

ANGEL IBC NEWSLETTER

December 2019

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100 CLUB DRAW RESULTS

This month's prize winners are:

Quarterly Prizes

£125 Mrs J Campbell

£50 Mrs P Knott

£25 Mrs H Colyer

Monthly Prizes

£12 Mr J Excell

£12 Mr W Stewart

£12 Mr P Couchman

**Merry Christmas
And
Happy New Year
To you all**

5 STAR CATERING

Congratulations to Carl and Sam for once again obtaining a 5 star rating in a recent unannounced TMBC Food Hygiene Rating inspection.

Those of us who have had Christmas meals at the club (some more than one!) would also like to sing their praises for their festive fare and the hard work that has gone into producing it. Well done and Merry Christmas.

A GREAT SEASON FOR OUR MEN IN THE KENT LEAGUE



In the last Newsletter we were proud to report the Angels lying 4th in the Men's Kent League. Well, at the time of writing we are now up to a giddy 1st place!

This is the highest place the Angels have attained for many a year. A fantastic start to the season, winning 7 of our first 9 matches. A testament perhaps to the increasing depth of our squad on the men's side, especially as many other Clubs are struggling to even turn out full teams!

Meanwhile Angel Ladies are in the middle of their Kent League table, with a couple of games in hand. Our Vivienne Trophy players did well and won in the first round of this National competition. Our team included some players new to this level of competition, so very well done indeed.

50 NEW MEMBERS SINCE 1 SEPTEMBER!

We are delighted to share that we have now attracted 50 new members to the Club since 1st September. This is a fantastic step towards achieving the first major goal of Project 650, i.e. to increase our membership by a net 35 over 2019/20.

Many thanks to the many volunteers contributing to this achievement.

As a result of our success the Club has recently received the first instalment of a £500 grant from the BDA, around the Open Weekend and new membership, facilitated by Stuart Butler from Kent Sport. And we thank Kent Sport for all their support and advice over the last 6 months.

In the meantime, do please give all our new members the warmest of welcomes to our great Club.

NOVICE ROLL UPS



With our ongoing success in attracting new bowlers we have now set up a third Novice Roll Up Session, running weekly on Tuesdays at 2.30pm.

This is in addition to the Novice Roll-Ups already running at Tuesday 9.30am and Saturday 9.30am. We welcome any bowlers who have been bowling for less than 12 months to these sessions.

It is also great to see our Open Day Novices already joining our winter leagues and regular Club roll-ups.

In the meantime, congratulations to Richard who is currently leading our Tuesday ladder and to Richard and Tony who jointly lead our Saturday ladder.

RINK FEES

The new clear pouches are now successfully being used for rink fee collections.

Please can all members ensure that the slips that accompany your rink fees are clearly and fully filled out to assist Jemma in the office marrying up fees to bowling activity.

Also, just a reminder to our County and National bowlers that games requiring a double session carry a rink fee of £5 per bowler (rather than the normal £3.60 for a single session or £7.20 for two sessions).

PARKING



You may have noticed that the two parking bays adjacent to the disabled bays now display notices that they are designated 'Priority Parking Bays'.

Some of our members, whilst not registered disabled, nevertheless suffer from mobility issues. These bays are now designated for their use. Your cooperation would be appreciated when deciding where to park.

GOODBYE, GOOD LUCK AND THANK YOU TO PETER AND MARGARET SWAN

Many of you will be aware that Peter and Margaret Swan have recently moved to Norfolk to be nearer their family.

Peter and Margaret led the Club's Disabled (now Assisted) Bowling section for many years, organizing the many volunteers and helpers to ensure that members who had less mobility could extend their bowling careers and continue to enjoy our great sport.

On behalf of the Club, and in particular the many members who have benefited directly from their dedication and energy over the years, we say a huge thank you. We also send our best wishes as they start a new chapter of their lives.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR PERSONNEL CHANGES



Thanks to all members who joined the Club AGM on Wednesday 27th November at 7.15pm. Minutes will be published both within the Club and on the website shortly.

CHRIS PARKER LEAVES THE BOARD

As announced at that AGM, Chris Parker did not wish to put herself forward for re-election to the Board and has thus stepped down with immediate effect.

Chris has been a Board member since 2016 and has always been a great advocate of our Club. In particular, her work on both the catering franchise and sponsorship arrangements will be recognised by all.

Chris has also played a leading role in our promotional activities, working actively to increase the profile of the Club within the local community.

We sincerely thank Chris for all the time and effort she has given to both the Club and its members over the years. She will be sorely missed by the Board but we can still look forward to welcoming Chris within the Club as a social member.

PAUL GENT TO JOIN THE BOARD

At the same time we are delighted to welcome Paul Gent as a new Board Member. Paul was voted in at the AGM and takes Office with immediate effect.

Paul has been a long serving member of the Club and previously served on the Club's Board between 2003 and 2005.

Paul's experience at all levels of competitive bowls (Paul was Kent County men's singles champion in 2012) will be a great asset to the Board. He has already successfully regenerated the Club's social media output; a key element to our increasing our local profile, and also played a leading role in organising our successful 2019 Open Day.

We wish Paul all the best for his time on the Board.

2019 TONBRIDGE XMAS LIGHTS FESTIVAL



Many thanks to all the lovely volunteers who supported our promotional stall at this year's Rotary Club Tonbridge Xmas lights festival, held on Sunday November 24th.

The event gave us an opportunity to remind thousands of local people that we are in the town and open to new members. It is also great for the Club to join the local community and support these local events. We had many people stopping by for more information or to enter our kids' competition.

PS for those who wondered, Perdita (the polar bear) is now just over 13 years old!

WINTER 2019 CLUB COMPETITIONS

Just a reminder to all entrants to keep any eye on the Club Competition 'play by dates', which are on your website and Noticeboards.

If you need to arrange a game you should find it already set up within your Bowlr Account, ready for you to select a date and book directly through Bowlr. By booking through this Bowlr facility you can also then enter your score directly through the bowling hall iPads immediately after your match provided you are within the 'play by dates'. If you miss the 'play by dates' then your score will need to be entered manually at the discretion of the Office / Competition Secretary.

**Remember... Finals Week is Tuesday April 14th to Friday April 17th,
with a sponsored buffet and presentations on the Friday evening
See you there!**

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 31st.

Watch out for further information on how to enter on your Club noticeboard and website.

The Fantastic 5s entries will be made centrally by the Club. All members are encouraged to enter the new singles, pairs and triples competitions. These entries are made by individual members, via the Club. For those who haven't entered County or National competitions before you just need to organise yourself into a pair or triple and then just one player from each pair or triple needs to make an entry.

Why not have a go?

SOCIAL MEDIA

As mentioned previously, social media is being used to help raise our profile locally. With that in mind, we would love to know what clubs, groups and businesses you follow on social media. Who do you find interesting enough to follow? Are you a member of a club or group? We'd love to connect with them, so just let Paul Gent know their social media profiles.

THE COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS

QUIZ



Thank you to everyone who came along on the 6th and made the evening go so well.

40+ people started the evening eating in the restaurant with very enjoyable food prepared by Carl & Sam. They were then joined by others so we had 74 people playing in the quiz.

6 question rounds later the raffle had been drawn and most teams had worked out the 'Carols and Christmas Songs Ditloids'. The scores were very close, with two teams tying for first place. Jim dug deep to produce a tie-break question (he said he has never had to do this before at the Club) and the winners were decided.

The winners, team name "Clueless", were presented with a bottle and chocolate nibbles for each and those who had the lowest score, the "Christmas Cadets", received Brussels sprouts related consolation prizes.

Thank you to everyone who came along and particular thanks to Bev who helped us on the night and to Ed who worked tirelessly to keep the drinks flowing.

From your Social Committee

THANK YOU

I would like to thank personally the 100 Club Committee for their contribution towards the cost of printing the Angel IBC scorecards. It was totally unexpected but nevertheless really appreciated.

Peter Allen, Men's Vice Captain

Christmas and New Year Opening Times			
Club		Office	
Tuesday 24/12/19	Closed from 15.00hrs	Open 09-14.00hrs	Laura
Wednesday 25/12/19	Closed Christmas Day	Closed	
Thursday 26/12/19	Closed Boxing Day	Closed	
Friday 27/12/19	Open	Closed	
Saturday 28/12/19	Open	Closed	
Sunday 29/12/19	Open	Closed	
Monday 30/12/19	Open	Open 09-14.00hrs	Laura
Tuesday 31/12/19	Open	Open 09-14.00hrs	Laura
Wednesday 01/01/20	Closed New Year Day	Closed	
Thursday 02/01/20	Open	Open 09-12.00hrs	Jemma

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

Fri Dec 27th Festive Fun Day in the bowling hall

Tue Dec 31 New Year's Eve Party in your Club

Sat Jan 4 Women v Wealden cancelled

Sun Jan 5 Kent League Men v Oyster

Wed Jan 8 Kent League Women v Folkestone

Sat Jan 11 Kent League Men v Deangate

Sun Jan 12 Kent League Men v Mote Park



Have you pain in your body or do you know someone who does? Do your physical ailments/ diseases become repetitive challenges? Whether it be rheumatoid arthritis, MS, swelling, back pain, muscle pain, lupus, restriction of movement, or loss of energy for example. By using your own Far Infrared product, packed with specific minerals, you can improve your health by restoring some balance, manuverability and release pain.

Have a look at the web site: www.get-fitt.com and come along and try out the Warming Earth Pad or the Sleep System

Wednesday 29th January 2019 at the Angel Indoor Bowls Centre Tonbridge, Avenue Du Puy, Tonbridge, Kent, TN9 1QH

Any queries please call Ruthie: 07857987869 (4-7pm M-F)



Earth Pad – sits
on the chair

Mattress overlay – lays
under the bed sheet

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

TUESDAY 31 DECEMBER 2019

8.00PM 'TIL MIDNIGHT

£3.50 PER PERSON

includes FISH & CHIPS SUPPER

(PRICE SUBSIDISED BY SOCIAL COMMITTEE FUNDS)

ONE FREE DRINK ON ARRIVAL

(COURTESY OF THE CLUB'S BOARD)

PLEASE BUY YOUR TICKETS AT THE BAR BEFORE

SATURDAY 21 DECEMBER PLACES WILL BE

LIMITED TO 100 SO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD

ON A

"FIRST COME FIRST SERVED" BASIS

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

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