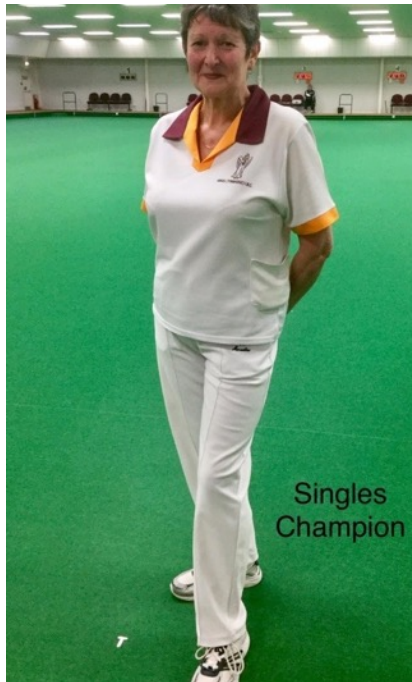


ANGEL IBC NEWSLETTER

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100 CLUB DRAW RESULTS

This month's prize winners are:

Mrs L Josling
Mr W Stewart
Mr V Armstrong

The club was particularly well-represented at both National and County Finals this year.

The Men's National Fours team won their first round at the National Finals at Nottingham but then lost to Spalding, the eventual winners.

The Men's County Finals will be held at Ashford on Easter Sunday and a full report will appear in next month's newsletter.

Good luck to all our finalists.

A full report on the Ladies' County Finals, held at Bromley on 13th April appears below.

TRIUMPH AT THE LADIES' COUNTY FINALS

We had Ladies in the finals of no less than four competitions. In the County Pairs Maggie Standley and Kim Hanmore lost 11-23 to Liz Gilham and Sandy Hazell (Swale).

In the 2 Wood Pairs Sam Allcorn and Jane Cogle lost 15-18 to Sue McClintock and Sheila Huggett (Royals)

In the Two wood Triples Sam Allcorn, Kim Hanmore and Jane Cogle won 24-7 against Chris Gurden, Gerry Mitchell and Barbara Whitehead (Whiteoak). This was a very impressive win.

And finally, in the Singles, Maggie Standley won 21-16 against Imogen Jenner (Swale) after 27 ends. This was also a very impressive win and is the first time, I believe, that a lady from Angel IBC has ever won the County Singles.

These results bring tremendous kudos to the club and greatly add to our reputation in the indoor bowling world. Heartiest congratulations to all.

BANK HOLIDAY OPENING HOURS

As you may be aware the Club does not open on bank holidays. This will apply for both the Easter Friday and Easter Monday plus both May bank holidays.

The Club will be open on Easter Sunday however if you are attending the Club please bear in mind that the Club will not be accessible until Paul unlocks at 10am.

If there are any issues concerning these arrangements, please discuss them with the office.

SUMMER OPENING HOURS

The club will switch to summer hours as of Monday 22nd April. The club and car park will be locked Tues - Sat between 3pm & 7pm and Sun & Mon 3pm until the next morning. Make sure you don't get your car locked in.

New Newsletter Feature

This month sees the start of a new regular feature. Each month we will get to know a little better one of our staff or volunteers. This month we feature your Club Manager Mark Hutcheon. See the back page and get to know Mark a little better.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with great sadness that we must report the passing of Terry London, husband of Mary and brother of Trevor. Our thoughts are with all of his family.

Terry was a stalwart of the club for more than two decades. He was an excellent competitive bowler and club member. He recently helped the team of which he was a part get to the National Fours Finals at Nottingham. Unfortunately he did not live to attend himself but his bowls were laid on the green there as a mark of respect from his team-mates.

Terry's funeral will be held at the Tunbridge Wells crematorium on 16th April at 12.15, and afterwards at the Angel IBC.

We hope that Terry finds good bowling and fishing in the afterlife.

BOWLR GOES LIVE MONDAY 29TH APRIL!

The new summer season sees us launch our new bowling system out to all our members.

For those that wish to, you will now be able to view the rink diary and book a rink via our website; you'll be able to enter your scores from league matches immediately after the game and then see the updated league table on the website.

You'll also be able to update your own membership details when needed.

So, how do you log in? Your log in details are made up of your Membership Number and a Password.

The Membership Number is the number on your card, but must be entered as 4 digits. If your number is only 2 or three digits long you'll need to add one or two zero's at the beginning. Your first password is "initial+surname+4-digit membership number". So, for example, John Smith member number 123 would enter 'member ID' 0123 'Login' jsmith0123

Once you have logged in for the first time you have the option to change your password to one of your choice.

We're organising 'how-to' sessions, starting at [11am until 12 noon on Monday 29th April](#). Members can just drop in when they wish up until 11:45 and they can find out how to:

- log in to the website with your user id and password
- how to change your password
- how to see your membership data and change it if needed
- how to view the league tables and team fixtures and results on the website
- how to view the rink diary and book a rink on the website

Further sessions will run at the same time [Tuesday 30th April until Friday 3rd May](#) and then the following week [Monday 6th May to Friday 10th May](#). We will also run sessions for 30mins, starting at 6:45pm, each evening on these dates (except Monday).

Someone will also be on hand at the end of league matches in May to show players how to enter scores on the ipads that are now installed at the end of rink 6.

The only thing you will need to bring with you for these sessions are your membership number.

Also, to get full use out of the system and to enable the club to start reducing postage costs, please ensure your email address is correct. You can do this either via the office or immediately after a training course.

Further training sessions will be held during the summer for all green stewards and also ahead of the winter season.

Finally, during the summer when we have no green stewards, we are asking players to pay their rink fees by placing them in envelopes provided. Full instructions will be on the Reception desk and also at the end of each rink.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The Club is starting to plan Open Days to support Project 650 and the Club's ambition to raise the membership to 650. The weekend of 7th and 8th September has been identified as the days the Open Days will be held. The event will provide the Club with the opportunity to raise its public profile to attract local residents through the front door to experience the excellent facilities the Club has to offer and to have a go at bowling. Hopefully some will decide bowling is the sport for them and join the Club.

To make this event a success it is hoped that members will support this event and consider giving up a proportion of their weekend to assist. The response to the Club's recent stall at the Rotarian Christmas Festival last November was nothing short of amazing and it is hoped this can be replicated in September. If you wish to be involved whether in the planning or on one of the days please let Mark know in the office.

GREEN FEES DURING SUMMER BOWLING SEASON

You may have noticed whilst visiting other bowls clubs that many successfully operate a system whereby members are responsible for ensuring they pay the correct amount for their bowling activities and deposit it in some form of receptacle along with their name, the bowling activity they are undertaking plus the correct money. The Club has seen the merit in this approach during a period when there are no Green Stewards on duty. If you bowl during the summer you will notice that there will be envelopes, pens and a small form at the end of each rink plus on the Green Steward desk. Simply fill out the required basic information on the form, collect the correct money for your bowling activity, place them in to the envelope and seal. The envelope is then handed to the bar staff. When the bar is closed the envelope is posted in the 'new' letter box being installed in the office door next to the bar.

The system is straight forward and not time consuming however there will be an aide memoire at the end of each rink to assist you or alternatively please speak to the office. The process will be monitored, and it is anticipated if there are no major issues then reusable clear zip wallets will replace the envelopes in due course.

ASCOT JUNE 2019

Due to such a high demand for seats we have unfortunately sold out of tickets for this year. Thank you for all who have purchased your space and we are looking forward to seeing you for a great day at the races.

FOR SALE

Set of 4 nearly new coloured woods, speckled pale green and blue. Thomas Taylor Size 00. £70. Contact Mrs J Winn 01732 667863.

Also the office have had donated a ladies 38" club coloured cardigan plus a club shirt. Available for a small donation to one of the club's charities.

Set of 4 Thomas Taylor Ace size 3. Good condition. Price £35. Contact Jean McKoen on 07914 700390.

To add anything to our next newsletter, to be published 14th May, please email gwenat@hotmail.co.uk by 12th May latest. If you have any replies to or comments on this newsletter, please send them to office@angelibc.co.uk

Introducing ...

Our Club Manager Mark Hutcheon



Mark, what drove you to take the job at the Angel?

After spending 30 years with the Police the time had come to scale down. I was looking for a rewarding role that left me time to develop other interests.

Has the Club Manager job turned out to be as expected?

To be honest some of the early challenges were a bit unexpected, but as i have got to know more members, to absorb the 'vibe' of the Club and to work on the Club's forward looking priorities i am finding the role to be as rewarding as hoped.

What does a typical day at the Club look like for you?

In at 8.30am. Have a good look around inside and outside to check all ok. Deal with any correspondence and maintenance and administrative issues. Check in with the caterers and bar staff, help with member enquiries through the day and then move on to the Club's forward looking priorities such as Bowlr and generating new members. I also try to meet more members every day. Then off home at 2.30pm!

And what about when you get home?

Having an active 16 year old daughter and 13 year old son i find a lot of my spare time is given to driving them around! Otherwise i enjoy road cycling and have recently taken up ... bowls!

Good for you! So what are your bowling ambitions?

Well i've literally just completed my taster sessions and joined the Club summer leagues. Not embarrassing myself is my first priority! Then we'll see how it goes.

What was it like being a policeman?

Interesting. Challenging. At times scary and traumatic. Certainly varied. I was a firearms Officer billeted to the Cayman Islands for two years. Duties there included dealing with a prison riot. Not pretty; we had to enter through the prison 'cess pit' in full riot gear!

Would you join the police if you had your time again?

Yes, as the Force was 30 years ago. Would i join today? Possibly not. Unfortunately it's now more a 'job' than a vocation with considerable stress on Officers.

So back at the Angel, what are your current priorities?

That's easy. Ensure excellent facilities for our members and increase membership numbers to secure the future of the Club.

How do you find working with the Board?

Productive. We have a clear shared direction we are all working towards, shared priorities, and we are all open to changing things for the better.

What about the Bowling Committees?

To be honest that's still work in progress. I still need to get to know the Officers in the Club better and would love an opportunity to attend some of their meetings so i can identify where i can add value and support them better.



Mark, thank you for your frank and open input and we wish you well on and off the green!

