



**From the Club Directors and staff to all of our members**

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### **The Club Needs Your Help**

The board has operated with only four or five volunteer directors in recent years. As a club we would benefit from having more directors.

At this year's AGM two existing directors retired (Matt Sellen and Paul Gent) and two members volunteered to newly join the board (Bob Bowlby and Les Herbert). This brings the club back to five directors. The existing directors would warmly welcome more volunteer directors. This would help share the workload and ensure continuity going forwards. (With both the current and previous boards being all male, they would particularly welcome any of our fellow female members to the board!).

On behalf of all fellow members, we would like to thank both Matt and Paul for everything they did to take the Club forwards whilst directors. As a result of their dedication the club is on a good path, albeit with more work to do to secure it's financial future.

Many thanks also to Peter Harris, Pete Denman and James Wharton who have volunteered to help with managing the club's rink diary, running the club's website and running the new bowler league respectively.

Meanwhile, the directors have identified the following roles / responsibilities that require renewed focus and would benefit from additional volunteers and /or directors ...

- a) Bowlr Management (membership & renewals)
- b) Health & Safety
- c) Facilities Hiring
- d) Volunteer recruitment & coordination
- e) Member Retention
- f) Bowling Hall Income (Working with all committees to maximise bowling hall usage)
- g) Community & Corporate liaison (including community events)
- h) Club Sponsors

If you feel you could help with any of the above, in any way, please let any director or club steward know, or message the Club.

## Christmas and New Year Opening

The Club will close at 3pm on Xmas Eve and New Year's Eve. It will also be closed on the bank holidays (December 25th, 26th and 27th, January 1st and 2nd). Otherwise, open as usual.

## Film Afternoons

Please note that there will be no film afternoon in December as previously advised, due to the restaurant being in use. Holiday Inn will be shown on Tuesday January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2pm (note earlier time – January only)



## Social Committee urgently needs new members

We are sad to hear that Les Herbert and Lyn London have stepped down from the social committee, they will be missed and we thank them for all of their hard work. The social committee do need new people to replace them, could this be you? If we want to have social events like quizzes and party nights it needs members to step up and help to arrange them. Please contact Jim Hawkes, chair, [jameshawkes28@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jameshawkes28@yahoo.co.uk). or Paul Buss at the bar.

## Darts League

Are you interested in supporting a darts league in the club?

Would you be willing to organise one?

If you are please contact a member of the Social Committee.

## Recent Flooding

Many thanks to all fellow members who helped out with the recent flooding. It's unfortunate the club suffers from such events but, short of raising the whole bowling hall, the outlook remains the same - whilst we believe the club is doing all it can to alleviate the impact of further floods, we cannot prevent them.

As the recent event proved, with enough help we can at least minimise the time the Bowling hall is closed each time it happens.

## New Bowler League & Ladder

Thanks to James Wharton for arranging the Wednesday Evening New Bowler League. Teams are drawn and being set up in Bowlr as we speak. If you signed up for this league you can expect to hear from your respective 'team manager' shortly.

The new bowler Ladder will be running Thursdays at 2.30pm.

## John Forsay Bowls

John Forsay Bowls is planning to visit the club again on **Wednesday 11th January**. They will bring a selection of bowls, clothing, and equipment for sale.

If you would like them to bring a particular item or size, please call them ahead on 02083035221.

## Club Shirts

We have a new delivery of club shirts. All sizes available from the club stewards. Price £30 each.

## Bowling Hall

All members are reminded that entry to the bowling hall is only permitted after the first bell. signalling the end of the previous session has rung. This includes bowlers accessing lockers and training bowls.

Please also ensure that all mobile phones are switched to off / silent when within the hall.

Please also note that bowlers are kindly requested not to open the fire exit doors in the bowls hall. Some members have recently opened these whilst there have been competitions on, and this really affects the speed of the carpet.

## National & County Men's Team Successes

Congratulations to our various Angels men's teams who are still competing in the various county and national team competitions ...

- 1) The Denny Cup team, who have made it through to the national 'last 32', with the next tie being against Folkestone on Saturday December 10th.
  - 2) The over-60s inter-club double rink A team, who are through to the national 3rd round with a tie against Bromley on Tuesday 13th December.
  - 3) Our three County Dudley Hoile teams, who are all through to their respective second or third rounds
- Congratulations also to our ladies, Vivienne team, who beat Bromley to set up a national second round tie against Mote Park in the new year.
- And our ladies still have the County Valanndor trophy to play for in the new year.
- Good luck to all our Angels teams in their next ties.

## Five Lakes Launches Bowls Breaks

(A special invite from Potters)

Available to book now for breaks commencing **16th January 2023** onwards, we're looking forward to welcoming bowlers for the first time at our new Resort in the countryside to participate in our popular free-to-enter indoor tournaments.

With five new world standard rinks installed by Dales, Five Lakes offers bowls break experiences on **4-Night Midweek Breaks** throughout the typical indoor season, from September to May.

Five Lakes will offer a varied choice of bowls breaks, including additional opportunities for you and your club to enjoy. For example, breaks throughout the year are exclusively designed for adults, which means you can **enjoy tournament breaks throughout the Easter and Half Term holidays** at Potters Resorts for the first time.

Our very first Bowls Break at Five Lakes commences Monday 16th January 2023, just as the BBC cameras go live at Hopton-on-Sea for the World Indoor Bowls Championships. That means you can watch all the action from the biggest event in the calendar, while enjoying a fabulous All-Inclusive Bowls Break at Potters with your friends in Essex!

On selected dates, bowlers can also play a **new pairs format** (where other indoor tournaments feature a fours format), or join **Andy Thomson MBE** as he shares his extensive knowledge on **Pro Coaching Breaks** that include skills workshops, Q&A and friendly tournament sessions.

**Bridge Breaks with Fun Bowls** feature as well, offering the opportunity to combine two popular pastimes. With afternoon and evening bridge tournaments for all levels and fun

bowls sessions each morning, hosts Eddie and Kathy Williams are looking forward to welcoming you to Five Lakes.

As well as a fantastic bowls experience, you'll enjoy Potters Resorts' famous hospitality and a unique **All-Inclusive** Break that includes **comfortable accommodation, delicious food** on a full board basis, a wide selection of **beers, wines, spirits** and all your **soft and hot drinks**, a variety of exciting **sports and leisure** facilities and **superb entertainment** through the day and night, including **Potters Theatre Company's** stunning evening performances.

**You can be a part of this special Bowls Break Launch at Five Lakes, with exclusive savings when you book a 4-Night Midweek Break between 16th January and 27th February 2023.**

**If you're thinking about bringing a group of ten or more, you'll benefit from extended savings, plus a £25 per guest cashback reward for your club. Terms and conditions apply.**

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