

# ANGEL IBC NEWSLETTER

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## 100 CLUB DRAW RESULTS

**This month's prize winners are:**

Mrs V Weaver

Mr K Washington

Mrs P Ridley

## OUR VERY OWN PEARLY KING AND QUEEN!

See inside for more pictures from this very popular event.

Cockney night was brilliantly supported by 95 members and their guests. Tom Carradine proved to be a great hit with all who attended. He entertained with a musical hall repertoire and encouraged en-masse singing! Carl and Sam our caterers provided a superb meal of Pie n Mash which was very tasty. The social committee would like to thank everyone for coming and supporting the event and look forward to seeing you soon in the club.



**Glad rags on and in full voice!**

## **EXCITING NEWS FROM THE BOWLING COMMITTEE**

This is an exciting time for the club as we begin our first season with a joint bowling committee. It seems an ideal time for us to look at the different aspects of bowls both within and outside the club and to ensure that we are providing the very best opportunities for all our bowling members.

As with many sports today there is sometimes a need to 'modernise' the image of a club. Cricket is a good example where the all-white kit has to a large extent been replaced by brightly coloured team kit. In the bowls world too, representative teams often have coloured kit. More and more of the teams we play against in external matches are moving over to a more colourful and modern team kit.

With this in mind the Bowling Committee have been investigating the possibility of updating our own kit. We have been looking at a number of designs, materials and costs.

**We will be sharing all our information with members very soon!**

**Keep a look out at the club and via email for further details.**

**We will be asking members to share their opinions with us before any final decisions are made.**

### **IN MEMORIAM**

It saddens us to report the death of Joyce Newman on 20<sup>th</sup> July. Her funeral was held on 15<sup>th</sup> August at the Tunbridge Wells Crematorium at 1pm and afterwards at the club from 2.30pm. Unfortunately because of the delayed issue of the newsletter this month, these details only appeared on the noticeboard.

Sadly we must also report on the death of June Cookney on the 18<sup>th</sup> July. Her funeral will be held at St Andrews Church, Paddock Wood on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August at 11am

### **ANNUAL FIRE DRILL**

Thank you to all the members who took part in the recent fire drill. Whilst the fire alarms are tested weekly and serviced on a regular basis it is important that a full fire drill is conducted to ensure that, in the unlikely event of a fire, members are able to evacuate the Club safely, quickly and via the nearest fire exit and make their way to the designated assembly point situated by the car park gates. One point of learning came from the most recent drill. If you are within the bowling rink the nearest fire exits are situated on the left- and right-hand side of the rink at the far end and it is these exits you should use. The only exception to this would be if the fire was between you and one of the exits. In these circumstances you would make your way to an alternative fire exit, i.e. either in the restaurant or via the entrance door. Many thanks.

Mark.

**YOUR CLUB**



**OPEN DAY(S) SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> & SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**IN PREPARATION FOR THE CLUB'S OPEN WEEKEND IT IS VITAL THAT WE PUBLICISE THE EVENT AS FAR AND WIDE AS POSSIBLE TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO VISIT THE CLUB.**

**ARE YOU ABLE TO TAKE A HANDFUL OF FLYERS AND POST THEM THROUGH YOUR NEIGHBOURS DOORS OR LEAVE IN YOUR LOCAL DOCTOR'S/DENTIST/SHOP/HAIRDRESSER/PUB?**

**IF EVERY MEMBER SPREADS THE WORD IT WILL MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE AS TO HOW SUCCESSFUL THE WEEKEND WILL BE.**

**FLYERS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM EITHER THE BAR OR OFFICE.**

**THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT.**

## NEW MEMBERS!



Thanks to the efforts of all our volunteers and staff we are pleased to report an increase in the numbers of new members joining the Club over the last 12 months. And fingers crossed this will lead to an overall increase in the number of members renewing in 2019; reversing the steady decline we have suffered in recent years.

This is great news and a **special thanks** goes to all the volunteers who have hosted our various promotional stalls over the year. They do such a great job in spreading the word about our Club and generating initial interest. Also to all our coaches who then work hard to convert our guests to members through their free taster sessions.

It is then for all of us to help our new members find their way and settle into the Club; if you are unsure which roll-ups or leagues to point new members towards the following sessions are particularly geared up to help bring on new bowlers coming out of the taster sessions...

### Roll-Ups

Monday 12pm - organised by Jim Hawkes

Friday 7.15pm - organised by Liz and Neil Kemp

### Winter Leagues

Tuesday 7pm - organised by Bernadette Bullen

We will also shortly be introducing a revamped “buddy” scheme to further help new members integrate as quickly as possible. More on this in the September Newsletter.

## 2019 OPEN DAYS: SATURDAY SEPT 7TH AND SUNDAY SEPT 8TH

Our Open Days are only weeks away. Why not come down for some free bowling? The hall will be available all weekend to members ... free of charge!

Of course priority will be given to any members of the public wanting to come along and have a go. But whilst there are rinks available all members are more than welcome to use them on a first come first serve basis.... a good ‘warm up’ opportunity for our returning outdoor bowlers!





Why not then join in on the Open Day evening quiz? You don't need to be in a team ... just turn up on the day and new teams will be formed on the night... and Fosters at just £2 a pint!

## **OPEN DAY FLYERS AND POSTERS**

Our neighbours are potential candidates to attend our Open Days. Please spare a few minutes to grab some flyers from the bar and drop them around your neighbouring streets.

Also if you know of a good spot to put up one of our promotional posters please let the Office know.

## **2019 RENEWAL PROCESS**

As shared in the July Newsletter, in order to save the Club money we are working to streamline the renewal process this year.

Firstly, we intend to email as many renewal forms as we can.

Then, if the Club doesn't have a valid email address for you, or if it does have a valid email address but you have nevertheless requested to receive a hard copy of your renewal forms, these will be available for collection from the Club.

Only renewals not collected by mid-September will then be posted.

To save on the unnecessary and significant staff costs spent chasing late renewals, we would also then ask that members please return their renewal letters with payment promptly before the 30 September deadline.

Again, payment can be made by cash, cheque or bank transfer.

Finally, your renewal packs will this year include a 'lifetime' Membership Card. You are asked to keep hold of this Card indefinitely as new cards will in future only be produced for new members.

## KNOW ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO TRY BOWLING?

As mentioned in the July Newsletter, to recognise the importance of us all introducing friends and family to the Club a membership referral voucher scheme is now in operation.

All you need do is introduce a guest to the Club who then goes on to become a member and you will receive a £5 bar voucher.

And remember, taster sessions with our Level 1 Club Coaches can be arranged for anytime that suits our guests, including weekday daytimes, weekday evenings and weekends.

## WINTER LEAGUES

All members are encouraged to sign up now for our Winter Leagues.

If you were in a team last year it is likely that your team captain will already be including you in their team for this coming season. *Check with your team captain if not sure.*

If you want to join a new winter league just write your name up on the sheets pinned to the noticeboard and you will be allocated to a team.

Remember, both the Monday and Tuesday 7.30pm triples Leagues are now open to both men and women bowlers, with the Tuesday evening league being a great league for all our newer bowlers to start in.



## SUMMER SINGLES LEAGUE

You may have noticed a number of members playing an informal singles league this year on a 'trial' basis. We wanted to see how well it worked for both those participating and for the Club.

After very positive feedback the plan is to run the competition again next summer, on a similar basis but this time open to all summer bowlers.

This league runs a little differently to our other leagues. There are no set dates or sessions for games to be played. It is up to each bowler to proactively arrange their own league games with each opponent and book their own rinks for a time

that suits. All we ask is that you commit to complete all your allotted league games by the allotted date.

The games are also played without a 'marker', which makes it much easier to arrange!

If you would be interested in joining the singles league next summer please speak with Gary McIlravey.

## DISABILITY BOWLS ENGLAND KITEMARK

To reflect the excellent facilities we have for bowlers requiring some form of assistance to bowl, the Club is considering working towards an application for the Disability Bowls England Kitemark.

If you would like more information on what this entails please speak with the Office.

## DO YOU HAVE ANY BOWLS YOU ARE NOT CURRENTLY USING?



Many of the bowls currently available for our new bowler Taster Sessions are not particularly suitable for beginners. Indeed many sets would challenge our more experienced bowlers to bowl consistently with!

If you have any spare bowls that you feel would be suitable for beginners we would love to borrow them. They would be registered in the Club as loaned and marked accordingly. You can thus have them returned to you whenever you wish.

Please speak with Mark or any of the [Club coaches](#) if you have a suitable set we could borrow.

## CARPET STRETCH

This year our carpet stretch will be undertaken by Greengauges for the first time. The carpet is due a good stretch and new grippers. It is hoped that this will increase the speed of the carpet.

This will be undertaken after the Summer Finals Day.



## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

A reminder that if you have any questions or suggestions for your Directors or Bowling Committee Officers you can raise them at the inaugural “Members Round Table” being organised for Tuesday September 24th. Just turn up at 7.30pm on the day for an informal discussion.



## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

To see the ‘public record’ of the Board meeting held on July 25, simply login to the members section of the website and look under the “members” tab.

A hard copy can also be accessed from the Club’s Noticeboard.

## SUNDAY 11TH AUGUST FARMERS MARKET



Many thanks to all the volunteers who hosted our promotional stall at the Tonbridge Farmers Market (held opposite the Club in Sainsbury’s car park) on Sunday August 11. You can access photos from the day on the Club’s instagram account.

Thankfully a mainly dry morning and it was great to be part of this local initiative. We generated a number of leads from members of the public expressing a genuine interest in the Club.

Thanks to Paul Gent, Jim Brazil, Gary McIlravey, Mick Bates, Diana Morgans, June Hammond and Jim Hawkes.

## FANTASTIC 5S



Congratulations to the Angel Sand Demons who have qualified for the National Quarter Finals.

Unfortunately our other 2 teams went out in the Regional

Finals. Anacondas going out to the Royals and Angel Delight to Wey Valley (the latter featuring a number of Denny Cup and Liberty Cup champion bowlers!).

The Sand Demons now face the same Royals team who beat our Anacondas. The game is to be played at the Angel in the next weeks on a date to be arranged. The Sand Demons would appreciate all the support we can give them and the date will be advertised in the Club and on the website as soon as known.

## NATIONAL AND COUNTY DRAWS

STOP PRESS.... Angels drawn away to Prince Arthur in the Denny and away to Betteshanger in both the Mason and the Egham ...

These are just three of the National and County competition draws involving your Club. You can access all the draws via your website (see “/bowling/County and Nationals”)

## 2019 / 20 CLUB FIXTURES

STOP PRESS... these are now available to access from the Club website. Just go to “/bowling/Club Fixtures”

## SUMMER FINALS DAY ... SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

The Summer Finals Day line-up is taking shape.



To see the latest Club “competition trees” updated in real time just login to your Bowlr account through the Club website as if booking a rink and look under the “members” tab. You can also check out the copies on the Club Noticeboards.  
Why not come down and support your finalists on the 14<sup>th</sup>?

## SEPTEMBER TRIPLES COMPETITION

This will be run on the same basis as previous years. Thus open to any ‘mixed’ triples including non members.

If you haven't entered this competition before, all you need do is organise yourself into a team of three including at least one male and one female bowler, then write your name up on the sheet that will be put up on the Noticeboard over the coming weeks.

For more information see this year's organiser Tony Morez.

## TV FOR SALE

The Club has a second-hand Samsung 38inch smart TV for sale. Offers through the bar please by end of August. Comes with wall mount. Can be seen in the Office.



**AUGUST**

**BANK HOLIDAY**

**RAFFLE**

**PRIZES TO INCLUDE :-**

- \*\* AFTERNOON TEA FOR TWO \*\* CRAZY GOLF AT MR MULLIGAN'S \*\***
- \*\* NAIL BAR MANICURE \*\* MEAT VOUCHERS \*\* WINE \*\* FRUIT \*\***
- \*\* TONBRIDGE ANGELS TICKETS \*\* BOWLING VOUCHERS \*\***

**TICKETS ON SALE AT THE BAR**



96	96
97	97
98	98
99	99
100	100

**ENTER TO WIN PRIZES**

**THE DRAW FOR PRIZES WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY MORNING 23 AUGUST**

**ORGANISED BY YOUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

## IMPORTANT REMINDER

The club will be closed all day on Bank Holiday Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>

To add anything to our next newsletter, to be published 14<sup>th</sup> September, please email [gwencat@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gwencat@hotmail.co.uk) by 12<sup>th</sup> September latest.

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