

We have a new club President



After 9 and a half years, Jim Parker has hung up the President's chain (but not the tutu) and handed over the reins to Gwen Smithies. Gwen is known to most of our members, a keen bowler and member for almost 30 years. Gwen was ladies' Captain, newsletter editor and member of the former ladies' committee for many years. Always willing to play for the club in Kent league matches, she is a familiar face.
Editor



Many thanks to all those who have supported me, especially in the crazy President's Day matches which were so much fun. Time for a new face and I wish Gwen every success in her new role. She has my total support.
Jim Parker

It is a great honour for me to undertake this role, especially following in Jim's footsteps. He has been a great example of what a Club President can be. It is a pity about the tutu though. Gwen Smithies

From the Board.

Staff

After saying a fond goodbye to Ed Harris and presenting him with a very generous gift, partly your cash collection, and contributions from both social committee and the board. We were able to give him vouchers and cash to help him to start his new life in Bristol. We welcome our new barman Neil Basset, who will be working one whole day and two evenings. Tracey, by now a familiar face, will also be working two additional mornings. This gives us a five person bar team, which means we are better able to manage absences.



Renewals

Membership renewals are due in September and notices will be going out soon. Please note that if you pay by bank transfer you must put your membership number and surname as the reference so that your payment can be credited to the right person. Where applicable, your invoice will include a new £5 annual locker rental. Membership fees remain unchanged for another year, but rink fees will increase by 5% so that we can keep abreast of increases in our running costs. Rink fees will be for 2.5 hours only, or 1 hour booked on the day.

Car Park

We would respectfully ask members to please observe the speed limit in the carpark and also the one way system. Recently there have been two 'near misses' reported to us which give cause for concern. Please let's ensure that we have no accidents. We should also remind you that parking is only when you are in the club building.

Hearing Loop

A Hearing Loop linked to our sound system has been installed in the Restaurant Area thanks to a 3 way funding by the 100 Club, the Social Committee and the Club.

When the microphone is in use hearing aid wearers can select the 'T' setting on their hearing aids to greatly enhance the clarity of the sound. Numerous public venues such as Theatres, Churches, the Crematorium, Supermarket Checkouts, Reception Desks etc have the Hearing Loop facility.

Some hearing aid wearers may not have the 'T' setting programmed onto their hearing aids. If so, they should get Audiology to add the Program to their hearing aids. If anybody wants any further information please speak to Bob Bowlby.

Happy Blue Carpet Day

Bowling Shoes

To all members, the new carpet is being fitted during the week commencing September 14th. This is the club's biggest asset, costing around £47K, without a carpet the club wouldn't exist, therefore, a good maintenance programme is needed. You may be aware that we have a 10 strong carpet cleaning team whose work is essential for the life of the carpet. To ensure that we get the best and longest life from this investment we will be enforcing the EIBA (England Indoor Bowls Association) rules on bowls shoes. The rules are:

- The soles and the heels part of the shoe which come into contact with the carpet are completely smooth.

Only proprietary brands will be allowed as High Street brands such as Paver, Sketchers and others are not bowls shoes.

Bowls shoes can only be worn inside the club and must not be worn outdoors.

Please do not be offended if you are asked by a club member to show the soles of your shoes. If deemed unacceptable you will be asked to remove them or leave the green. We need to ensure that we all take the best care of the carpet so that it lasts as for long as possible. With care this carpet should comfortably last until the end of our lease in 2037.

Sunday September 14th

The bowls hall will be closed until September 21st while the new carpet is laid. The club building itself, bar and restaurant will be open during the week, normal opening. Why not pop in for a drink and watch the progress of the new carpet being laid?

Who will be first?

Would you like to be the first person to bowl on our newly fitted carpet at 10am on Sunday September 21st? If yes, then buy a raffle ticket (or as many as you like to increase your chances of winning) for £1 each from the bar. Dales, who are providing the carpet, are gifting a set of new bowls to the winner. That has to be worth a £1 ticket.

Also, why not sign up to play on the new carpet on September 21st. Payment (£2 per player) required on signing up and registering for the timeslot of your choice. 11.30, 12.30 or 1.30pm.

Note: Previously purchased tickets for those who cannot make this new date, please get your refund from the bar staff.

Saturday September 20th

10am – 3pm Bowls shop open

11.30. The lucky winner will be picked in the bar area in readiness for the following day, so join us to see if you have won. Raffle will be drawn by President Gwen.

Sunday September 21st

10am – 3pm Bowls shop open

11am. Welcome from Chairman of the board, Bernard Buss after which the bowls hall will be formally opened by President Gwen and the raffle winner will deliver the first wood.

11.30am. The first of three sessions of RINKS of 60 mins each, at 11:30am, 12:30 & 1:30pm

Eight players per rink. Smart casual wear (no jeans) or bowls kit plus bowling shoes. Rink time sheets held at the bar (when you can't remember what time you booked).

12.30 – 2pm BBQ lunch. Please sign up in the club as spaces are limited. There are also some great offers from the shop.

SPECIAL OFFER
10% DISCOUNT ON SHOES FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER
AIBC MEMBERS ONLY



Bowling News



From Babs Tomlin Summer Captain

Summer friendly matches are going well and this year with not too many losses. I have been oversubscribed for most matches which means I have had to make people reserve but ensure they play the next game they put down for. I am always looking to see new faces in these matches.

As Summer Captain I took a squad of players to play in the Eight Club Championship at Mote Park. Pleased to report we were finalists but lost by one shot to the Royals. Great team effort well done to Trevor & Lynn London, Sue & Dave Hayward, Babs Tester, Mat Sellen, Keith Element and Barry Tomlin.

Juniors v Accessible Bowlers from Isabelle Cheetham



I documented the juniors vs. disabled match, capturing the key moments and final score of 22-18. It was a joy to watch both teams play with such enthusiasm and respect. The experience highlighted the skill and inclusive spirit of the game.



From Matt Sellen League Secretary

We hope that everyone is enjoying the summer leagues. Please look out for the sign-up sheets for the winter leagues which will be up in the next couple of weeks, with an aim to start the leagues in early October.

From Elise Goldstone. Bowling Committee secretary

Etiquette From the Bowling Committee

Associated with this great game of bowls are Skill, Luck, Sportsmanship and Etiquette – and not the least is Etiquette. Sometimes amidst the exuberance and fortunes of a game this ingredient is overlooked. This is a pity.

It is most unfortunate that we currently have a problem with members when on the rinks, using extremely bad language and derogatory comments about and to other bowlers which is not only offensive, but unsporting and a violation of our safeguarding policy. We would respectfully request that members practice good behaviour.

Should any member experience bad behaviour, offensive language or verbal attack please be advised that this is unacceptable in our club and we would request that you report this to a Bowling Committee or Board Member and the offending member will be dealt with.

We understand that there was an incident during a Fantastic 5's game and the visiting team were extremely offended by the language from a casual member playing on a rink alongside. This it brings our club into disrepute and could result in away clubs choosing not to play here.

Etiquette request for the month: MIND YOUR LANGUAGE

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General Club News

From Bernadette Bullen



There are a number of faithful supporters of the friendly inter club matches who turn out regularly and, for the Swale match, their numbers were increased by more seeking refuge from the heat in the air conditioned bar and avoiding cooking at home! As we were largely female members, there was an interesting exchange of news, gossip and many laughs in between comments on the game. Any men who dared to approach soon retreated

The best bowlers in the bar!

Thank you from Dawn Wayne

Many thanks to everyone who has brought in jigsaws for the Scott's project. They are all being well used and enjoyed by the students.

100 Club

Winners

July Winners who each receive £12 are:
Mrs J Aldridge: Mr A Powell: Mrs E Ashby

Save the Date



Once again, this year we will be holding a MacMillan coffee morning on Friday September 19th raising funds for a very worthy charity. Coffee, cakes, raffle and a bring & buy sale.

Chris Parker

From the editor.

Every article in your monthly newsletter is supplied by either, the board, the bowling committee, the social committee of individual members and names are attached to the content. If you want something included, please write it and send it in. Deadline is usually around the last week of the month. The email address is angelnews338@mail.com

Deadline for September issue is August 27th,