

ANGEL IBC NEWSLETTER

July 2018

YOUR CLUB, YOUR NEWS, YOUR NEWSLETTER



100 CLUB DRAW RESULTS

This month's prize winners are:

Mr R Bowlby
Mr A Wheeler
Mr F Lay

Each wins £12

ABOUT 100 CLUB

Membership has been dropping recently and income from subscriptions barely covers the prize money. New members are always welcome. New and existing members can have more than one share (two shares double your chances of winning)! Win your subscription back - 36 chances per year!

It just gets better - there are quarterly prizes of £125, £50 and £25 every March, June, September and December.

The aim is to make a surplus to provide additional facilities for the Club. Recent contributions have been for the new Club LED lighting and the Defibrillator.

Application forms are at the bar - we'd love to have you on board!

PS You might raise an eyebrow at the winners but June Biddlecombe drew Bob Bowlby's number, Mark Hutcheon drew Tony's and Ed behind the bar drew Frank's!

IN MEMORIAM

We are sad to announce the passing of Helen Salter. She was a regular attender at the Friday disabled session and enjoyed her lunches afterwards.

The funeral was held at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium on Friday 13th of July with a wake afterwards at the club. Donations are welcome to Hospice in the Weald or Angel IBC.

We are also sad to announce the passing of Jeff Harper, after a long illness, on Thursday 12th of July. Our thoughts go to Brenda and their family and friends. Look for funeral arrangements on the club noticeboard.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

As you would expect the Club takes the safety of the membership and the security of the premises very seriously. To ensure everyone remains safe in the event of a fire at the Club a fire alarm drill will be conducted during July. If you happen to be in the premises when this takes place, please comply with the request of staff to evacuate the building and muster at the assembly point. This is in the car park to the righthand side of the main gate and is marked by a green sign. Members are encouraged to note where the fire exits are. There are two at the far end of the bowling rinks, one in the restaurant and the main entrance. Located next to each fire exit is an aerial photo of the bowls club highlighting the location of the assembly point. If you are bowling at the time of the drill 'over shoes' are being located by the fire exits on the rink to provide protection to your bowling shoes. Any disruption will be kept to a minimum and thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Turning to security, it is time to change the external door code. This should be an annual event. It is appreciated that this may cause a level of inconvenience for some, but this should only be for a limited period. It is planned that the change will occur on 1st September and all members will be informed in advance of that date of the new 4-digit code.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It is approaching the time of year that the membership renewal process commences. It is anticipated that renewal applications will be posted to all members during the last week of July. The application will have two slight amendments this year. Firstly, as outlined in last month's newsletter, it includes a section on GDPR. It is important that you do complete this section and sign to that effect to ensure the club can continue to make your contact details available to other members for bowling activities or to inform you of other club events. Secondly, there is now option to pay for your membership by electronic transfer. If you decide to use this payment option, please ensure you remember to add your surname and/or membership number in the reference section to allow the office to marry up payments with individuals.

FRIDAY NIGHT CATERING

Many of you have already taken advantage of the themed Friday night menus. If you haven't please see the details that are displayed on the caterers notice board immediately on the right-hand side as you enter the club or displayed by the restaurant counter. Members feedback for these events has been extremely positive, high quality meals, good service at competitive prices.

YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU

For the last 8 years Peter and Margaret Swan have organised the disabled and assisted bowling group that meets every Friday morning. It is an excellent facility that allows club members to continue to enjoy bowling despite the fact they may not be as mobile as they once were. In December Peter and Margaret will stand down as the organisers although Peter will continue to assist. The Club wishes to thank them for their commitment and dedication over the last 8 years. If you think you could take on the responsibility of coordinating the 'helpers' for this group to ensure this excellent facility continues please talk to Peter and Margaret or Mark in the office.

NEW CASUAL PLAY DRESS CODE

Back in April the Board was asked to review the Club dress code for roll-ups / casual play and members were asked to provide their views. Based on that input and after due consideration the Board has decided to relax the Club dress code for roll-ups / casual play on a trial basis.

The existing Club bye-laws shall thus be considered amended as described below.

Bye-Law 12(a)(ii) (Dress Code within the bowling hall) shall now be deemed not to apply to roll-ups or casual play. It will continue to apply to all internal and external league and competition games and all inter-club games.

Dress Code for all roll-ups and casual play will rather now be deemed covered by Bye-Law 12(a)(i) (Dress Code within the premises) with the added requirement to wear regulation bowling shoes. This bye-law requires "patrons to be reasonably attired and to refrain from wearing garments which may cause offence", but with no further specific restrictions.

It is thus no longer necessary to wear 'greys' for roll ups or casual play.

The above changes are effective immediately and shall be reviewed again in 6 months' time. The Board welcomes any feedback on the above during the trial period.

HAVE YOU GOT MARKETING OR MEDIA RELATIONS EXPERIENCE?

As you may have read in the recent Club Update, the Club will very soon be embarking on a sustained new member recruitment drive. As part of this drive the Club will need to raise it's profile within the local community. If you have experience of marketing or media relations and feel you may be able to help your Club out in this area on a voluntary basis we would love to hear from you. In the first instance please speak with Mark (Club Manager) or any Director.

WHO'S WHO

To help all members better navigate their way around the Club, photos of Directors, Staff and Officers will very soon be added to the photo frames already in place in the Club entrance hall.

This is in response to consistent feedback from new members struggling to know who to look for when they need to talk with an Officer.

It would thus be very much appreciated if those Officers who still need to do so could please send in their photos to the Office as soon as possible.

ps If any Officer would rather not provide a photo please let the Office know!

NEW CLUB MEMBERSHIP / LEAGUE MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE

As you may have read in the recent Club Update this is a key priority for the Board.

The Board considered a number of software options and quickly narrowed these down to a short-list of two. Representatives of the Board, staff and Malcolm are now busy visiting

neighbouring Clubs who use these short-listed packages to gauge how well they work for them. The Board then has a 'special' meeting on July 23rd to review all input and hopefully be in a position to make a decision pending final vendor negotiations.

Members will be updated as soon as we have further news.

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER

As part of the Board's recent review, it recognised that improved internal communications would help members maximise their use of all that the Club has to offer.

One aspect of these improvements is to make more active use of the Club's Twitter account. Twitter allows the Club to put out short, sharp messages to members and non members alike. This can be useful not only to advertise events and share news, but also to communicate in the event of emergencies (for instance where the Club is unexpectedly shut due to, for instance, an iced over car park).

To receive Club Twitter messages you need have a Twitter account and to 'follow' us.

If you are not familiar with Twitter but would like to know more please speak with Mark (Club Manager). If you are familiar with Twitter but don't already follow us, you can so at @angelibc

SAFEGUARDING AND WELFARE

This is a particularly important topic to the Club since it regularly hosts not just a Junior Bowling Section but also vulnerable adults through a variety of circumstances.

The Board has thus now nominated a specific Director to have oversight of the Club's responsibilities and obligations in this area, including oversight of the Child Protection Officer role which is currently being filled.

Chris Parker is the nominated Director and if you have any questions or comments around the Club's safeguarding and welfare activities do please speak with Chris.

If you would like to learn more of the specific areas that individual Directors have responsibility for please visit the Who's Who page of our website.

PROBLEMS ACCESSING CLUB WEBSITE ON AN IPAD?

We will be updating our website generally over the next month or two. In the meantime we believe the issue we have had of members being unable to access much of the website on an

iPad is now fixed! We would thus be grateful if you could let us (the office or Paul at the bar) know if you continue to have problems.

TO ALL GREEN STEWARDS.

I would like, through this newsletter, to thank all green stewards for their help throughout the 2017 – 2018 winter season, and with your help the next 2018 – 2019 winter season. Hopefully we will have a few more stewards to join us, as there are many sessions with no green steward at the moment. If anyone knows any member who may like to be a green steward please point them in the direction of myself or June Hammond or Paul Buss. I will be most grateful. Remember that Green Stewards receive a considerable discount on their membership fees in return for very light duties.

I also would like to arrange a meeting of us all sometime in August in midweek if possible. Until then I thank you all.

Jim Hawkes
Chief Green Steward

TO ALL MONDAY AND THURSDAY “TURN UPPERS”

I would also like to thank all the lads and lassies that turn up on Monday and Thursday turn at high noon in the summer and at 2pm in the winter. Without you lot it would be very quiet indeed. Long may it carry on. A big thank you to you all.

JIM HAWKES

To add anything to our next newsletter, to be published 14th August, please email gwencat@hotmail.co.uk by 12th August latest.

