



Newsletter 16-July 2021

As at the 10th July 2021

Whilst the majority of us have been out playing bowls outdoors and enjoying this wonderful summer weather, me included, life at IIBC has been carrying on in the background much the same although not at quite the same pace as before we closed for the summer. Most of the maintenance work has been completed and anything outstanding can should be finished now that the school have vacated. There is still a lot of high level cleaning and maintenance so the school have kindly left the floor boards down to protect our new green. One big job due to be carried out in August is the replacement of our security camera system. The new system should be completed by the time we reopen in September. Full details of the work we have done was detailed in the last Newsletter.

Some of you will know that as part of our commitment to Sport England we had to explore the feasibility of introducing disabled bowls to IIBC and in particular, bowls for wheelchair users. Bob, Lou and I have spent a disproportional amount of time and effort trying to secure interest from Disabled Bowls England and local disabled groups. In the main, the response we got was pretty unremarkable considering that we were offering our services and facilities for their enjoyment but we did manage to persuade Mr Steve Watson, the CEO of DBE, to visit the club and give us his opinion. Mr Watson was very honest and frank with us and pointed out areas of concern which we as abled bodied people probably would not have considered. Based on his comments, Lou prepared a detailed Health & Safety report and Bob, a similar financial exercise and it soon became very apparent that there were many obstacles, some insurmountable, which made wheelchair access very difficult.

We took our findings to a management Team Meeting on the 28th June and after a long and sometimes heated discussion, it was decided by a sizable majority that it was just not possible to introduce wheelchair bowls to the club. The decision was based on cost and feasibility of alterations to the structure of the building, the financial impact, the lack of permanent staff members to oversee and protect disabled bowlers whilst on the premises, the lack of properly trained coaches, the size of the club (only 4 rinks) and the concerns of some members about who would be responsible in the event of an emergency. However, the overwhelming worry was the fact that we were doubtful as to how many disabled members would visit and subsequently join the club and use our bar, lounge and facilities and support us financially. Nothing we have done in the last 18 months has led us to

believe or given us any guarantees that we would get sufficient support from local disabled groups nor DBE. On that basis, a decision was made to abandon our efforts and advise Disability Bowls England, Sport England and the EIBA accordingly. All three parties have been informed and are sympathetic to our decision and appreciate our concerns and efforts.

This is not quite the end of the matter because we can still entertain non-wheelchair users with certain other types of disability and in due course we will investigate how we can achieve this. Finally we will never turn a wheelchair user away if they accept full responsibility for their personal health and safety whilst on the premises. We gave it a good try and our decision was not taken lightly but it is the correct decision for the club at this time.

Our main focus now is to get the club up and running for existing members starting in September and to get as many members back bowling at that time. We will be contacting some of the people who did not renew their membership, starting in August and once we know that Covid restrictions have been lifted. The new handbooks will go to print in August and will be ready when the club reopens in September. Bob has been working on the league fixtures and details will be available to team captains very soon. Just a reminder that only club members can join the leagues so if you are reading this and have not renewed or if any of your team's members have not renewed, they will not be allowed to play until they rejoin. We will honour our commitment to the members who did renew by last February and they will receive substantial fee discounts for the 2022 year. The exact figures have not yet been calculated and agreed.

One further problem has reared its ugly head this week and it seems that Coach Bowls are insisting that all our coaches have to be DBS checked by April 2022. The details are somewhat unclear so we will find out more and speak to our coaches to see what has to be done. Just another headache for us to deal with.

Keep an eye out for news on our new **Outdoor In League** which will be open to outdoor clubs only. The details are being finalised at the moment and will be circulated to local outdoor clubs in the very near future.

The idea of introducing SHORT MAT bowls was discussed and thought to be a good and viable idea. Once details have been agreed, I will send all members a brief questionnaire to see if the membership are in favour of this idea. Please respond to this as soon as possible as details have to be finalised before the new season begins.

So at the moment everything looks quite positive. Fingers crossed our not so friendly virus accepts that the war is over. If we do have to maintain social distancing or wear masks, we will of course advise you accordingly.

Enjoy the rest of your season outdoors and come back to the warmth and dryness of Ilford Indoor very soon.

News from the Boardroom

1. Matters arising from meeting held on the 4th March 2021

- a. JACK MATTHEWS has been in touch with IJPS and King Solomon's Schools and has tried to meet with the Head or Head of Sport without success so far. He will keep trying.
 - i. **REMINDER** - The club has to be careful when offering its facilities to under 18 year olds.
- b. He also made contact with Age UK and will follow this up nearer to the start of the indoor season.
- c. Lou Dightmaker expressed concern that whilst we had been quick to encourage members to pay 2021 fees in advance, we had not given them any financial incentives. This is incorrect. It has always been and still is our intention to offer substantial discounts to members for the 2022 season once we know life is returning to normal. The discount amount will be calculated and the MANAGEMENT TEAM advised in the near future.
- d. LOUIS DIGHTMAKER reminded MANAGEMENT TEAM members that whilst our annual fee is quite low, if a member plays 5 times a week, that works out more than a club like Chigwell charge for annual membership.
- e. ALAN JAYE suggested that maybe we should change to a higher annual fee with no green fees for members. **The idea was turned down.** The fee structure will remain unchanged for now.
- f. Membership Cards are ready for distribution and will be at the club for collection in September.
- g. There will be 165 members in the thank you Draw but it was agreed to hold the draw in September when the club re-opens.

2. Financial and Staffing Reports

- a. Bob Hayter advised that the balance at the bank was still healthy but expenses such as rent, are starting to be charged again. We also have recurring expenditure such as gas, electric and water so the balance at bank will drop significantly in the coming months and until normal bowls returns.
- b. Oaks Park School have been using the club's premises and have paid the fee up until the 2nd July 2021. They do not want to extend further into July. The boards will be left down until the end of July to enable us to carry out high-level maintenance and to service the heating.
- c. Not discussed at this meeting - ALAN JAYE asked IAN TRELEAVEN if he knew where we might safely 'invest' some of our club funds effectively creating a sinking fund for future expenditure. IAN TRELEAVEN agreed to look into this.

3. Events, Fundraising, Sponsorship and Charity

- a. The next Gala Day will be on Saturday the 12th February 2022.
- b. The Grand Re-opening event is again postponed due to Covid uncertainty and the need to give extended notice to VIP guests. This to be discussed later in the year or at the beginning of 2022.
- c. BOB HAYTER has spoken to John Knubley about bridge sessions but John's group are not prepared to teach newcomers. BOB HAYTER to speak to Harry Musaphia who also is involved in bridge groups.
- d. It was agreed that until we know we can get back to opening normally, we should not spend too much time planning any new events.
- e. Ideas for future meetings (not discussed at this meeting):-
- f. Open the club up for birthdays/wedding receptions bridge evenings. Club members only.
- g. Start a dart league
 - i. Brian Powell to speak to Mark Newman to see if this idea is feasible.
 - ii. Bear in mind additional staffing costs, insurance utilities etc.
- h. STEVEN KLEIN advised ALAN JAYE in a telephone conversation that he had 4 parties interested in advertising in our Handbook. He was tying up the details. ALAN JAYE reminded STEVEN KLEIN that we are almost at the July deadline so details had to be passed to BOB HAYTER very soon.
- i. Promotional video and photography:- We are fortunate enough to have a professional photographer on our Board. Gerry Gillan (GG) suggested creating a promotional video for the club to promote the use of our bar and lounge. Whilst there was concern about this as we want to restrict usage to members and their families, the idea of promotional videos as a sponsorship tool is very appealing and should be considered.
 - i. ALAN JAYE suggested that GERRY GILLAN speak with our new Sponsorship Director, Steven Klein (SK) to see if this idea can be incorporated and developed.
- j. Whilst the club's charity, NHS Charities Together, for 2021/2022 has been chosen, members should be encouraged to suggest other smaller local charities for next year and a notice will be sent out nearer to the time of the next AGM.
- k. Promotional efforts should start again towards the end of this month.

4. Leagues and Match Reports

- a. Members are reminded that we now operate an open mixed league system.
- b. All teams in the leagues for the 2021/2022 season are now in. There were no dropouts.
- c. There are still vacancies for new teams particularly for the Friday 10:30 league.
- d. There are still plenty of opportunities for members who are not in a league team or who wish to play on other days, to join a team or enter a team. They should contact Bob Hayter as soon as possible.
- e. Bob Hayter to recirculate an invitation letter to try to attract more interest.
- f. Bowls committee reps should still be thinking of ideas to regenerate interest in the leagues and matches as soon as restrictions are eased. New forms of competitions, friendly matches, different formats. The MANAGEMENT TEAM to give this serious thought and to bring proposals to the next MANAGEMENT TEAM meeting for discussion. Carried forward.

- g. Newbies League or competition. (Brian Yershon?)
- h. Bowlathon (Steve Klein/Brian Powell)
- i. Round robin competition. This could be incorporated as a Gala Day event.
- j. Short Mat Bowls - This idea was discussed and is thought to be viable.
 - i. It would not be worth having to buy and store specialised mats and equipment but we might be able to play across the green? Steve Simpson has measured the green out and at least six rinks are feasible.
 - ii. Bob Hayter to speak with other bowls committee members to see if this idea can be moved forward and to trial it out when possible.
 - iii. ALAN JAYE to start to promote idea in the Newsletters and then by Mailchimp.
 - iv. Further discussions to be held at next meeting.
- k. David Baxter updated the MANAGEMENT TEAM on having a knockout competition or OPEN league probably on a Tuesday evening. This has subsequently been named as the **OUTDOOR IN LEAGUE**.
 - i. Players would not have to be members of Ilford, but a member of a recognised **outdoor club**.
 - ii. A charge of £25 per team to be made, so Ilford benefit. We would provide a trophy included in that price.
 - iii. There would still be a £4 green fee to pay in addition to the entry fee. The green fee for IIBC members will be £3.
 - iv. Dave Baxter has drafted out a letter and will send to Bob to put on IIBC Headed Paper for circulation.
 - v. We would need to keep some Tuesday nights free though for club knockout competitions and external knockout competitions.
 - vi. It may give people that do not play indoors, a chance to try it out. If they enjoy then they may join the club.
- l. Not discussed at this meeting - Bob Hayter advised that we were trying to get our old TV set up in the lounge, linked to a special advertising box. That way we could program and run continuous event details on screen. This is a good way to bring club events to the attention of members whilst they sit in our lounge waiting to bowl.
 - i. Bob Hayter to speak to Eric and Colin Foster about how this can be done.

5. Health, Safety and Security (including Covid)

- a. LOUIS DIGHTMAKER advised there were no H&S issues to discuss.
- b. BOB HAYTER advised that an order had been placed with AEON to renew our aging security camera system. At just over £4,000, they were over £2,000 cheaper than the next quote. Work should commence in August.
 - i. Contractor to be asked to adjust car park lighting when they install the new cameras.
 - ii. Bob Hayter to consider integrating the fob entry system if possible.
- c. Lateral Flow Testing - Our thanks to LOUIS DIGHTMAKER who sourced some Lateral Flow Tests that could be used if necessary, instead of a Vaccine Passport.

6. Welfare

- a. SANDRA DUPUY passed on the details of Terry Cole's funeral at Forest Road Barkingside.

- b. Best wishes will be posted on Facebook wishing our MT Member Tony Golding, good luck for his forthcoming hand operation.
- c. There were no other welfare matters to report. If anyone does hear that there has been a bereavement, birth, marriage, barmitzvah, anniversary etc, please let SANDRA DUPUY know.

7. Disabled Bowls

- a. See summary above.
- b. According to DBE, sports centres will in the next few years to be obliged, possibly by law, to offer 'all encompassing' facilities so that members from all walks of life can use them and participate. However, we would have to address that problem when the time comes.

8. Maintenance

- a. The painting of the outside of the club has been completed.
- b. A new boiler and radiators have been fitted to the lounge side of the playing area and in the lounge.
- c. MELVYN COHEN is making a housing for the new boiler in the kitchen.
- d. ALAN JAYE asked if we had a new Electrical Contractor to carry out statutory electrical testing. BOB HAYTER advised this was in hand.
- e. Not discussed - At the last meeting, EB expressed concern over the replacement (second hand) glass washer which might need to be replaced.
- f. Repairs to exterior fence have been completed.
- g. Gardens and car park. - Thanks to Ian Treleven for his work in the garden areas of the club which are now looking very tidy.
- h. Carpet stretching date Monday 6th September at 08:30 am.
- i. BOB HAYTER to arrange for service on high-level heating and fans whilst boards are still in situ.
- j. As we are no longer considering entertaining wheelchair access and after further examination of the fire escape doors, Tony Seago feels they can be repaired, strengthened and redecorated, after school vacates. This work can now be carried out.
- k. There are also some rotting window/door frames that need replacing.
- l. Ventilation - BOB HAYTER advised that he had asked three different companies to quote for improving the ventilation at the club. None have come back with suggestions or quotations.

9. Any other business

- a. There was no other business.

10. Date of next Meeting

- a. The next MANAGEMENT TEAM Meeting will be held **AT THE CLUB (Covid restrictions excepted) at 19:00 pm on MONDAY 9th August 2021.**
- b. BOB HAYTER and ALAN JAYE to decide on whether to keep our Zoom Pro subscription just in case of a further lock-down. Zoom has proved very useful during the pandemic and there will still be a need for some meetings to take place this way to save time and expense of travelling to the club.



**As usual please help the Club, PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD.
Not everyone has access to emails
or is a Facebook user!!!**

**If you know of any member who is not receiving this
Newsletter and you can deliver a copy to them without
endangering yourself, please let us know.**

Reminder

The pandemic is not over yet so continue to be vigilant, social distance,
wash your hands regularly and wear a facemask and/or visor whenever you
can when in the club.

If you do visit the club, don't forget to sign in using the NHS App,
EvePass or the manual register and follow our Covid 19 instructions that
are in place to protect you and your fellow bowlers.

Keep Safe

A bit about the Club's history - Part 2

Ilford & District Indoor Bowls Club

Description of Project

The Project is that of a 4 rink purpose-built Indoor Bowling Green with charging accommodation for males and females lounge and bar areas and ancillary requisites and is to be situated at Perryman Farm Road, Newbury Park, Ilford, Essex

The plot of land is ideal for the development in mind and has more than ample car parking space

A lease is being prepared under which the Club will enjoy occupancy for 21 years with a provision clause for the renewal for a further 21 years.

The Borough of Redbridge is assisting financially in the form of a non-refundable grant and planning application has been approved.

Plans for the development of the building have been drawn up by a Chartered Architect and building companies have been invited to submit tenders, based on these plans.

Tenders have been received and are in the hands of the Club's independent Architect who will submit applications under the Building regulations and will supervise and attend to all matters relative to the ^{completion} of the building of the project.

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Management

The first members of the Management Committee shall be the subscribers to the Company's Memorandum of Association and those determined by such subscribers and in number shall total 16 to include the President, Secretary, Treasurer, Captain, Match Secretary, Vice Captain, immediate past captain and nine elected members

Personal details of the subscribers to the Memorandum of Association as follows:

Arthur Gillson (Club Secretary)	<u>Occupation or Profession</u>	Accountant and Member of the Institute of Taxation
	<u>Other Activities</u>	1977 PRES OF ECBA 1978 PRES OF ECIBA 1979 CHAIRMAN OF E.P.P.B.A. 1980 PRES OF L.P.B.A. 1983 PRES OF ESSEX VP'S B.A. TREASURER OF ECBA. SEC/TREAS OF ESSEX P.P.B.A. E. B. A. Essex COUNCILLOR CERTIFIED COACH ENGLISH BCS
	<u>CURRENTLY.</u>	
CYRIL Miller (Club Treasurer)	<u>OCCUPATION</u>	DIRECTOR OF SEVERAL COMPANIES
	<u>OTHER ACTIVITY.</u>	1982 PRES ROMFORD DIST. B.A.
DENYS DEYKIN,	<u>OCCUPATION</u>	LOCAL COMPANY DIRECTOR CHAIRMAN
	<u>OTHER ACTIVITIES</u>	1967 ENGLISH INTERNATIONAL BOWLER 1960, 1961, 1966 COUNTY SINGLES CHAMPION CERTIFIED COACH ENGLISH BCS
	<u>CURRENTLY</u>	
LYRIL SPARESON	<u>OCCUPATION.</u>	RETIRED COMPANY MANAGING DIRECTOR of Danish Bacon Co Ltd
	<u>OTHER ACTIVITIES</u>	1972 PRES ECBA 1974 CHAIRMAN ESSEX PPBA
Peter Cole (Club President)	<u>OCCUPATION</u>	LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICER
DONALD CHURCHMAN	<u>OCCUPATION</u>	Retired Mechanical

Ilford & District Indoor Bowls Club

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Further instalment to follow next month

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