

ANGEL IBC NEWSLETTER

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BOWLING SUCCESS

100 CLUB DRAW RESULTS

This month's prize winners are:

Mr K Ashby
Mrs P Kohlbeck
Mr A G Wheeler

Each wins £12

Congratulations to Angel member Duncan Hanmore who recently represented England in the BIIBC Over 50 International Series.

Duncan is the reigning Kent Singles Champion and has again reached the final 16 of this year's competition.

If any member would like to learn more of Duncan's achievements both within and outside the Club just have a look at the Club's Honours Boards! This year, Duncan is joined by Angels' Gary McIlravey and Tony Morez in the final 16 of the men's County Singles. Again, a very strong representation from our Club.

From among Angel Ladies, Joan Campbell, Mary London and Maggie Standley have reached the area final in the National ladies' triples, to play Wendy King on a date and venue to be confirmed. Graham and Maggie Standley narrowly lost the mixed pairs area final on 11th.

Maggie is still in area finals of ladies' singles and 2-wood singles and, if she wins on Friday 14th at home, will be in the area final of the over 60 singles as well!

For the men, Graham Standley, Lewis Goldup and Duncan Hanmore won through to the area final of the County Triples, and Graham and Duncan are also in National area finals of Pairs, Triple with Peter Harris and Fours with Peter and Paul Gent. Phew! Good luck to all our members who are still battling in the County and National competitions.

NEW CLUB PLATE COMPETITIONS UP AND RUNNING

This year the Club is running Plate Club competitions for the first time. All members knocked out of the main competitions early-on are automatically entered into the Plate competitions. The draws for these competitions are now complete and you can find them on your website or club noticeboard.

We have four Plate competitions running (mens singles, mixed non winners singles, mens pairs and open Aussie pairs). Good luck to all members participating in these new competitions. The Plate finals will run alongside the 'main' competition finals during Club Finals Week" (see 'dates for your diary').

CELEBRATING AUSTRALIA DAY

Another enjoyable evening at the Club on Friday 24 January - Carl's Aussie BBQ and Quiz to commemorate Australia Day on the 26th.



Thirty or so people sat down for the "barbie".

The food was delicious and plentiful, so much so that everyone was "chockers" (Australian for 'very full') and some were seen leaving at the end of the evening clutching doggie bags - good idea, waste not, want not!

After the food a few more teams joined us for the Quiz. Carl had provided the first round of questions all about Australia and other topics followed for the other rounds. Jim, the Quizmaster, did an

excellent job and by the end of the evening his voice was suffering. This was because the microphone decided to throw a "wobbly" and not work so Jim had to do a lot more walking around making sure everyone first heard the questions and then the answers when the rounds were being marked.

Partway through the raffle was drawn. Then at the end of the quiz the scores were totted up and the winners - The Joeys and Jennys - were presented with small bottles of Australian wine and wine glass charms depicting things like the Australian flag, a Kangaroo and the Sydney Opera House. Those with the lowest score - "The Magnificent Seven" - received Australian corks hats (the ones with corks strung round the brim). The hats raised a smile or two particularly as some of the team were still wearing them when they went home! - pictures of both these teams are on show in the Club.

Thanks to all who cooked, helped and took part.



NEW SHIRT ORDER

We will shortly be sending in another order for the new Angel shirts.

Order forms are available at Reception.

Completed orders should be returned by **FEB 24th at the latest.**

Please return all forms to Wendy Ward.

We have a small number of shirts in stock if you wish to try the sizes

No money is required at this stage. Prices are:

First shirt £10.00, additional shirts £22.00

IMPORTANT

Dear bowlers,

Thank you to the majority of you who include all the required information on the rink fee slips. this information is mandatory as it allows the cash to be reconciled to bowling activity.

For the minority who currently only partially complete the form please can you ensure in future you include all the required information, as in the example below. It will only take a few seconds of your time but will save a significant amount of time for the office attempting to work out who has played, who has paid and has the club collected the correct amount. Many thanks for your assistance and compliance.

Mark and The Office.

DATE:	27/01/2020
SESSION TIME:	09.30am
RINK:	2
NAME OF TEAM or BOWLER NAME:	Mark Hutcheon
BOWLING ACTIVITY:	Roll Up
ROLL UP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
LEAGUE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
COMPETITION	<input type="checkbox"/>
NAT/ COUNTY	<input type="checkbox"/>
OTHER	<input type="checkbox"/>
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CASH:	£3.60

**ANGEL (TONBRIDGE) INDOOR BOWLS CLUB
BOWLING COMMITTEE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON
TUESDAY 7TH APRIL 2020
AT 7.30PM**

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES
2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
3. TREASURER'S REPORT
4. MEN'S CAPTAIN REPORT
5. LADIES CAPTAIN REPORT
8. MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT
9. LEAGUE SECRETARY'S REPORT
10. COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT
11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

ANY OTHER BUSINESS YOU MAY WISH TO BE DISCUSSED TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE BOWLS COMMITTEE SECRETARY (DAWN SLATER) AT LEAST FOURTEEN DAYS BEFORE THE MEETING.

JUNIOR UPDATE

English Bowls Youth Development Scheme 2020

On the 2nd February our juniors; Elliot Williams, Ava Williams, Taryn Bulman, Lewis Goldup and our newest, youngest bowler Felix Mitchell took part in the county competition held at Mote Park.

It was an early start for all. The morning consisted of 8 rinks of "skills" followed in the afternoon with each junior playing three singles matches.

In the U14's category Elliot Williams came second in the skills element. He also went through to the singles final in the afternoon and won! He is now the County Singles Champion for the EBYDS gaining him a place in the Regional Finals at Horsham in April.

Lewis Goldup was our only U18's player and was the overall runner up so has also earned himself a place at the Regional Finals.

A good day was had by all. I am so proud of my juniors.

Lorna Goldup. Junior Coordinator.

MORE GOOD NEWS ON PROJECT 650!



We are delighted to share that the Club is continuing to attract a healthy stream of new members... great news in our quest to secure the financial future of our Club.

As at the time of writing we have welcomed more than 60 new members this year to date (a net membership increase of 27 allowing for people not renewing for 2019/20) and we still have 20 people currently going through taster sessions!

We are thus on course to smash this year's Project 650 2019/20 target of 30 net new members over the whole year. Again, a great testament to the efforts being put in by lots of our members.

We are not resting on our laurels though! Planning for the 2020 Open Days is already underway and if you would like to assist in this planning please give your name in to Paul behind the bar.

We have also recently applied for a grant from Kent Sport to purchase new 'fun' equipment to further enhance our Open Days and Taster Sessions. This includes a set of New Age Bowls, Bowls Park Equipment and a Kurling number target. Fingers crossed our application is successful.

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? Sign up forms will go up on the Noticeboard nearer the time.

The Summer Bowling Committee will also be arranging the usual Tuesday and Thursday daytime and evening triple leagues, weekend friendly matches and Club Competitions. We look forward to meeting many of our newer bowlers in these summer competitions! Look out for the Summer League sign-up forms coming to your Notice-board very soon.

FLEXIBLE SATURDAY EVENING OPENING HOURS

If there are no social events running then Saturday evenings can become very quiet in the Club once members attending the junior sessions, home matches or returning from away matches have been and gone.

Currently the bar staff are applying common sense and closing the Club early if there are no members in the Club and none expected (e.g, no cars in the car park).

Subject to members views it is proposed that this 'flexible' approach to Saturday evenings continues.

If members are expecting to require access to the Club on a Saturday evening after 8pm, and do not have a car left in the car park, it is thus suggested that they ensure that the bar staff are aware just in case the decision has been made to close early that evening.

CLUB FLOOD-RESPONSE ... UPDATE



As mentioned in last month's Newsletter the Club had a number of 'learnings' from this years' town flooding and after discussion at this month's Board the following immediate actions are being taken...

- 1) The Club will purchase it's own pump suitable for removing water from the car park
- 2) Ownership and formal responsibility for maintaining the 'non-return' valve in the neighbouring stream will be clarified
- 3) Investigations will be made regarding better drainage of the shingle ditch running 'behind' the Club
- 4) Our default flood-response processes will be extended to remove excess carpet from the ditches and to further improve liaison with relevant agencies, staff, caterers, cleaners, other bowling clubs and members with rink bookings

It's also clear that the Club relies heavily on volunteers at such times of need, for a variety of tasks. We will thus be compiling a list of members who may be in a position to help out at short notice. As well as putting 'calls for help' out on the website and social media we can also then call individual members directly. If you feel you may be able to help in future times of need please give your name in behind the bar.

Again many thanks to the volunteers who did such a brilliant job before Xmas.

CATERING FRANCHISE

We are delighted to share that the existing catering franchise with Carl and Sam has been extended for a further year.



As both our own previous difficulties and ongoing challenges at other clubs has shown, getting such a franchise to work for all of the caterers, the Club and its members is not easy or straightforward. We are thus particularly pleased that as part of this year's renewal we have agreed a freeze on the franchise fee payable to the Club in return for a freeze on match meal prices. For one year only.

It also goes without saying that the ongoing success of our catering franchise relies entirely on members ongoing usage. Please thus support your caterers and enjoy their good food whenever you can.

LOCKERS

A full review of all of the lockers has been conducted and lockers that are not being currently used have been identified. If you require a locker please visit the office to organise. Please be aware that there is a £10 charge.

On the subject of lockers you may have noticed that some of the bottom row of lockers rink side were emptied just before Christmas when there was a significant risk of flooding. Any items removed from the lockers were initially relocated on the top to prevent the risk of any water damage. Luckily significant flooding did not occur and most items have now been returned to the lockers by the owners.

If you have lockers 405, 89, 33 or 10 please come to the office before you start bowling. After a recent locker audit we have no record these lockers are in use. If these are your lockers please do come in the office and we can check your belongings and update our records accordingly.

SPONSORSHIP NEWS

Firstly we would like to welcome Wood and Pilcher as one of our Primary Sponsors of the club. We have lots of exciting things planned with them so do watch this space.

A message from our sponsors: Abbey Funeral Services Ltd have been working hard over the last 6 months with Leon Steer of Rapport Housing & Care and would like to invite you to our 'Be Prepared' Seminar. A free event providing guidance in preparing for later life and help for families supporting an older relative. The event will be held on Saturday 16 May 2020 at the Medway Hall, Tonbridge Angel Centre from 10.30 am – 3.00 pm with a full line up of Speakers, experts in their field. Light refreshments will be available during the day and at

lunch time. If you would like to attend, please register your interest at Abbey FS on 01732 360328.

FOCUS FREE PRIZE DRAW

Focus (long standing Club Sponsors) are offering a free monthly prize draw for Angel members. A monthly cash prize of £50 will be won by a lucky member every month. To enter just fill in a form located on the Green Stewards Desk and post in the large blue box. The first draw will be made in February. Good luck!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Wed Feb 12th Women Kent League v Dartford, A

Fri Feb 14th Rack of Ribs night

Sat Feb 15th Friendly Mxd v Piscatorials, H

Sun Feb 16th Mens Kent League v Bromley, A

Wed Feb 19th mixed friendly v Bidborough, H

Wed Feb 19th Women Kent League v Thanet, A

Fri Feb 21st Bowlsweat Direct are in the Club

Fri Feb 21st Women v KCLIBA

Sat Feb 22nd Men Kent League v Thanet, H

Sun Feb 23rd Men Kent League v Dartford, H

Wed Feb 26th Women Kent League v Mote Park, H

Fri Feb 28th Fish 'n' Chip Supper

Fri Mar 13th Indian Night

Tue April 14th to 17th - Club Finals Week

To add anything to our next newsletter, to be published 14th March, please email gwenat@hotmail.co.uk by 12th March at the latest.

If you have any replies to or comments on this newsletter, please send them to office@angelibc.co.uk

SOME REMINDERS OF CLUB ETIQUETTE FOR OUR NEWER MEMBERS

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 (eg to access your locker) before the seven-minute bell sounds unless it is urgent. Before entering the hall check if 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. Especially when getting or returning your bowls from the cupboard or accessing your lockers. Be careful not to walk along the end of any rinks where play is still going on and a bowler is standing on the mat preparing to bowl. 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 or locker only 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!



FRIDAY 27 MARCH 2020 starting at 2.00pm

a talk on

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF FUNERALS

After almost 40 years working as a professional funeral director,
Chris Parker will be

sharing some of the moments which were
amusing, laughable or frankly hilarious

Afterwards we will enjoy a cream tea
(2 scones each, jam & cream and tea/coffee)

If you would like to join us for this entertaining afternoon please buy
your tickets at the bar

The cost will be £5.00 per person

We will need the final number attending by
MONDAY 23 MARCH so we can advise Carl & Sam

PLEASE BUY YOUR TICKETS BEFORE THIS DATE

