

# ANGEL IBC NEWSLETTER. June 2026.

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## From the Board.

Whilst it is not our practice to post obituary notices in the newsletter, we cannot let Laura Edward's sad and tragic death pass unremarked. Laura was a much loved member of our staff and will be sadly missed by us all. Her warm and friendly nature made both members and visitors feel instantly welcomed. The board, staff and members sent heartfelt condolences to Laura's family. May her memory be a blessing, Rest in peace Laura.

### *Bank Holiday Opening*

The last two bank holidays have proved that there is an appetite for opening. We will continue to work closely with the bowling committee to judge whether it is financially viable to open the bar on bank holidays.

## Bowling News

### *Finals Weekend and County Competitions*



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## Results from the Winter Competitions

LADIES SINGLES - Donna Hall 21 Carol Hain 14. MEN'S SINGLES - David Young 21 Peter Harris 13

LADIES PAIRS - Alison Andrews, Kath Barth 19 Jude Knowles, Mary Chapman 17

MENS PAIRS - Warren Foy, Keith Elliment 21 Stuart Ingram, James Wharton 18

LADIES TRIPLES –

Alison Andrews, Jean Aldridge, Janet Watling 25 Elise Goldstone, Denise Smith, Penelope Cheetham 6

MEN'S TRIPLES - Winners - David Young, John Josebury, Ross Dixey Runners Up - Luke Cheetham, Chris Pierce, Adrian Jennings (result not on website)

BERNARD KING SET SINGLES - David Young 2 Stuart Ingram 1. DAVE BANFIELD 2 WOOD SINGLES - Luke Suckling 21 Pete Harris 15

HANDICAP SINGLES - Russel Hooper 21 Luke Cheetham 19

TERRY LONDON MIXED NON-WINNERS SINGLES - Warren Foy 21 Mark Barnett 20

MIXED PAIRS - Winners - Gary McIlravey, Sue Sturmer Runners Up - Warren Foy, Donna Hall (result not on website)

VETERAN MIXED PAIRS - Brian Chalklin, Gail Barnes 16 Ivan Edmeads, Jackie Clarke 14

TOM YOUNG 2 WOOD PAIRS - Paul Gent, Ross Dixey 2 Nick London, Warren Foy 0

AUSSIE PAIRS - Matt Sellen, Tim Curtis (sub-John Tolhurst) 18 Neil Ramage, Geoff Shoebridge 15

JUNIOR SINGLES ROUND ROBIN - Winner - Penny Runner Up – Keira

**WELL DONE EVERYONE!**

### *Member Representatives on the bowling committee – E-mail address*

As you may have seen, Barry Tomlin and John Williams have recently been elected as member representatives on the bowling committee. Whilst both are happy to be approached at the club if you have an issue, concern or idea you would like raised with the committee, you can now also contact them on [member.representatives@angelibc.co.uk](mailto:member.representatives@angelibc.co.uk) if you are unable to see them in person.

### *Junior Bowls – Thanks to Lorna!!*

After over a decade of running the Junior and then Family bowls session Lorna Goldup has decided it is time for her to step back. Lorna took over when her sons Lewis and Owen were part of the Junior bowls cohort and completed her level 1 coaching course subsequently. Lorna's enthusiasm and happy nature have been very much appreciated by all. It is with sadness that we see her step away but gratitude for all the time and effort that Lorna put in.

### *Family/Junior Bowls - More coaches needed*

With Lorna stepping away this has added to an existing shortage of coaching at the Family session. The last two coaches took the coaching course whilst non-bowlers so there is no experience necessary! It would be ideal to form a team of 3-4 some of whom can commit to most weeks with a couple who can make it alternate weeks. The session runs from 5:30pm to 8pm on a Saturday. If you are interested in helping then please speak to John Williams, turn up for one of the sessions or make contact through [member.representatives@angelibc.co.uk](mailto:member.representatives@angelibc.co.uk)

## Coaching

### Monthly Coaching Tip

Technique : Release Point

In almost all sports, control is maximised by stopping a contact or release point being too far away from the body. Bowls is no different.

The main impact for a bowler is that as your arm gets further forwards

- Your shoulder will naturally start to turn
- Your wrist is also more likely to turn as this happens
- Your hand will be past the bottom of the arc and start to rise.
- You will have less follow through so can tend to bowl short

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Keeping your release point closer to you will help you to avoid these factors impacting your line and weight.

*Top Tip : Think about the weight you are going to bowl and give yourself enough swing to deliver it. Trying to add weight as you are about to release is the most common cause of pushing the release point forwards causing bowlers to lose control of their line.*

## Social Angels



Hello everyone! Well that's the end of another year of your Social Angels for a little bit. We will return in September to entertain you, all over again.

Our most recent evening with Miss Dot Com was amazing, funny, engaging and very professional. If you didn't attend, you missed a good one!

On the back of that, a little homework for you all to do...please could you drop some ideas of what you would like us to do for you. We had to work really hard to get participation at some of our events this year and would really like to bring you evenings that you want and not have to work so

hard at encouraging you to join us!

Any ideas gratefully received, drop a note in my pigeonhole under K or let me know if you see me at the club. Also, if anyone would like to join our committee then you'd be very welcome. We only have a couple of planning meetings a year, so nothing too involved.

A few thanks, to the Social Angels, thank you for your support, John Kerr for your brilliant printing of everything, Paul Buss for keeping all in order and for your constant help and advice and lastly for anyone out there who has supported any of our events. Thank you!

See you in September, enjoy your summer.

Jude Knowles. Social Angels Chair

### County Success for Angel

We had representatives in 3 of the KCIBA Men's Finals this season and came home from Bromley with 3 wins too!

#### Men's Pairs

David Young and Paul Gent dominated a mammoth game in the Pairs against Swale's Paul Barnicott and Lewis King. Starting at 9.00 am, the game finally finished at 13.30 with the Swale pair resorting to heavy woods to try and kill ends, several times successfully. With David leading so well, and our pair playing sensible covering bowls as well as building heads in their favour, they had a comfortable lead towards the final stages. After taking out all the closest Angel bowls on the 16th end, Swale shortened the jack to the minimum length, and staged a small recovery, but it was too little too late. Our men recorded a 27-22 win, to become the first Angels to win the County Pairs title. This also gave Paul wins in all 4 main competitions - Men's Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours - a rare feat in Kent bowls.

#### Over 55 Pairs

Just 20 minutes after finishing the Pairs, and after the presentation of the Pairs trophy, Paul was joined by Peter Harris on the Over 55 Pairs Final against Dave Ferguson and Ken Weyand from Oyster. Having finished runners up last year, our men This was a tight affair, with each team taking turns to win a few ends in a row, but there was never much between the two sides. With the match all square going into the penultimate end, Paul played off the shot wood to move the jack to hold 5. But Ken came up with the shot of the match to trail the jack in the ditch to lead going into the end. After the leads had played, Oyster held 2 shots, but Paul kept calm to draw the 2 required to lift the trophy 23-22. An elated Peter, having lost in 3 finals previously in only its 7th year of running, was pleased to finally get his hands on the trophy.

#### Singles

David Young followed up his great form from the morning when he faced Isaac Jenner, from Swale, the current Men's outdoor National Singles champion. Isaac was fresh from lifting the National Open Pairs title the day before and had already won in the morning in the Mixed Pairs, so was full of confidence coming into the game. But it was David that dominated again, drawing superbly to force Isaac to resort to weighted shots time and time again. Having

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built up a commanding lead, it was always a step too far for Isaac, and David became only the 3rd Angel man to lift the title, behind Paul Gent and Duncan Hanmore. Final result was David 21 Isaac 13.

## Badge Winners

This year we had 2 new players who were successful in winning their County Badges - Neil Ramage and Trevor London, who reached the semifinals of the Triples. Many Counties give their badge for playing 3 friendly games, but in Kent you must play in at least 3 rounds of a competition and more importantly reach the semifinal stages - quite some feat!

A big well done to our very own Stuart Ingram who is the KCIBA County Secretary for running a successful end of season finale!

## Scottish Open Qualifier

We had 3 players trying to qualify for the Scottish Open Finals in October, held also at Bromley the day before the above Finals Day.

Ian Corke received a tough draw, facing multi-International James Rippey, from Colchester. Despite playing very well, Ian succumbed in straight sets.

Russell Hooper defeated Ted Harrison in straight sets, followed up with another straight sets win over Oyster's Paul Causer, before knocking out home player Darren Mortemore in a tie break. Unfortunately, Russell's run ended in the quarter final against England International Glen Adams from Egham, but he put up a great performance all day.

Paul Gent defeated South African International Joele Robert in straight sets, before defeating current Welsh Champion Carl Wood 2-1 in the tie break. Straight sets win over Tom Attaway from Oyster was followed by a tie break win over Egham's Jon Wilson, twice qualifier for Potters in the World Championships, in the quarter final.

Unfortunately, it was again Glen Adams that won 2 very close sets in the Semi Final.

**Report written by Paul Gent.**

## 100 Club

This month's winners are:

Jean Aldridge

Alan Powell

Don Bottle

Each win £12

## From the Editor

**Deadline for the May Newsletter is strictly 5pm on June 29th**

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