

ANGEL IBC NEWSLETTER

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FESTIVE FUN

100 CLUB DRAW RESULTS

This month's prize winners are:

Mrs M E Wood.
Mr A G Wheeler
Mr J Parker

Each wins £12

The winners of the Festive Fun Day were Gwen Smithies and Mick Bates. Mick played the whole competition dressed from head to toes (literally) as an elf. Gwen did not have that excuse!

The day was enjoyed by all and was followed by an excellent fish supper, brought in from outside.

Thanks go to all the organisers, especially Tony Wheeler for the competition and Wendy Ward for

the food. The Board very kindly waived the rink fees.

This was the first full day's opening after the flood and I am sure all who took part will want to join with me in thanking all those volunteers who worked so hard to make it possible. More follows.

THANK YOU!



Thank you to all volunteers who helped in any way to get the Club up and running and dried out so quickly after our recent wet weather. It was especially pleasing to get everything ready for the Festive Fun Day and especial mention must go to Malcolm Ward and Tom Young without whose efforts that would not have been possible.

The Club gained yet more learnings from this year's flooding and we will be even more prepared for next time!

In the meantime it was very gratifying to witness the success of the investments made by the Club following the previous flood.

With regards to member communication please note that in such unusual situations up to date information will be posted regularly both on your website and on social media (Facebook). Please check for these updates if you wish to know the latest status of the Club (emails will not be sent out). The updates will include requests for volunteer support as and when needed.

Our social media feeds during this event included regular updates from not only the club, but also regarding storage levels at the Leigh barrier and the state of the town in general. We shared some of these posts onto other Tonbridge groups on Facebook, and as such also got some exposure to the local community and support back from them. Indeed we actually increased our number of Facebook Page followers by 20, so that will all help towards promoting our club to the wider local public.

Two individuals in particular picked up our story from our posting to Tonbridge groups - Mary Dhonau, who is a flood expert from Worcester, noticed how we had survived, and mentioned our story on Sky News, pointing out the success of our flood doors; and Ben who drove over from Snodland with his pump to come and help drain the car park, even though he has no connection to the club at all.

Please continue to share our posts with your friends, you never know what good it will do!

STOP-PRESS ... UPDATE ON CLUB LEASE

For those who attended this year's AGM you will recall that a substantial amount of time was dedicated to discussing the situation around renewal of the Club's Lease. In particular that the subject was to be raised at a Council meeting in January.

The Club has now received a communication from the Council regarding that meeting. In short, the matter was again substantially deferred. But concrete next steps are now to be

agreed with the Council. These will be discussed at the forthcoming Board Meeting (Jan 16th) and shared with members in the relevant Board Minutes in the usual fashion.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL

71 people made their way to the Club during the evening of 31 December. To start six rounds of Beetle Drive were played and, as the winners of each round had to move to the next table, people started to chat and the noise levels rose considerably! Then it was out onto the bowling green for a couple of games of Spider, at the end of which the fish & chips had arrived. After the food people were "encouraged" to take part in the Beer Pong, to "Spot the Snowball" and to guess how many bottle tops were in a jar - moving around to do these aided the digestion!

Then it was on to games of Hoy Bingo and Irish Bingo, plus "The After Eight Challenge" (there are some pictures of this in the Club, not the best quality but you'll get the idea!). Next "Hungry Hippo" (sweets of varying descriptions featured a lot during the evening!). During the food break Jim had handed out a "Sweet Memories" sheet - guess the name of the sweets. He first conducted a 20-question quiz and then the answers to both were given.

Something a little different followed - Pencil Elevator - using pencils and lengths of string as the only way to get small sweets into the mouth (there were lots of sweets being dropped and bouncing around!). The last two games of the evening were undertaken together. Each table was given two black sacks for the "Bin Bag Fashion" competition (make an article of clothing from black sacks) and some lengths of tin foil for the "Tin Foil Challenge" (the best headgear from foil), plus some odd bits to use as decorations. Shortly before midnight the "models" were asked to show off their table's hard work by parading on the catwalk and the winners were chosen (again, pictures on show in the Club) - thanks to Malcolm Ward for acting as the independent judge. Winners of all the games during the evening were presented with prizes.

Then it was midnight and time to welcome in the New Year, watch the fireworks on TV and sing "Auld Lang Syne".

Just to finish - "Thank You" to:-

- The Board for our free drinks.
- Paul and Malcolm for spending the evening working behind the bar.
- All of you who joined in and made the evening really enjoyable.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

NEW NATIONAL SUMMER COMPETITIONS



The deadline to enter the new EIBA summer Men's singles, Women's singles, Open pairs and Open triples summer competitions is **January 20th.**

To enter, just collect an application form from your changing room or website and post it, together with fees due, in the Club Comps box. Entries will then be made centrally by the Club.

The Club also intends to enter three Fantastic 5s teams. A 'sign up' sheet will go up in the Club nearer the time.

EXTENDED SUMMER OPENING HOURS



From summer 2020 the Club will remain open all day on Mondays.

The Club will continue to be closed from 3pm on Sundays until 9am on Mondays.

Why not make the most of these extended opening hours and join the new summer Singles League and / or National Competitions?

WHY NOT SPONSOR A CLUB TROPHY?



Would you like to donate a Trophy for a Club Competition in memory of a Loved One or Dear Friend?

Last year was the first time we held an Aussie Pairs Competition and Val Harvey kindly donated a trophy in memory of husband Steve. The "Steve Harvey Aussie Pairs" is now an annual competition.

This year we have added five new competitions.

The first is an Aussie Pairs Plate competition, also in memory of Steve. The Plate competition is open to all pairs who lose their first game in the main Competition.

The second is a new mixed singles competition open to those who have not previously won the Mens or Ladies Singles Club Championships or the Bernard King sets competition. Garry Armour is kindly donating a trophy for this competition in Memory of our dear friend Terry London and we now thus have the "Terry London mixed non winners singles".

The three other new competitions added this year are new Plate competitions; one for the "Terry London mixed non winners singles", one for the men's and ladies singles (a mixed Plate) and one for the "Mens Pairs".

If there is anyone wishing to donate a trophy in memory of a loved one or a past member for any of these three new Plate Competitions please contact the Club Competition Secretaries, Tom or Heather Young

HOW IS YOUR ETIQUETTE?

As part of the most recent Novice Newsletter we included a reminder on what is expected around etiquette in the bowling hall. Given the most experienced of us can also sometimes forget our etiquette now and then we thought it might be useful to attach a copy of this reminder to this Newsletter.

SOME REMINDERS OF CLUB ETIQUETTE FOR OUR NOVICES

Moving Around the Bowling Hall

- Please leave all bowls bags, shoes, coats etc in the changing rooms. Switch mobile phones off or to silent before entering the bowling hall.
- Please do not enter the bowls hall before the seven minute bell sounds unless it is urgent. Before entering the hall please check in case a bowler is on the mat and about to bowl in either direction on the rinks in front of the door. Only enter 'between bowls'.
- Once in the bowling hall please be careful when moving around between rinks. For instance when getting or returning your bowls from the cupboard. Be careful not to walk along the end of any rinks where play is still going on and a bowler is standing on the far end's mat preparing to bowl towards you. Wait until they have bowled before walking past their rink. If there are bowlers on rink 6 please collect or return your bowls from the cupboard once they have completed their match.

Respecting bowlers on adjacent rinks when bowling

- Stay well inside your rink when at the head or waiting to bowl. Don't move around unduly; bowlers on your rink or adjacent rinks may be taking their 'lines' on your rink!
- Walk down the centre of the rink when changing ends
- If bowling down the same 'hand' as a bowler on an adjacent rink (whether they are bowling in the same direction as you or towards you) take turns. If they are first on their mat and preparing to bowl then give way by standing off your mat. Once their bowl has cleared your 'line' then it's your turn to bowl.

- Be alert at all times to your rink's 'stray' bowls potentially interfering with the heads on adjacent rinks; if playing 'skip' or '2' in a triple you are responsible for all your team's woods when you are at the head. Stay alert!

Etiquette to your opponents and teammates when bowling...

- Stay quietly behind the mat when your opponents are bowling
- Be alert to guidance from your skip as to what bowl to play

Etiquette to your opponents and teammates when standing at the head...

- Stand behind the head; keep still when people are preparing to bowl from the other end
- If playing 'skip' give encouragement, guidance and feedback to your team, things may look very different from the other end... suggest 'shots' you want your team-mates to play, give feedback on how their bowls have finished... e.g. how far in front / behind they finished, let them know which bowl is shot... praise good bowls from either team, give encouragement...
- Similarly if playing '2' in a triple give your skip guidance and feedback as needed
- Once the end is complete, be careful not to move bowls until the score is agreed... remember it's for the '2s' in a triple to agree the score on each end, the leads should leave it to them
- Help 'kick' the bowls back once the score is agreed; unless you are playing 'lead' and your team won that end - you should then get ready to place the mat and get the next end started

Accept 'lucky bowls' graciously for what they are, whether they are yours or your opponents and never wish ill on your opponents' woods!

DID YOU KNOW?

The Club's Board and Bowling Committees have clearly set out segregated responsibilities. This ensures that matters only have to be dealt with by one group of people in the Club and decision-making can be speedy and timely. Of course there are situations where the two bodies need to liaise and this is done directly by the respective 'chairs'.

The various responsibilities of the two bodies are below.

Segregation of direct responsibilities between Bowling Committee and Board

Direct Responsibilities of Bowling Committee	Direct Responsibilities of Club Board
To provide members with opportunities to bowl in various formats and at all levels (from social to international); maximising both member participation and bowling hall usage, including ...	To provide management of the Association; ensuring ongoing financial viability, provision of facilities and day to day management, including ...
Provision of a 'bowling plan' that provides for the ongoing bowling development of the club, its members & maximises rink usage through the year	Provision of a strategic plan for the club that provides for its ongoing financial viability, including required contingency plans
Organising internal Club Leagues & Competitions	Provision of bar and catering facilities (franchised)
Organising external fixtures with other Clubs, including friendlies and Kent League participation	Provision and maintenance of grounds, car parks and club building, including decorating, cleaning, security, health & safety
Liaison with National and County bodies; enable Members to compete in both County and National competitions, individually and as a Club	Recruitment and management of staff required for above, including payroll and pension provisions
The setting of match, league and competition fees; trophies and related prize monies	Financial management of the Association, including leasehold arrangements, accountancy, auditing, required insurances, fund-raising (sponsorships), facilities hiring and membership / rink fees
Recommendation of bowling related bye-laws, including dress, behaviour on the green, rink management; dealing with any member complaints related to bowling or bowling related matters	Maintenance of Club Constitution & Bye-Laws; dealing with member complaints not covered by bowling committee
Provision of coaching to enable both recruitment of new members (via visitor 'taster sessions') and development of existing members from beginners to advanced	Utilities and supplier management, including bar, electricity, phone and broadband, air conditioning, waste management, cleaning, security systems, fire prevention systems, flood prevention, car park maintenance, bowling carpet maintenance
	Management of membership data and associated software systems
Providing a pathway for new bowlers to maximise participation and retention in the first year	Actively gathering and responding to member feedback and input to maximise member retention
Policies for bowling hall management including session times, priority bookings, cancellation provisions, etc	Management of Club Policies, including data protection; safe-guarding & welfare; equality, diversity & inclusion; health & safety
Assist in provision of regular Open Days	External promotion of the bowling club for both new member recruitment and facilities hiring. Provision of regular Open Days.
Providing direction to sub-contractors regarding maintenance and desired performance of the carpet	Provision of website and social media capabilities, for both internal and external communications
Recruitment and management of volunteers required to fulfil Committee responsibilities	Recruitment and management of volunteers required to fulfil Board's responsibilities
Communication to members regarding all of above	Communication to members regarding all of above

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Some events coming up in your Club over the next months ...

Sat Jan 11th Men Kent League v Deangate, A

Sun Jan 12th Men Kent League v Mote Park, H

Wed Jan 15th Friendly v Kent Police

Wed Jan 15th Women Kent League v Mote, A

Sat Jan 18th Men Kent League v Whiteoak, A

Sun Jan 19th Women friendly v Kent U25s, H 10.00am

Sun Jan 19th "Men Of Kent" v "Kentish men" 2.00pm

Mon Jan 20th deadline for summer EIBA comp application forms

Wed Jan 22nd Women Kent League v P Arthur, A

Fri Jan 24th Carl's Australia Day Indoor Barbeque & Quiz (below)

29th January 2020 GetFit trade stand between 12pm and 4pm

Fri Feb 14th Rack of Ribs night

Fri Feb 21st Bowlsweat Direct are in the Club

Fri Feb 28th Fish 'n' Chip Supper

Fri Mar 13th Indian Night

Tue April 7th Bowling Committee AGM 7.30pm

Tue April 14th to 17th - Club Finals Week

**CARL'S "AUSTRALIA DAY"
INDOOR BBQ AND QUIZ
FRIDAY 24 JANUARY 2020**



**ON THE NIGHT YOUR SOCIAL
COMMITTEE WILL BE HELPING WITH THE QUIZ.
HOPEFULLY YOU WILL BE SIGNING UP WITH CARL &
SAM FOR THE BBQ AND QUIZ BUT, IF FOR SOME
REASON, YOU WON'T BE EATING YOU CAN COME
ALONG AND JUST TAKE PART IN THE QUIZ**

QUIZ START TIME 8.00PM

£2.00 PER PERSON

(FOR THOSE NOT EATING)

MAXIMUM 6 PER QUIZ TEAM

**(BUT IF YOU HAVEN'T GOT 6 COME ALONG
AND TEAM UP WITH OTHERS)**

RAFFLE ON THE NIGHT



NEXT NEWSLETTER

Next month (Feb) the newsletter link will be sent electronically to all members with emails, via Bowlr. If you do not wish to receive this from us please advise us in the office on the email angeloffice@angelibc.co.uk.

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

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