





Newsletter 17 - August 2021

As at the 14th August 2021

I hope this Newsletter finds you all well and enjoing this inclement summer. Playing in the rain is certainly not as enjoyable as playing in 'normal' summer conditions. That said, it's good to get out and if you are playing well, the mental (and physical) benefits far out weigh a drop of rain.

We are now only five weeks away from re-opening indoors at IIBC so slowly members will be thinking about playing indoors in the warm and dry. Covid permitting, we will offically open on the 20th September for free roll ups. If you want to bring along a friend or prospective member, please do but let Bob know as we might be able to provide some free coaching or advice. The bar will not be fully open so please bring a bottle of water so that you do not dehydrate. The league program will commence the following week commencing on Monday the 27th September. If you were in a team last year (or in 2019), please call your team captain to ensure you are included in the 21/22 squad. If you are 'unattached' and want to play, please let Bob Hayter know and he will try to find a team for you to play in. Only full members can play in the leagues so if you have not yet paid your 2021 fees, you need to do this now. Please email Bob or I and we will send you a Renewal Form. The fee for the rest of 2021 is just £45. There is a possiblity that we might be able to open on the 13th September but if so, we will email all members to advise them.

Please note that we take our Covid responsibilties very seriously so we will still have Covid prevention measures in place to start with and details can be seen below in the Boardroom banter.

We have two new exciting leagues to tell you about. Again details can be found below but in brief, we are finalising arrangements for our Outside In League which will include eight outdoor club teams playing at Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm. We also held a poll of members and we are happy to announce that we will probably be starting an IIBC Short Mat League under IIBC rules. The feasiblity is being worked on and details and an invitation to join will be sent out later in the year.

We are always looking to welcome new members so if you know of anyone who would like to try out indoor bowls, please let us know and we will invite them along for a free trial session.

News from the Boardroom

1. Membership Reports

- a. Club reopening dates
 - i. The club will officially reopen on the 20th September, Covid permitting.
 However, if possible, this date might be bought forward to the 13th for free roll ups.
- b. Membership cards have been prepared and are available for collection at the club.
- c. The opening flyer we used last year will be updated by Bob Hayter and will be distributed to club members and local clubs and organisations. Members will be asked to distribute at their outdoor clubs if possible.
- d. New and returning members
 - i. The fee for returning members will be £45 for the period from the 20^{th} September to the 31^{st} December 2021. £15 per month.
 - ii. The annual fee for 2022 will be held at £75.00 for returning full and new members as agreed at the 2021 AGM.
- e. Members, who paid their 2021 fees in advance by the 14^{th} February 2021, will only have to pay £30 for 2022. That represents a £45 discount.
 - i. Social membership will remain at £35 for 2022 as agreed at the AGM.
- f. Jack Matthews our Director of Membership Development reported that despite considerable efforts, he had received little or no response from local schools or Age UK. He will continue his efforts.
- g. Ian Treleaven has spoken with Jack Matthews about men's clubs in the area. JACK MATTHEWS and IAN TRELEAVEN to develop a strategy for doing this and to make approaches if possible. If you know of any club or organisation who might like to try out indoor bowls, please let us know.
- h. The membership thank you draw will take place at 2:00 pm on the 29th September 2021.
 - i. There will be 165 members in the Thank you Draw.
 - ii. We are offering six lucky members free membership for 2022.
 - iii. Only members who paid their 2021 fees by the 14^{th} February 2021 will be eligible.

2. Financial and Staffing Reports

- a. Bob Hayter gave an overview on the club's finances.
 - i. The club is still in a healthy financial position but there is a lot of expected expenditure yet to be paid for.
 - ii. Bob Hayter advised MT members that ALAN JAYE had managed to secure a further grant of £5500 (included in the above figure) which will cover the cost of the camera installation.
- b. Staffing report from Bob Hayter.

- i. Bar duties particularly at weekends was discussed and with the help of EB, SS, KL, and MC, we should be able to cover all events and occasions.
- ii. It was agreed that from now on, we should only offer tea and biscuits to visiting clubs with the exception of County Games or major events such as the Gala Day.
- iii. Most visiting teams are happy to play, have a quick drink and go home.

3. Events, Fundraising, Sponsorship and Charity

- a. The next Gala Day will be on Saturday the 12th February 2022.
 - i. Bob Hayter will amend the Gala Day invitation and send out to local outdoor clubs when the new season starts.
- b. The Grand Re-opening has been postponed until at least September 2022.
 - i. If we are inviting dignitaries, we have to give at least 3-month's notice.
 - ii. It was suggested that we combine the Gala Day with a Grand Reopening event and invite dignitaries to that instead.
 - iii. ALAN JAYE to consider which dignitaries we should invite and send out invitations after the next MT meeting or when the new season begins.
- c. BOB HAYTER to speak to Harry Musaphia about bridge groups.
- d. JACK MATTHEWS to speak to Sinclair House about their arrangement for bridge evenings and where they now meet with a view to seeing if they would like to hire our facilities.
- e. In the absence of Brian Powell, the suggested darts league was not discussed.
 - i. Brian Powell to speak to Mark Newman to see if this idea is feasible.
 - 1. Bear in mind additional staffing costs, insurance utilities etc.
- f. Publicity and Marketing report
 - i. STEVEN KLEIN has secured three new Handbook adverts although one has to be altered to a landscape format needed for half page ads.
 - ii. STEVEN KLEIN is speaking to two possible sponsors and will know by end of week commencing 13th August if they are prepared to advertise.
 - iii. The three sponsors from last year will receive free entries this year.
 - The deadline for all handbook entries is mid-August.
 - v. GERRY GILLAN and JACK MATTHEWS are discussing the possibility of a short promotional video and are working on this idea together.
- g. Promotional efforts to encourage members and sponsors should start again as soon as possible.
 - i. ALAN JAYE to send out emails and advertise on Facebook.
 - ii. Bob Hayter to update website.

4. Leagues and Match Reports

- a. Bob Hayter to chase County and Over 60's committee members for details of fixtures so that these can go in handbook.
- b. The new league program will start in week commencing the 27^{th} September, Covid permitting.
- c. There are only five teams in the Friday 6:30 Triples League. Ideally, we need six or eight teams to make this league viable.

d. We need more women members!!! ALAN JAYE to email new women members to encourage them to join the leagues, particularly the 10:30 Monday and 10:30 Tuesday Ladies leagues. There is also a 12:30 Thursday league.

- i. Anyone interested should contact Marion Bond as soon as possible.
- e. ALAN JAYE advised that he now has enough players in his Wednesday 10:30 squad to create a second team.
- f. There are opportunities for members who are not in a league team or who wish to play on other days. They should contact Bob Hayter as soon as possible.
- g. Friendly matches Harry Musaphia and Marion Bond have given details to Bob Hayter and these can go in the handbook.
- h. Arrangements for the new **Outside In League** are making good progress but we still do not have enough outdoor teams to make this viable. We need a minimum of eight teams.
 - i. Good progress is being made with introducing this new league. Thanks to David Baxter for all his hard work so far. However, only five teams have paid the entrance fee of £25 and we need at least eight if the competition is to go ahead.
 - ii. The league is open to outdoor clubs only.
 - iii. Outdoor clubs can enter more than one team but the players can only play in one of them.
 - iv. Clubs with only one team can ask any of their members to play, men or women but they must be a member of the outdoor club.
 - v. The competition will be held at 6:30 on Tuesday evenings. Exact dates and fixtures to follow.
 - vi. Green fees are £3 for Ilford members and £4 for non-Ilford members. However, there was discussion about this and it could be the green fees will be reduced to £3 for all entrants.
 - vii. David Baxter to chase interested clubs as we have to have at least eight teams to form the league.
 - viii. Closing date for entries is 16th August 2021 as the dates have to be published in the handbook. We will have to extend that date but need to know ASAP of any clubs interested.
 - ix. Bob Hayter to recirculate an invitation letter to try to attract more interest.
- i. Under 25's competition.
 - i. We have been asked by David Griggs to host an Under 25's game on the 19th December 2021. Only one rink needed. Bob Hayter to reserve date.
- j. Newbies League or competition.
 - i. As Brian Yershon was not at the meeting due to medical reasons, this idea was not discussed.
- k. As neither Steve Klein nor Brian Powell were at the meeting, the Bowlathon idea was not discussed.
- 1. Round robin competition. This could be incorporated as a Gala Day event.
- m. Short mat bowls League.
 - The Mailchimp survey received 138 responses. There were 62 in favour and 76 against. It was felt that there was enough interest to progress the idea.

ii. Bob Hayter will now start putting together the league schedule and arranging with Melvyn Cohen for the wooden timbers to be made, after the green has been stretched.

- iii. A decision on when the league will start and on which day, will be made at the next meeting after which, members will be invited to enter a team.
- n. Eric Brown and Steve Simpson to speak with Colin Foster in order to set up the TV and special advertising box.

5. Health, Safety and Security (including Covid)

- a. LOUIS DIGHTMAKER advised there were no H&S issues to discuss.
- b. BOB HAYTER advised that the new camera system was being installed this week and should be completed by the 16th August 2021.
 - i. Contractor to be asked to adjust car park lighting when they install the new cameras.
 - ii. Bob Hayter advised that it was not possible to integrate the existing fob system into the camera system. We will look at new ideas for entry to the club, next year.
- **c**. There was discussion as to whether the club should insist on the introduction of Lateral Flow Testing.
 - i. It was pointed out that there was no legal obligation for the club to do this nor could we legally insist on any member taking a test or carrying a Covid Passport.
 - ii. If the law changes we might reconsider this. We have to hope that all members adopt common sense and if they have any Covid Symptoms, stay well away from the club. Likewise if they have been contacted by the NHS or asked to isolate. The virus is still spreading and no member should be exposed to risk by another member regardless of their beliefs.
- d. ALAN JAYE to get update from the EIBA to see if it is safe to open the club.
- **e**. Some of the Covid measures introduced last September will be reintroduced for the time being but will be reviewed on a regular basis. These include:
 - i. Hand sanitisers will be placed around the building and members will be encouraged to use them.
 - ii. Sanitising cloths will be placed in the playing area and players will be asked to sanitise their own bowls, the mats, jacks, trolleys, any other playing equipment and handrails at the end of each session.
 - iii. The hall will be Covid sprayed at least twice a week.
 - iv. Members will be asked to wear masks in the lounge, except when eating or drinking although this can only be a request and is not legally enforceable.
 - v. Players will be encouraged to maintain social distancing of 2 metres or more and to move around the green in clockwise direction wherever possible.
 - vi. Shaking hands before and after a game should be discouraged. Touching elbows or knuckles is acceptable.
 - vii. The changing rooms will be in use but members are encouraged not to overcrowd them at any one time.

viii. The Management reserve the right to introduce more Covid protection methods or amend existing if advised by the Government or EIBA

- **f.** Bob Hayter will arrange to have the club deep cleaned before the season starts in September.
- g. Members and visitors will still be required to sign in in one of three ways. Using the NHS App, EvePass App or in the manual register. Not only is this to help prevent or control the spread of Covid but knowing who is on the premises at any given time is also a Health and Safety requirement.

6. Welfare

- a. Sandra reported that John Woodroof had lost his wife. A message of condolences has been sent.
- b. ALAN JAYE advised that Abu Ahmed's wife had also passed away recently.
- c. ALAN JAYE reported that Tony Golding and Brian Yershon both had health issues but were recovering at home.
- d. There were no other welfare matters.
- e. If anyone does hear that there has been a bereavement, illness, birth, marriage, barmitzvah, anniversary etc., please let SANDRA DUPUY know.

7. Maintenance

- a. The boards will be left down until week commencing the 23rd August to enable us to carry out high-level maintenance and to service the heating.
 - i. Bob Hayter to ask for volunteers to help remove the 500 boards from the playing area.
 - ii. Bacon rolls will be provided free of charge to volunteers.
 - iii. The 138 edging boards are to be numbered by Steve Simpson and these will be stored separately.
 - iv. Bob Hayter to liaise with Gerry the school caretaker who will also provide help.
- b. It was decided NOT to make a housing for the new boiler in the kitchen.
- c. It was decided it was not necessary to clean the high-level fans in the playing area this year.
- d. Jobs to be done
 - i. Maintenance team to discuss if these jobs can be done in-house and by whom?
 - ii. Several high level LED lights in playing area need to be replaced. ERIC BROWN/STEVE SIMPSON to arrange.
 - iii. Repairs to fire exit doors, thresholds and reveals to be completed.
 - iv. Replace striking plate on main entrance door.
 - v. Repairs to bowls store room windows to be carried out. Rotting frames.
 - vi. The heater in the playing area will be serviced on the 13th August 2021 by a new contractor. The original company have gone out of business.

e. Jobs completed

- i. Thanks to Tony Seago for continuing to paint various areas in the club.
- ii. Thanks to STEVE SIMPSON and ERIC BROWN for installing a new exterior power point and tap and for obtaining a 5-metre extension lead.
- iii. The trolley ramp has been completed.

- iv. Thanks to Melvyn Cohen for supplying the Kangol to break up the damaged path near the entrance to the club and for STEVE SIMPSON/TONY SEAGO and ERIC BROWN for laying new concrete.
- f. Our new electrical contractor advised that we do not have to carry out annual EICR inspections of our electrical equipment. We only need to do this every 5 years. Bob Hayter to check this out.
- g. Bob Hayter to arrange PAT testing before new season starts.
- h. The glass washing machine obtained from Woodford no longer works. Since the meeting, Bob Hayter has resourced and purchased a new machine and this will be delivered this week.
- i. Gardens and car park. Thanks to Ian Treleaven and Tony Seago for their continued work in the garden areas of the club which are now looking very tidy.
- j. LOUIS DIGHTMAKER advised that after much consideration and hard work, it was not possible to improve the ventilation in the playing area. Thanks to LOUIS DIGHTMAKER for all his hard work in preparing reports on this subject.
 - i. It was not feasible due to lack of interest from contractors and the probable cost.
 - ii. The high-level fans and the extraction system should provide adequate airflow and if not, exit doors should be temporarily opened to provide more fresh air.
- k. Carpet stretching date Monday 6th September at 08:30 am.

8. Any other business

- a. JACK MATTHEWS suggested that Membership Renewal forms are sent to all members who have not yet re-joined.
 - i. ALAN JAYE will email to those with email addresses.
 - ii. Bob Hayter to post forms to ex members who do not have access to emails.
- b. It was decided to retain our Zoom Pro subscription for now. The main benefit being that meetings can last more than 40 minutes per session and participants do not have to log out and in again. People do not have to travel to meetings in adverse weather conditions.
- c. Bob Hayter to look into the feasibility and cost of installing electric car charging stations in our car park for club use only. Maybe Toyota can advise or even sponsor?

9. Date of next meeting

- a. The next MANAGEMENT TEAM Meeting will be held AT THE CLUB (Covid restrictions excepted) at 19:00pm on MONDAY 20th September 2021.
- b. Whilst this next meeting will be held at the club, holding future meeting by Zoom has not been discounted. Several members have very long journeys after leaving the club and holding meetings by Zoom is much more convenient and time saving particularly on cold winter nights or in the outdoor playing season.

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.



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 3

How the new club was financed!

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We urgently need volunteers to help take up the boards on the 23rd August. Just a few hours work and free bacon rolls on offer!

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If you are reading this and have not renewed your membership for 2021, please ask Bob or Alan for a Renewal form and then you can re-join the leagues and friendly match programs.

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If you are not already in a league team and want to join OR if you are interested in the short mat league, speak to Bob and register your interest.

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If you have anything interesting or important you would like published in future Newsletters, please send details to Alan

<u>NEW MEMBERS WELCOME – CALL 07505</u> <u>171682</u>

Important Numbers

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