Linda Hobbs, Alison Andrews and Elise Goldstone 12

Men's Triples - **Warren Foy, Steve Moore and Ray Ecclestone 17** John Williams, Luke Suckling and Gary McIlravey 15

Senior Citizens Mixed Pairs - **Brian Simmons and Mary London 16** Jess Young and Peter Harris 13

Steve Harvey Aussie Pairs - **Dave Hayward and David Young 17** Jo Young and Jon Broomfield 13

Dave Banfield 2 Wood Singles - **Gary McIlravey 21** David Young 16

Mixed Singles Plate - **Richard Moore 21** Nick London 14

Terry London Memorial Singles - **Stuart Ingram 21** Luke Suckling 12

Non Winners Plate - **Mark Barnett 21** Jon Broomfield 17

New Bowlers News

Taster sessions still in progress with 6 new potential members and more starting in a few weeks' time.

New Bowlers Ladder

After 14 weeks of competition places for the semi-finals of the ladder league were decided, John Tolhurst and Terri Valentine in 1st and 2nd place with Geoff Cooke and Graham Green tied in third place, so a play-off was required for the semi pairings.

That game will live long in their memories (and mine as the marker) after 14 weeks and 28 ends the score was an incredible 19.19.

Geoff then went on to win in the 29th end 21.19.

The semi-finals were keenly contested John Tolhurst v Graham Green and Terri Valentine v Geoff Cooke, John and Terri progressing to the final in which John took this year's title. A third-place game saw Peter get his revenge on Geoff to take 3rd place.



Our winner John being presented with Novice Trophy by Les and finalists from left to right: Geoff Cooke (4th), Terri Valentine (2nd), John Tolhurst (winner), Graham Green (3rd)...



Both Lyn and I would like to thank all 30+ new bowlers who took part this year for their support and making the Thursday afternoon session so enjoyable.

The Tuesday 12pm Aussies and the 9.30 am Triples teams were drawn a few weeks late this year ... Captains were the problem so, well done the new and established members who offered themselves up for the role of captain, without them doing so the leagues would have been in doubt. Loads of new and established names up on the singles League Sheet good to see, could be up to possibly 9 leagues this time round. A polite word about dress code in league games, with so many new members taking part this summer is worth a mention. Black or Grey trousers or Skirt, Black shorts, and Club shirt or White based collared or bowls sport shirt. Have a great summer all. Les Herbert

Summer Club leagues

We have 5 "regular" club leagues running this summer, plus our now well established summer Singles League. If you wish to join in along the way, a 'sign up' list will be put up on the club Noticeboard in due course. Just add your name to that list. Thank you to all those members who have volunteered to act as league team captains; the league bowling in our club only happens thanks to our fellow member volunteers. If you have not yet done any volunteering in the club, but would like to, just send us a message or let any member of the Bowling Committee know. ... And please give your team captain your full support over the summer... as they have given their time to organise your bowling!

Summer League Dress Code

Please do continue to adhere to the Club's league dress code etiquette over the summer, which is the same as for the winter. Dress code is documented in the club's Byelaws which can be found on your website... <https://www.angelibc.co.uk/about/club-notice/club-by-laws> ... And if you accidentally stray from this dress code please don't be offended should you get a gentle reminder from your team captain or club officer!

Summer League cancelled / reorganised games.

If you can't get a team out for a particular game, please remember to cancel your rink asap so that someone else can use it. Just let the club stewards know that your game is not going ahead, and they will sort out the rink for you. You can then agree an alternative date with your opposition and, again, the club stewards can rebook the game for you.

Summer Singles League

The Summer Singles League will also be kicking off shortly. Thank you for Tony Morez for organising and administering these leagues. These leagues are not on Bowlr, you will find the latest league tables on your club website once the competition is underway. Please remember that you are responsible for arranging your own games, booking rinks, and reporting the results to Tony. Dress code for these game is as per roll ups, i.e. to be reasonably attired as you would in the club generally.

Summer EIBA National Competitions

This year sees the second ever summer EIBA National Competitions (men's singles, ladies singles, open pairs, and open triples). These competitions are open to any members to enter. and whilst entry is now

closed for this summer's competitions, just head over to the EIBA website if you want to see what's involved in entering for the 24 / 25 Winter Competitions or next year's Summer Competitions.

We also have three Fantastic 5s teams entered this year.

Fantastic 5s is the EIBA's National summer team competition. The first stage will be a league format with local clubs. The top teams in each league will then enter the knockout stages, which culminates in a National Final (fingers crossed!).

Good luck to all our individual entrants and teams.

Summer Internal Club Knockout Competitions

Thank you to David Young for organising our summer 'knockout' competitions. We will have the usual competitions running this season – men's singles, ladies singles, handicap open singles, open pairs and open triples - plus a new mixed pairs (enter as a team) competition.

The closing date to enter these competitions is 24th May. Entry forms are on your Noticeboard.

Summer Roll Ups

The usual 'turn up and play' roll ups will be running through the summer, so ...

Monday 12pm

Thursday 12pm

Thursday 2.30pm New Bowlers only

Friday 7.15pm

Sunday 11.30am

Please feel free to 'turn up' and join in with any of these roll-ups.

Summer External Club Matches

The summer inter-club fixtures are all arranged and on your Noticeboard.

These summer matches are great for new bowlers to get some exposure to match play and to visit other clubs in our area. They mostly happen on Saturday afternoons and are mixed triples.

Do speak with any of the coaches or Club Captains if you want more information on joining in with these matches. If you are a new bowler, you will get lots of support to join in. Just add your name to the relevant 'signup sheet' for the match you wish to be considered for. The sheets are on the club Noticeboard and are put up well ahead of each match. The team selected to play in each match is then chosen and added to the 'signup sheet' a week or two before the game. Selection over the summer will ensure that everyone who wants to, gets a game, and we have a good balance between experienced and newer bowlers.

TORQUAY BOWLING TOUR 2024

We have had another successful year away in sunny Torquay with 51 members (47 bowlers) and their families bowling against "Malvern Hills", "King George Field (Blue Team)", "City & Port of Bristol", "Moira Bowls Tour (Red Team)", "Moira Bowls Tour (Green Team)", Prince Arthur Road and King George Field (Red Team)".

We played a total of 48 games. Won 20, lost 26 and drew 2. With 463 shots "For" and 605 shots "Against".

The Top Rink was won by:-Keith Elliment, Terry Murrell, Donna Hall and Sue Sturmer. With an 18 shot difference against City and Port of Bristol. Each received an "Angel IBC Torquay Bowls Tour 2024" Plaque. The losing team players also were awarded with a special Angel Bowls Tour pen. Each team played for two hours each day and then spent the rest of the day at leisure swimming in the superb indoor pool, playing in the large games room, attending other daytime activities in the hotel or just exploring the splendid English Riviera around Torquay. In the evenings there was plenty of fun, entertainment and dancing in the Starlight Lounge and a special visit to Babbacombe Theatre for a Variety Show.

Next year's Tour will be from 2nd March 2025 - 7th March 2025. Anyone wishing to add their name to the waiting list please contact Frank or June Lay on 01892 832684, Mobile 07901 380331 or email: frank.torquaybowlingtour@gmail.com

Save the date - Presidents Day Charity Match

This will be held on Saturday 15th June at 2pm. Prize for the best Fancy dress (fancy dress is not essential) Open to all bowlers, experienced, new, young, not so young, male, or female. Come along and have a fun afternoon. Proceeds and raffle for Macmillan Cancer support. Raffle prizes welcomed.



Social Angels News

Hello



Well, as you can see, our visiting band MoVe OvEr DaLi was very well received and even got a few of you out of your chairs to pepper the dance floor. Thank you to all of those who supported the event, feedback has been positive, so more music nights to come.

Our new dart board is up and running, complete with halo light, new darts mat and electronic counter. Please feel free to have a go, there are a few darts sets behind the bar. The plan is to have a dedicated time to encourage a bit of healthy in-house competition, possibly Sunday lunchtime. Eyes peeled for more information.

I'm sure you are all eagerly awaiting the next social event... it's dabbers at the ready, eyes down and hopefully hearing one of you shout "Bingo". The date for your diary is Friday 24th May from 7.30pm. Please reserve your place at the bar, the cost is £3 per person which will include your first game. Purchase of further games, at £2 each, can be bought with cash on the night. The more of you there, the bigger the prizes. Friends and family members are all welcome.

Until next time, thank you for your continued support, you brilliant bunch!

Jude Knowles. Social Angels Chair



Sue Sellen was the winner of the Teddy Bear in the Easter Draw!



We have recently welcomed residents from Hylden Heights, including life member, Roy Kohlbeck, to Friday morning accessible bowling session

Angel 100 Club March & April winners

March Quarterly Draw:

£125 Mr P Couchman
£50 Mrs S Gates

£25 Mrs A Couchman
£12 Mr M Gates

£12 Mr D Wayne
£12 Mrs J Hammond

Monthly Draw: All win £12

April: Mr D Reed Mr D Lee Mrs G Bone

May: Mrs H Young. Mr T Smith. Mrs K Swayne

Safeguarding

We take safeguarding very seriously and will be organising some safeguarding training later in the year particularly for coaches, and those supporting the Friday morning bowlers. With an age range of 8 to 80++ we need to be sure that we are watching out for all of our members. Sadly there is no safeguarding training which covers the whole age range and so I am trying to organise a day split into two parts, safeguarding children and young people and safeguarding vulnerable adults. It's a work in progress.

Chris Parker, club safeguarding officer.