

# ANGEL IBC NEWSLETTER

January 2019

## YOUR CLUB, YOUR NEWS, YOUR NEWSLETTER

Welcome to a new year and to the second half of the 2018/19 season. Let us start by congratulating all our bowlers who are still in the various National and County competitions, representing our club in the wider bowls world.

Keep on playing, everyone!

## NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATIONS

More than 60 members and their guests enjoyed the last evening of 2018 playing some quite 'sedate' games like Beetle Drive and Hoi Bingo and others that were a bit more 'energetic' like Spider, out on the bowling rinks, and who could build the tallest, free-standing tower using just spaghetti and sellotape.



And then there was 'wrap a mummy' with kitchen roll and only 3 pieces of sellotape.



Paul and Malcolm worked tirelessly behind the bar keeping everyone "topped up" and our Fish & Chips arrived right on time at 9.00pm.

We had a picture quiz on the tables and Jim also entertained us with a spoken quiz to keep the little grey cells going.

The evening ended with everyone taking to the dance floor for the countdown to midnight and to watch the fireworks on TV. Before going home some even had a dance or two.



*Happy New Year from  
your Social Committee*

## **100 CLUB DRAW RESULTS**

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

Mr J Tilt  
Mr M Copnell  
Mrs J Aldridge

**Each wins £12**

You too could be one of our lucky winners.

Contact Bob Bowlby or ask Paul Buss, our Bar Steward, for details of how to join, for chances to win up to £150!

## **FESTIVE FUN DAY**

On December 28th, the Ladies v Gents game was converted to a Festive Fun day, with a series of skills-based games and cash prizes for the winning Lady and Gent, and a superb meal afterwards.

Many thanks are due to the two Captains for hosting the event, to Carl and Sam for the meal and especially to Tony Wheeler who did all the hard work organising everything.

There was 1 point between the ladies 85 to 84. Winner: Gwen Smithies, Runner-up ?

The men drew 63 each. Joint winners were ?? Congratulations to young Lewis Goldup 3rd in the men's only 3 points off the lead & 5th overall. Although played as an individual competition the ladies beat the men and the top rink was No 1.

Two ladies stood out as having the best festive dress: Christine Elliment came as an elf and Karen ? came as a Christmas tree. Both played in their costumes throughout, which really shows the right spirit.

## IN MEMORIAM

It is particularly poignant at this time of year to have to report the sad passing of three members.

Jim Gorringe passed away recently. His funeral will be at the Methodist Church, Higham Lane on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 10.15am.

James (Jimmy) Gow passed away on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018. His funeral will be held at the Tunbridge Wells Crematorium on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 2.15pm. Afterwards at the New Telegraph Club, Priory Road.

Ernest (Ernie) Cooke passed away on 25<sup>th</sup> December 2018. His funeral will be held at the Tunbridge Wells Crematorium on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 10 am. Afterwards at the Angel Bowls Centre.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**BOWLSWEAR DIRECT ROADSHOW:** We are excited to announced that our Advertisers Bowlswear Direct will be coming to the club on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February2019 between 10.30am - 2.30pm. The have a wide range of bowling stock and will bring a selection down for all members to purchase. They do however ask that if a member requires specific sizes in clothing footwear, bowls or other rated items please telephone them in advance on 01483 536337. With advance they can try their best to bring them down on the day of the visit. If you are unable to attend but would like to make a purchase you can also call or go online at [www.bowlsdirect.com](http://www.bowlsdirect.com).

**ASCOT 2019:** If you would like to purchase your early bird Ascot tickets for Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019 please see the bar or the office. Each ticket includes; Prosecco on arrival at the Angel Indoor Bowls Centre, Return Coach Transfer, Designated area in the Coach Park so you can bring along your own food and drink (they also allow picnic tables and chairs), Ticket into the Windsor Enclosure – you may bring your own small picnic into the enclosure and a bottle of Fizz, Race Card for the Day and Itinerary for the event. Tickets are selling fast so please let us know as soon as possible.

**CHURCHILL RETIREMENT HOME MEET AND GREET:** Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019 come meet the staff and find out the more about Churchill Retirement Living.

**ANGEL INDOOR BOWLS CLUB SOCIAL COMMITTEE'S MID WEEK QUIZ** – Put your brains into gear on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 8pm. £1 per ticket, a maximum of 6 on a team. Tickets at the bar. Includes a Meat Raffle. Food will be available on the night with the wonderful Carl and Sam.

## **CORRECTION AND APOLOGY**

In last month's edition there was a thank you for all the members who gave up their time to assist with the stall at the Christmas Festival. Unfortunately, one name was left out in error, Bernadette Bullen. Thank you Bernadette for your help and we hope this makes amends for our omission.

## **FIRST AID TRAINING MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY**

There has been an excellent response and all places were filled. However due to a change in circumstances there is now one free space. The training is between 9am and 4pm with a break for lunch (which is being provided). If you wish to be considered for this training, please let Mark in the office know. This is an excellent life skill that you may need to use at anytime.

## **OFFICE CLOSURE**

The office will be closed on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January due to a number of staff and members being 1<sup>st</sup> Aid trained on that day. The training will be held at the Club so if there are any urgent matters Mark is still available. Apologies if this causes any inconvenience but I am sure you will all agree this is an important skill that potentially could save a members life.

## **GREEN STEWARDS WANTED**

Isn't it nice when you ring up the club for some reason and there is someone on the desk to answer your call? When the bar is open and no Steward is on duty, this task falls to the bar staff, rather unfairly I think, especially at busy times. When the bar is closed, there is no one to refer to.

Green Stewards answer the phone, take the money for rink fees and provide a friendly face t

These volunteers serve a single session every week throughout the season, on a "four weeks on, four weeks off" basis. For this they receive a *very substantial reduction* in their membership fees.

We have many sessions with no steward on duty at the moment, which is a great shame for all of us.

If you would like to become a steward and take on these very light duties, you would receive all the training you would need. Please contact Jim Hawkins, Chief Green Steward, or ask at the bar or in the office about how to proceed.

## REVIEW OF BAR PRICES

Due to price increases from the Club's suppliers and the effect of the 'sugar tax' it is necessary to conduct a review of prices for items sold at the bar. Any price increases that are deemed necessary will take effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> February.

## AND FINALLY...

Some bowls terms translated:

"Good weight!" = lousy line

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"Good back bowl" = you were lucky you didn't put it in the ditch

"That's in their way" = that's in my way

"That could be useful up there" = that bowl is closer to you than it is to the jack

"Get it next time" = you sure didn't get it this time

"He's surprisingly good" = you're surprised he ever makes a shot

"I'd bowl with him any day" = he always buys the first round

Remember this is your newsletter. If you have anything you would like to include in the February edition, please email it to [gwencat@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gwencat@hotmail.co.uk) or put it in the pigeonholes for Gwen Smithies, before 12<sup>th</sup> February.



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Cuppa!*



*Here at the Bowls Club*



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