

# ANGEL IBC NEWSLETTER

November 2018

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## 100 CLUB DRAW RESULTS

This month's prize winners are:

Mrs M E Wood  
Mr W Stewart  
Mrs C Parker

## DID YOU GUESS HIS IDENTITY?

Yes the little lad in the picture last month is none other than Tony Wheeler.

I received ten guesses but not one was correct! Thank you to all those who had a go. Also thank you to Tony for lending me these pictures.

## CHANGES TO THE BOWLING COMMITTEES

There have been a lot of rumours circulating in the club on this subject including, as is usual with rumours, much inaccurate information.

At the end of last winter season both the Men's and Ladies committees agreed that they would like to investigate the option of merging the two committees into a single Bowling Committee. There were a number of reasons that had prompted this decision: fewer committees so the club can be more effective and efficient; decisions can be made much more quickly as we aren't waiting on two committees

to come to an agreement; decisions can be made on behalf of all adult playing members, for the benefit of all of them, not just half of them at a time; it will enable better and simpler communications and it will enable us to remove unnecessary and unhelpful differences within the club.

Chris Bruce, Jackie Clarke, Malcolm Yates and Matthew Sellen have met a few times since then to go through all the ways the existing two committees work and how this could be brought together. To date, whilst some differences have been harder to resolve than others, it is firmly believed that the two committees can be successfully merged and be a major step forward for our club.

**It is worth noting, this does not affect the summer committee, the assisted bowling group or the junior section - they all have specific remits so will continue as they currently do.**

## **ANGEL CLUB COMPETITION BOWLING SUCCESSES**

The Club has recently made great progress in all of the three major National Club competitions (Egham, Denny and Yetton) and at the time of writing are still in all three competitions!

You can follow all these results on the Club website and will also find dates of the next rounds. Why not come and support and see some great bowling - all these competitions involve a home and away team playing simultaneously.

## **RELAXATION OF DRESS CODE FOR ROLL UPS**

This has now been incorporated into a new version of the Club's bye-laws (issued Monday November 12th).

The new version of the bye-laws can be found both on the web site (under Members Notices) and within the Club. A summary of the material changes made to the previous version is included on the web site.

As a reminder of the dress code change - it is no longer required to wear greys for casual play. Any dress appropriate to being in the Club as a whole is also now regarded as appropriate for casual play - plus of course regulation bowling shoes.

## **A NEW DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: FRIDAY APRIL 12TH**

The finals of the Club competitions will now be played on the evenings of the week beginning April 8th, culminating in the final of the singles competitions, trophy presentations and a buffet on the evening of Friday April 12th

Why not make a date with your diary for the Friday evening and come down to see some great bowls, congratulate the winners and enjoy the buffet?

Thanks go to Tom and Heather for organising our internal competitions.

## **SWITCHING ON TONBRIDGE XMAS LIGHTS - SUNDAY NOVEMBER 25TH**

Just a reminder that the Club is planning to have a 'stall' at this year's 'turning on the town lights' Xmas Festival.

The first of a series of events aimed at raising the profile of the Club in the town.... and even recruiting a new member or two!

The Festival runs in the afternoon and early evening of Sunday November 25th. Why not come along, enjoy the event and support the Club. If you feel you would be able to help on the day, even for just an hour, please give your name to staff behind the bar or in the office and one of the organisers will be in touch.

Thank you to all those who have already volunteered.

### **CLUB FLYERS**

The Club has a supply of new colourful 'flyers' inviting people to come to the Club and have a go at bowling.

If you feel you know of somewhere where a Club flyer could be made available to people potentially interested in having a go - please ask for a supply from the Office.

Raising the profile of the Club by having these flyers out and about can only be helpful in our bid to attract new members.

### **FANCY BOOKING YOUR OWN RINKS ONLINE?**

Following the decision to purchase the Bowlr system for our website, membership, league and diary management processes, we are pleased to report that we are just about to start system set up.

This will involve transferring all of our existing membership data onto the new system, setting the system up to reflect how we wish it work for us and then spending a couple of months testing.

We aim to have everything up and running by the end of the 2018/19 winter season, so live for all of our members to use in anger from the 2019 summer season onwards.

For those of us who wish to do so, we will then be able to both view rink availability and book rinks online via our website (we will provide information to help people do that nearer the time).

We will also be able to input our match scores directly as soon as we have finished bowling - to instantly update the website league tables and competition trees in real time (all of which will of course still be printed and updated on Club notice boards in the current manner).

And for next year's renewals, those of us who wish to will be able receive our renewal letters via e-mail - improving efficiency in the office and reducing on the current significant Club postage costs.

Of course new systems will inevitably mean changes to the way some things work in the Club and an important element of the Project will be to make sure that appropriate guidance and training is given to all involved so that the Club continues to run smoothly. This will include, for instance, the green stewards handling our new online rink booking diary.

If anyone would like to know more about the system please speak to Matt, Mark, Laura, Malcolm or Neil.

## **CLUB AGM - WED NOVEMBER 28TH 7.15PM**

A message from your Board...

All members are encouraged to join the AGM on the above date.

This year full reports will be made available for members to read before the AGM itself (request from Office or via website). This will give members better opportunity to digest the content and table questions for the Board in advance. The Reports will not be read out at the AGM.

As set out in recent Club Updates, the Club faces financial challenges in the years ahead unless membership can be increased or costs significantly reduced. The Board has thus formulated a 5 year Club Plan to address this situation (available on the Club website).

Some elements of the Plan have already been executed (securing a Club Manager, quality caterers, modern systems and a rejuvenated website), but the major challenge lies ahead: to increase membership levels from the current 500 to 650 over the next 5 years. Once we achieve this increased membership level the Club will once again be on a sustainable financial footing and we will be able to continue to maintain the Club's facilities to the same high levels that we all enjoy today.

If you want to learn more about the challenges faced, or the formulated Plan itself, we encourage you to read the Board Report when available and join us at the AGM.

The Board very much welcomes all contributions and questions on these important topics.

## **GLASS PARTITION BETWEEN BAR AND BOWLING HALL**

There are various pros and cons as to whether it would enhance the Club, and in particular the viewing experience, for this partition to be removed.

There will be a specific proposal made at this year's AGM.

## **OFFICE VACANCY**

There is currently a vacancy within the Angel Office. It is a part-time position where the core function will be to handle and reconcile the cash generated through bowling activities, bar sales and various other sources.

The successful candidate will be employed to work approximately 6hrs per week, ideally split between a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. It will be beneficial to have experience of handling and reconciling cash and familiarity with Excel spreadsheets. It is important that the candidate can demonstrate the ability to work with accuracy and have an eye for detail. Relevant training will be provided.

The post is open to applications from members and non-members. For more information please speak to Mark in the office.

## **WHITE JACKS**

I am sure you will be aware that white jacks are used by some of our bowlers. These are kept at the Green Stewards' desk for ease of access. Recently several have not been returned and therefore their availability has diminished. If for any reason you have retained a white jack, either in your locker or bowling bag, please can you return it so other members can access them.

## **A BIG THANK YOU**

On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November Hidden Hearing in partnership with the EIBA held an event at the Club. This company invited non-members to the Club in order to showcase what facilities AIBC has to offer and to introduce them to indoor bowling. On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November four residents from a local residential home visited the Club to have a bowling taster session. Both of these events form part of Project 650. It is anticipated that as a result 3 or 4 new members will be joining the Club. These events do not happen by themselves and the Club wishes to thank the following members who gave up their time to 'meet and greet' people visiting the Club and to ensure their first bowling experience was a enjoyable one: Liz and Neil Kemp, Malcolm Yates, Matt Sellen, Jim Hawkes and Peter Swann.

## WHAT TO BUY A BOWLER WHO HAS EVERYTHING?

Just a reminder that similarly to last year if you are stuck on ideas as to what to buy a fellow member for Christmas you can obtain pre-paid bowling vouchers from the office. They are £3.60 each for a full session and make wonderful stocking fillers.

## NEW MEMBERS

The Club extends a warm welcome to the following new members: Susanne Prince, Carol Dawson, Barry Jenkins, Keith West and Eunice Hislop.

## KEEP IN TOUCH

For the general information of members: I have been requested by Ken and Mary Stinton - previously long standing members of the Club and now both in their nineties - to let you all know that they have become residents of:

Cornford House TN2 4QS Pembury

Office phone: 01892 820100

Ken & Mary's phone: 01892 820134.

They would love to hear from any Angel bowlers who would like to contact them.

From Brian Ingledew.

## BOWLSWEAR DIRECT ROADSHOW

We are excited to announced that our Advertisers Bowlswear Direct will be coming to the club on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018 between 10.30am and 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 notice they can try their best to bring the items 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).

### SMALL ADS

#### Bowls for sale:

Taylor Aces Size 3 heavy, with carrier. £50.00. Contact Angela Cater 01892 670772

Henselite Classic, medium, size 3 being sold by Jean Hutchin. Open to offers. Please ring 01732 356095.

Henselite Super Grip size 4. Offers to be donated to charity. Please see Mark in

## ASCOT 2019

If you would like to purchase your early bird Ascot tickets for Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018 please see the bar or the office. The discounted tickets are available for purchase up until the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018 and include a great day out with the following: 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 Winsor 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.

## GRAND CHRISTMAS DINNER AND FUN QUIZ

Limited Spaces Left! Please see Carl and Sam and put your name down on the table in the restaurant. This will be a great night open to members, family and friends on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018 from 6.30pm with a delicious menu. We would love to see you all there! See ad below.

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

If you have any replies to or comments on this newsletter, please send them to [office@angelibc.co.uk](mailto:office@angelibc.co.uk)

## Christmas dinner

**OPEN TO MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

**Arrive 6.30 for 7pm**

**Menu - choose from**

Prawn and smoked salmon roulade with a dressed salad garnish

Cream of tomato soup served with a crusty white roll

Chicken goujons with lemon mayo and a dressed salad garnish

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Roast beef

Roast turkey

Fish pie

Vegetable tartlet

All the above served with seasonal trimmings

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Christmas pudding with brandy sauce

Chocolate mousse

Lemon meringue pie

Fresh fruit salad with cream

Selection of ice cream

Cheese and biscuits

**£20 (excluding tea/coffee)**

**Book now - limited space available!**