

ANGEL IBC NEWSLETTER

September 2019

YOUR CLUB, YOUR NEWS, YOUR NEWSLETTER



100 CLUB DRAW RESULTS

This month's prize winners are:

Quarterly Prizes

£125	Mr M Gates
£50	Mrs A Couchman
£25	Mr A G Wheeler

Monthly Prizes

£12	Mr W Stewart
£12	Mr M Copnell

NEWS FROM THE BOWLING COMMITTEE.

This is an exciting time for the club as we begin our first season with a joint bowling committee. It seems an ideal time for us to look at the different aspects of bowls both within and outside the club and to ensure that we are providing the very best opportunities for all our bowling members.

As with many sports today there is sometimes a need to 'modernise' the image of a club. Cricket is a good example where the all- white kit has to a large extent been replaced by brightly coloured team kit. In the bowls world too, representative teams often have coloured kit. More and more of the teams we play against in

external matches are moving over to a more colourful and modern team kit. With this in mind the Bowling Committee have been investigating the possibility of updating our own kit. We have been looking at a number of designs, materials and costs.

If we were to change the kit it is very important to also consider the following points:

- Members could continue to wear grey trousers/skirts and present club or white shirts for all internal bowls if they wished.
- New kit would be worn for all matches against other clubs, Counties and Nationals. This would mean that the change in the first instance would mainly involve the competitive bowlers who represent the club in external matches.
- The new kit would be registered as our official club kit.
- The new kit would be introduced over time to all bowlers
- New bowlers would be encouraged to purchase the new style shirt.
- The cost of a new club shirt would be subsidised for existing members in the first year.

The New Team Kit.

We would like to propose that the new kit is **black trousers and a new design club shirt**. The shirt would be available in both men's and ladies' styles

Black trousers are readily available at many high street stores as well as bowls outlets. Most people already have black trousers, so this dramatically cuts down the cost of bowls wear.

With regard to the new shirt design we would welcome your input to give us some indication of the preferred design of our members. If you would like to complete and return the form you have been sent by email or can find on reception in the club this would help us make an informed decision about a change of kit.

The Bowling Committee

2019 RENEWALS

Just a reminder could members please return their renewal letters either electronically or in person with payment promptly before the 30 September deadline. This will save unnecessary staff costs chasing late renewals.

Again, payment can be made by cash, cheque or bank transfer.

Your renewal packs will this year include a 'lifetime' Membership Card. You are asked to keep hold of this Card indefinitely as new cards will in future only be produced for new members.



SUMMER FINALS RESULTS

CYRIL STARES TROPHY

Christine Elliment Sue Davies Jonathan Gage	7-7	Norman Platt Dave Wild Neil Ramage
---	-----	--

After extra end	7-12	
-----------------	------	--

TRIPLES

Diana Morgans Tony Morgan Tony Morez	15-16	Roger Hood Isabel Manktelow Paul Carter
--	-------	---

PAIRS

Roger Hood Gary McIlravey	12-21	John Overton Paul Gent
------------------------------	-------	---------------------------

MEN'S SINGLES

Tony Morez	21-3	Mick Bates
------------	------	------------

LADIES' SINGLES

Gwen Smithies	15-21	Isabel Manktelow
---------------	-------	------------------

OPEN SINGLES

Gary McIlravey	13-21	Neil Ramage
----------------	-------	-------------

WINTER LEAGUES

It's still not too late to join in on our Winter Leagues.

If you want to join a new winter league just write your name up on the sheets pinned to the noticeboard and you will be allocated to a team.

Remember ... the Monday and Tuesday 7.30pm triples Leagues are now open to both men and women bowlers



Winter leagues 2019 / 20

SIGN UP NOW!

A message from your Bowling Committee

It has been brought to my attention that a small number of people have been very unhappy with the changes in the organisation of the winter leagues. I'm sorry for the slow communication and explanation of this, so I think it would be helpful to all concerned if I clarified the situation now.

At the 2018 Men's AGM it was decided to trial no registration fees for one year in some of the leagues in a bid to try and attract more participants. This has not worked and in fact fewer members have taken part, so registration fees would have reverted to £3.50 anyway.

The increase in registration fees this year (£3.50 to £5) is to enable the prize money to be spread across more teams: where, for example, the top two teams would have received prize money it will now be the top three places

A handicapping system will be introduced more widely to give a more even playing field to all teams. This has proved very successful in the men's leagues last year where very few points separated the teams at the end of the season.

The league secretaries will be placing new participants in a team in need of extra players - this has always been in existence but has not always been adhered to. The reason for this approach is to try and balance the teams as much as possible to give every team a mix of players and thus an equal chance of winning.

The amalgamation of the two committees has led to some necessary changes in order to get consistency across all the leagues.

The introduction of different league team names comes from a very successful implementation of team names run throughout the summer leagues. For data protection reasons team names were allocated. Team captains names will be available in exactly the same way as before on the notice board and also on the team sheets. Any team member then can enter the scores onto to the software via iPads in the bowls hall and green stewards desk.

These changes have been brought in after much thought and investigation by our league secretaries and all the decisions were ratified by the Bowling Committee

I think we all need to acknowledge the superb work that is done by the league secretaries in order for us to enjoy playing in the leagues. These positions are voluntary and very time consuming. As we begin to develop a co-ordinated approach to both the men's and ladies bowling some compromise may be required at times. In respect of the leagues I would ask that we all now put our differences aside, enjoy our bowling and look forward to a successful season.

Chris Bruce

2019 CLUB OPEN WEEKEND



Wow, what a great 2 days!

Well over 100 visitors, 12 new members joining on the day, 18 taster sessions already arranged and dozens of guests requesting a follow up to arrange further taster sessions!

A huge thanks to **ALL** the volunteers and staff who helped to make the day such a success for the Club; everyone who distributed leaflets, invited friends and family, put up posters and banners, organised our social media, prepared the Clubhouse and of course to all the lovely volunteers on the day.

It was huge effort for the Club to put on such an event, but I'm sure all those who came down over the weekend would agree well worth it. The Club was buzzing with members and guests throughout both days and we got some great feedback from our visitors, with virtually all commenting how they found the Days particularly 'friendly' and 'fun'; a testament to the incredibly positive energy created by everyone helping over the weekend.

Special thanks though must go to the organising committee (Paul Gent, Lorna Goldup, Jackie Clarke, Steph Gates, Neil Ramage, Mark Hutcheon and Matt Sellen).

These were by far the most successful Open Days the Club has experienced for a long while. We nevertheless learnt a lot and hope to be even better next year!

If you would like to be involved in organising our 2020 Open Days just let Mark, Matt or Neil know.

FANCY BEING A BUDDY?



As mentioned in your previous Newsletter we have revamped our Buddy Scheme to help our new members settle in and to get the most out of our Club.

The scheme is now under way and we already have a number of Buddy's up and running.

As a result of the Open Days we will of course have a surge of of new members over the coming weeks and months. If you fancy being a Buddy just let Mark, Matt or Neil know.

To give you an idea of what being a Buddy entails the following ideas are given to new Buddies ...

Some ways in which you may be able to help your new member

1. Give them your contact details; invite them to contact you with questions / concerns
2. If you haven't heard from them / seen them for a while get in contact with them
3. Arrange to meet in the Club & introduce them to other members, bar staff, office...
4. Point out any social events happening which they may enjoy
5. Ensure your new member is familiar with the Noticeboards, Club Website, by-laws, etc

Some ways you may be able to help if your new member is a bowler ...

1. Introduce them to an appropriate roll up session, maybe join in with them?
2. Invite them for a roll up, maybe ask some other members to join in?
3. If a new bowler, give some gentle reminders of etiquette, scoring, measuring, etc
4. If your new bowler is struggling maybe offer to get in touch with a coach for a 'refresher'?
5. Make sure the new member is aware of how they can join in on the leagues when ready; remember league teams can still be joined part way through the season
6. Make sure the new member knows how to book a rink, check the rink diary, etc

As a Buddy your rink fees are waived if you bowl specifically to support your new member and wouldn't have otherwise bowled that session ...up to a maximum of four sessions.

CLUB CAR PARK

Responding to member feedback, the Club is looking into arranging for two more parking bays close to the Clubhouse entrance to be made into disabled bays.

To assist those members who do need to park close to the entrance door for personal access purposes we would also ask that...

- . members who are able to, please park in front of the building
- . members do not leave cars parked in bays close to the Club entrance door (particularly not in disabled bays) when not in the Clubhouse

Thank you

DO YOU HAVE ANY BOWLS YOU ARE NOT CURRENTLY USING?



Many thanks to all those members who responded to the previous Newsletter and have lent the Club spare bowls for use by the Club Coaches.

Just a reminder that if you have any spare sets of bowls that may be suitable for beginners we would really love to borrow them. They would be registered in the Club as loaned and marked accordingly. You can thus have them returned to you whenever you wish.

Please speak with Mark or with any of the Club coaches if you are unsure whether your spare bowls would be suitable.

CARPET STRETCH

Just a reminder that this year our carpet stretch will be undertaken by Greengauges on Thursday 26th September between 1pm and 5.30pm. **The bowling hall will be closed during this time.**

MEMBERS ROUND TABLE

Do you have a question, comment or suggestion for your Officers or Directors?

If so do come along to the Round Table being organised on September 24th.

A great opportunity for an informal discussion around any aspect of our Club. Just turn up at 7.30pm on the day.



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

To see the 'public record' of the Club Board meeting held on August 29th, simply login to the members section of the website and look under the "members" tab.

A hard copy can also be accessed from the Club's Noticeboard.

PLAYING NATIONAL OR COUNTY COMPS?

The Club has an excellent representation in the 2019 / 20 National and County competitions and encourages all members who enjoy competitive bowls to participate.

If you feel you may like to enter for the 2020 / 2021 season, but are unsure how to do this, just have a word with your Competition Secretaries (Tom & Heather Young).

In the meantime, for those playing competitions this winter, two rinks are now available to book on Sunday morning / lunchtimes.

These can be booked through Bowlr in the normal manner. Also note that Bowlr is designed to specifically deal with booking county and national comps. You can book multiple provisional double sessions then delete / confirm as your opponent confirms. If want help in using Bowlr just speak with Matt, Mark, Neil or Malcolm.

SOCIAL MEDIA

We currently have 118 Facebook Page followers. Are you on Facebook? Do you follow our page? If on facebook, please search for Angel Indoor Bowls Centre Tonbridge - our club badge is the logo. And don't forget to invite your non-bowling friends to like the page too - I am sure that they would love to know what is happening in our club.

Are you following the page but it doesn't show up in your feed? This is down to Facebook's algorithm - you may like a page, but if you don't engage with it, Facebook thinks you don't like, so shows other things instead. The best way to do this is to go to the page, like a few posts, comment on them, and share to your friends. This will prove to Facebook you want to see them more.

The more engagement we get on our Facebook page the better, as Facebook then shows our pages to more people. For example, one of our posts over the Open Weekend was shared onto some local group pages, and the statistics show me it was seen by over 700 people! Another was seen by over 300, and others well over 200 people. This all helps us to get our name out there, helping with potential new members in our aim to reach Project 650.

Finally, if you want anything to appear on our Social Media pages, please just let me know. I am always looking for more items to post - maybe you have some nice photos, or some interesting information?

Paul Gent

TO ALL GREEN STEWARDS

A new season is almost upon us. Our first week starts on September 23rd on rota 2. I hope most of you have been to the computer instruction course. If not, call me and we can arrange a time to show you what to do, it is quite straightforward. All the green stewards' sheets are in the pigeonholes so please collect them now. I hope you all enjoy your time on the desk and if you have any problems just call me.

Jim Hawkes

Chief Green Steward

ASCOT RACING DAY TRIP

This was a well-attended day with over fifty people up for a day out starting with a glass of bubbles or juice at the club at 8.45. On the coach Ellis took charge of a fun quiz and raffle. Prizes included Dinner out and bottles of bubbly.

Arriving at Ascot at about 11.30, from the storage section of the coach came a spread of delightful food prepared by Carl and Sam which was well received. This was placed on a tables as a help yourself to a large selection of goodies. Then pick up your race cards and explore what Ascot has to offer. Even though it did rain lightly this did not dampen the spirit of the day. With live music between the races and sights to see it was a successful day out.

A big Thank you goes to Laura from the Office for all her hard work and time in organising the event and to her friend Ellis for the entertainment on the coach and Carl and Sam for the catering.

Dave Fenner.

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT BIG COFFEE MORNING

By kind permission of the Board, all proceeds from the sale of coffee on this day will be donated to the Macmillan Big Coffee Morning to take place at the Club on

FRIDAY 27TH SEPT 2019 FROM 11 A.M. TO 1P.M.

There will be a raffle and a bring-and-buy stall for all your cakes, pies, and biscuits, as well as any 'good as new' garments you may wish to donate, and your valuable bric a brac items that we may then spot on 'Flog it' on TV in the following weeks.

Please come along and support this great charity.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Saturday September 14th Summer Finals Day

Sunday September 22nd Summer Buffet & Quiz

Monday September 23rd Club Winter Opening Times

Tuesday September 24th @ 7.30pm. Members, Officers & Directors Round Table

Thursday September 26th Carpet Stretch (bowling hall closed for part of day)

Friday September 27th Macmillan morning

Friday September 27th "September Triples Final"

Monday September 30th Last day for 2019/20 Renewals

Sunday 6th October Top Club v Prince Arthur

Friday 11th October. Friday Night is Burger Night in your Restaurant

Sunday October 13th Egham Trophy v Betteshanger

Friday November 1st Halloween Party

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

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



GREYHOUND RACING

AT BRIGHTON & HOVE STADIUM

SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER

£44 PER PERSON

WHICH INCLUDES

**** YOUR COACH TRAVEL FROM THE CLUB AND BACK AGAIN ****

**** ENTRANCE TO THE STADIUM ****

**** YOUR RACECARD ****

**** A 3-COURSE MEAL ****

**PLACES
STILL
AVAILABLE**

SIGN UP AT THE BAR
