

From the Board.

Locker Fees

This month has indeed posed significant challenges for the Board of Directors. We had to retract the proposed locker rental fee due to a legal threat from one of our members. Defending this action would have cost between £5K and £6K, which we believe is not a prudent use of your funds. We therefore offered a refund to those members who asked for it.

As of now, a few members have opted out and simply not paid the £5, and we have processed three refund requests. We are currently exploring how to best address the aging lockers, some of which are showing signs of wear. Several have required repairs including new locks at a cost of £33 each, with Keith Elliment generously offering his labour for free. Without his support, these repairs would place a strain on your club funds.

GDPR

As many of you are aware, I mistakenly sent the first batch of last month's newsletter using Cc instead of Bcc. This unintended oversight caused concern, prompting complaints, criticism and one enquiry to the Information Commissioner's Office.

I took immediate action, as I am legally required to do, informing those affected, writing a full report of the incident to the board, undertaking a risk assessment and a thorough review of our GDPR procedures, all done within 24 hours. Whilst this did not actually constitute a data breach as the email addresses were released to a closed group i.e. club members, who all signed an agreement on joining that their details could be shared with other members, I acted as though it were. I also recognized the need to strengthen our safeguards. One key area identified was the folder on the green steward's desk containing member details, which has now been secured in the office.

Moving forward, to prevent similar issues, newsletters will no longer be emailed. Frankly, I'm not prepared to put myself in the firing line for a barrage of complaints and criticisms if I make a mistake. Instead, the newsletter will be available for members to download from our website, and printed copies, including larger print versions, will be accessible, as usual, in the club.

Chris parker

Club AGM

7.30pm on Friday November 28th November. For newer members, please be aware that this is the club AGM and not the bowling committee AGM which is held in April. The two events are very different. The club AGM is hosted by the board of directors and deals with the management of the club as a business and includes the presentation of audited accounts. The bowling committee AGM is hosted by the bowling committee and deals with all things related to bowling, such as competitions and leagues. Members of the Bowling Committee are proposed by the membership and voted to office at the AGM. As a limited company, and under the memorandum & articles of association, the existing board of Directors, may invite a member to join the board and on their first AGM stand for election. Existing directors decide whether or not to stand again after a 3 year term, retiring by rotation. If they decide to stay, then they have to be proposed and seconded at the AGM. Directors are usually invited for their skill set, knowledge, or business experience. For the purposes of further information the club structure is set out below:

A. The club was formed as a limited company hence the name Angel (Tonbridge) Indoor Bowls Association Ltd (hereafter called the club). It was registered at Companies House and must abide by company law. At the same time it was registered with HMRC for the appropriate taxation. Annual accounts must be approved at the AGM and filed at Companies House and with the HMRC. It operates under the memorandum and articles of association in this name. A Council of Management (the board) was formed which is the board of directors

The powers of the board are all encompassing and from this the following was created:

B. Committees (BC). Constitution and Rules for the club were set up for the sub-committees with the object of organising bowling activities at the club and to further the game of indoor bowls. Obviously, some committees have merged but the objects remain. Alterations to the Constitution and Rules can only be made at the BC AGM and all resolutions are subject to the ratification by the board.

C. Byelaws. The byelaws are approved by Angel (Tonbridge) Indoor Bowls Association Ltd Council of Management (the Board) under the powers conferred upon it and must be signed by the Company Secretary and displayed on the web site and notice boards. The Byelaws can be amended by the board at any time. Any proposals for amendments

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should be submitted in writing to the Company Secretary of the Angel (Tonbridge) Indoor Bowls Association Ltd for consideration by the board.

The Byelaws, which includes assisted and junior associate members, were produced for the benefit of all members and it is most important that all members should be made aware of the byelaws. No member shall commit the club to any form of expenditure without the prior approval of the board.

The agenda will be issued 21 days before the AGM. Please refer to the club website to see last year's agenda & minutes

Bowling News

National Triples

We had a team qualify for the National Triples at Melton Mowbray

Our trio of Darren Mortemore, Paul Gent and David Young played Hornsea in the Quarter Final and after a slow start the teams consistently came through 16-8

In the Semi Final they played 3 England Internationals from Riverain. On this occasion our team was down 4 shots with 4 ends to go. 3 singles left us a shot down playing the last end. After the leads and seconds had played, we had a bowl within a foot but Riverain had a bowl on the Jack. David's first bowl removed their bowl giving us the 2 shots we needed to progress to the final.

The final was against 3 Welsh Internationals playing out of Bristol.

A very slow start put our boys 8-0 down after 2 ends. But they don't give up getting back to 10-12 down.

Unfortunately the experience of the Bristol team gave them the victory.

A great effort by Angel to make the National Final.

David Young

Summer Leagues

We hope everyone who took part in the summer leagues enjoyed themselves.

Congratulations to our winners:

Monday Noon Pairs - Team Herbert - Les Herbert, Babs Tester, Darren Stephens, Malcolm Nye, Jim Brazil

Monday Evening 2-Wood Triples - Team Gent - Paul Gent, Colin Bullen, Trevor London, Jill Whillock, Kath Barth

Tuesday Noon Aussie Pairs - Team London - Lyn London, Dave Herbert, Norman Platt, Ray Ecclestone, Sue Davies

Tuesday Evening Triples - Team Pierce - Chris Pierce, Colin Bullen, Chrissie Elliment, Andrew Griffiths

Thursday Morning Triples - Team Salter - Ian Salter, Hilary Jenner, Ray Ecclestone, David Woledge, Mick Bates, David Dawkins

Thursday Evening Aussie Pairs - Team Elliment - Keith Elliment, Jonathan Gage, David Hill, John Kerr

Matt Sellen

MARKERS COURSE

EBUA (England Bowls Umpires Association) will be holding a training day for anyone interested in learning more about marking.

It will be held at the Angel Indoor Bowls Club on Sunday **8th March 2026**.

Cost: **£15.00 per person** and the caterers will be available for meals to be purchased.

You will receive a Certificate of Attendance, and you will have the choice to progress to become a qualified Marker.

Sign up if you are interested in taking part. This will be open to members of other clubs as well.

Elise Goldstone

Assisted Bowling



Huge thank you to the relative of one of our assisted bowlers who made this ramp to allow easy access for wheelchairs. We love that he even matched the carpet colour.

Jim Hawkes

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Wonder where the carpet went?

We are delighted that our old green carpet has been resurrected in Spalding, Lincolnshire. The Spalding club have been forced to move out of their sports centre home while the centre undergoes some building work.



They were given use of a warehouse, but it had no playing surface, so not a lot of good.

Cue Dales with our old carpet and Spalding are bowling again. We love recycling.

Photos Paul Gent.



Sponsors

We are very grateful to those businesses who support the club with sponsorship. Part of the sponsorship package for silver, gold, and platinum sponsors includes the opportunity to be named as a match sponsor for one or two home matches. Two of our sponsors, Abbey Funerals and Braeburn care have taken advantage of this and we hope they felt welcomed.

We are delighted that former sponsor Hayward's Butcher will be returning as a sponsor in 2026 and we look forward to welcoming them back to the club.

Christmas Raffle

I intend to start selling the raffle tickets for the club Christmas Raffle on Monday 3rd November and draw winning tickets on Monday 15th December. There will be a Christmas Hamper, High Street Vouchers and a mixture of other prizes. Raffle prizes will be most welcome and should be handed to bar staff, if possible, by 24th November.

Alison Lucas

Tom's Bench



If you've not been into the club in the last two weeks you will have missed the collection bucket on the bar.

Tom Young was well known, loved by many, well-liked by all and played a huge role in the life of our club. When he sadly died a few weeks ago some of his friends thought a permanent memorial would be a fitting tribute. We hope to collect enough to place a bench beside the front door. If you're not planning to visit any time soon you can still donate by sending a donation directly to our bank with the reference Tom's Bench. The bucket will remain in situ for a few weeks if you prefer to donate in cash.

Social Angels

Hello! The Social Angels are back and we have kicked off the winter social schedule with two brilliant events. The latest, bingo, proved as popular as ever with lots of winners despite Mr Gent struggling, at times, with the bingo balls!

Our next event, Saturday 15th November, to tickle your taste buds, is an evening of wine tasting hosted by Wildwood Vineyard. After a few conversations, they agreed to a very competitive price of £15 per head. They will be bringing a selection of their award winning wines and purchases will be possible on the evening. Booking and payment is essential so I can give numbers to the vineyard. If last year's event is anything to go by, you're in for a treat. Please have a look at their website, they really have won many awards and they are local. Don't miss out, bring your dedicated driver with you! <https://www.wildwoodvineyard.co.uk/>

Date for your diary, the Christmas disco, Saturday 6th December. It's always a good evening and a fitting start to the festivities. More details to follow.

Thank you for your continued support, makes it all worthwhile. Jude Knowles. Social Angels Chair

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Bowlathon



We did it! Thank you, bowlers, supporters, spectators and for all your donations. We started at noon on Friday and finished with a countdown to noon on Saturday. At times it seemed a very long 24 hours, especially around 3.30am! Thanks go to Tyson from The Foresters for his donation of pizzas, they were very welcome.

A team of nighttime bowlers covered the wee small hours. Thank you to Luke S, H, JK, James W and Ian C. They helped

move the hours along for me with their humour, dancing and chocolate. Everyone who signed up to bowl, THANK YOU!

A few statistics for you. Luke's team won with 150 points to H's 121. Obviously needs

to be a decider played at some point in the future when the knees, feet and sleep has been restored to normal.

There were 154 ends, 3 wrong bias and 2772 bowls delivered towards, well mostly, the jack. We have exceeded our Just Giving total and, coupled with the cash donated, should have a really healthy total for The Hospice in the Weald. Update when all donations have been received.

Just leaves me to say a huge thank you to

everyone, especially Luke Suckling who didn't see daylight, along with myself, for the duration of the event. You have all, as always, been brilliant. What a wonderful club we are. X. Jude.



A huge thank you to everyone who helped to run the coffee morning or who contributed in any way. The day after the coffee morning I banked £624 with a further £95 last week which came from donations from some who couldn't attend the event and from the sale of items left for the two weeks after the event. A huge £719 total which illustrates the generosity of our members. Thank you. Chris Parker

100 Club

Mrs C Parker. Mr A Hamilton. Mrs S Byles
Each win £12

From the Editor

Deadline for the December Newsletter is strictly 5pm on November 29th.

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