



Ilford & District Indoor Bowls Club Ltd

Centre of excellence for indoor lawn bowls serving the people of Redbridge and surrounding areas



Midsummer Newsletter 23 - 28th June 2022

As at the 02 July 2022

It has been a while since our last Newsletter, obviously, due in the main to the club being closed for the summer. However, whilst most of us are enjoying playing outdoors in the fresh air, life at Ilford indoors does go on.

The adjacent school have been using our facilities since April for the exam season and they are due to vacate very soon thus giving us back access to the club which is restricted whilst the exams are on. Bob Hayter will be contacting you all very soon with a view to getting help taking up the protective floor boards. The boards were put down this year in record time and our thanks go to all those members who kindly helped all for the price of one of Bob's special bacon rolls. When Bob contacts you, please step up and help if you can. Further information on this to follow.

We still get members asking why we do not play in the summer. Letting the hall out to the school brings in considerable income for little or no expense but this is not the only reason we do not play in the summer. Just before Covid changed our lives forever, we conducted a survey of all 300 members. Only about 60 bothered to reply and of those only about 40 wanted to play. That was not enough positive response to stop the closure in the summer months. We will keep this under review but I cannot see the policy changing in the foreseeable future as many of the Management Team are involved in running their outdoor clubs.

Before the floor boards come up, we take the opportunity to carry out some high level cleaning and maintenance. Often we hire a tower to access things like the heater and the fans... The heating will be serviced in July.

We have placed an order to replace the carpet around the green. It's about '200 years' old and well past it's sell by date. Once done the club will look a lot fresher and more modern. Just another example of the work that goes on behind the scenes. There are also some changes to the lighting in areas such as the changing rooms. Sensors will be fitted so that the lights are not kept burning when these areas are not in use. There will also be improvements to the lighting in the bar area where we will be installing LED spotlights which are energy efficient and more welcoming. All this is to help keep down spiralling running costs. Hopefully all this work will be completed before the club reopens on the 19th September 2022. Whilst open for roll ups, the league

program does not begin until the following Monday the 26th September. The bar will not be open during the first week as it has to be restocked and the pipes thoroughly cleaned.

On the subject of the internal leagues, we **urgently** need another **Monday 2:30 team**. We have seven teams but this means that one team does not play each week. That causes fixture congestion and loss of income. With eight teams, all can play every week. If you are interested in joining a new team and in particular, in running it, please contact Bob as soon as possible. Do not worry if you have never run a team before, help is readily available. Don't forget, all our leagues are mixed so the new team can comprise of men, women or a mixture of both.

It is still planned to re-paint the rear wall of the club and this will be organised and carried out by Tony Seago when the school vacates.

The Handbooks for the 22/23 season do not go to print until mid-July. There is still time for you, your company or your family to help us with the printing costs. A full page portrait advert will cost £100 and a half page landscape ad, just £60. This is an excellent way to advertise your services to over 300 people at very little cost so please support the club. An advertisement form will be attached to the email we send out with this Newsletter. We also have wall advertising space. Some is already taken up with adverts from our sponsor, Lexus Woodford. If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact Bob for further details and prices. Details of the league fixtures will be in the new Handbook and we will advise members when these are ready for collection.

We are pleased to welcome Ian Treleaven as a new Director of the club. Many of you will know Ian and appreciate that it is he who looks after our garden areas. I am sure he will be a real asset to IIBC and we look forward to working with him in the new season.

We have sadly lost several members since the club closed. In particular, Keith Lloyd who helped run the bar and Ivor Kabel. Also members or past members, Frank Martin and George Marshall. Our sincere condolences go to their families and friends. This teaches us that life is too short so we have to live our lives for today and enjoy every moment.

Unfortunately, Covid is still lurking around so existing Covid measures will be reviewed and reintroduced as and when necessary. The Government have issued new guidelines and are about to remove almost all of the restrictions surrounding Covid but we will follow EIBA recommendations... A summary of the latest rules and advice can be found in an article from the London Borough of Redbridge. Click on or copy and paste the following link into your computer browser to read it.

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKREDBRIDGE/bulletins/31055a7>

We are still relying on all our members to use their common sense and stay at home if they have Covid symptoms or feel unwell. Hopefully, next season we can get back to business as usual.

The AGM took place on the 10th April 2022 as planned. Sadly only 36 members attended but there were apologies from the members who attended the Memorial Service for the late Terry Lichkin. A summary of the meeting can be seen below but if you want a copy of the full minutes, please email me at alan.jaye@iibc.uk.

Good luck to our Director Steven Klein who flies off to Israel in July to represent England in the Maccabi Games.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and we look forward to seeing you again in September.

**Not everyone has access to emails
or is a Facebook user!!!**

**Please help the Club by SPREADING THE WORD
or printing out a copy of this Newsletter and
passing a copy on.**

Word of mouth is our greatest asset.

Ladies – Urgent Appeal

The Ladies leagues and in particular the Wednesday Afternoon Drive, are struggling for survival. Please do everything you can to support the Ladies Section or these leagues will be forced to close. All ages and abilities are welcome.

Please contact Sonia McDonald or Pat Brown for further information! Contact details on the last page.



We are delighted to tell you that we have asked one of our new members, Karl Bunyan, if he would help with our website to make it more informative and easier to access. We hope he will start work on this later in the year.

Thursday 2:30 League **formerly referred to** as the 'Newbies' League

We are delighted to advise that the response to forming four new Thursday 2:30 mixed teams has been terrific and the 2:30 league has been expanded to eight teams from four. For this coming season, the league will operate as two separate divisions. For the 23/24 season, the two divisions will be integrated to make a league of eight teams.

Thank you to all the new players who have agreed to join these new teams and in particular to Stephen Franklin, John Nerden, Gary Freedman and Ian Dunn who have agreed to run the teams for at least the 22/23 season.



Newbies Champion 2021/2022 - Karen Lichkin

We urgently need another Monday 2:30 team for the 2022-2023 season. At the moment we have 7 teams but this means we cannot utilise all the rinks every week.

Please let Bob know as soon as possible if you are interested.

Summary of the AGM held on the 10th April 2022

The minutes of the AGM meeting on the 11th April 2021 were unanimously adopted.

There were reports from the President, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Club Manager, Ladies Captain, Gents Captain and the League Secretary. Either these were read out at the meeting or copies were handed out to those present.

Club Directors Carol Tresadern and Sandra Dupuy, retired in rotation and stood for re-election. Both were re-elected for a further three years. In addition, Ian Treleven was appointed a Director with immediate effect. Gerry Gillan agreed to stay on as a Director for a further year or until a successor was found.

Thanks were given to retiring Director Louis Dightmaker who stood down as Health, Safety and Security Director after many years of loyal service. He will be very hard to replace. It is now essential that we appoint a new Health, Safety and Security Director/officer as soon as possible, to look after this important area of the business and to guide the club through various health and safety regulations and matters. It is hoped that someone can be appointed from the membership but if not, we might have to employ outside consultants and that would have a major cost implication for the club. Bob Hayter will approach certain members who might be able to assist.

It was agreed and confirmed by a vote, that the fees for 2023 should be increased to £80 per annum from the 1st January 2023 which is below the rate of current inflation. This is the first increase for 3 years. The annual fee for social members will also be increased to £40 per annum for the year commencing the 1st January 2023.

However, it was also proposed and agreed that the green fees for 2023 will **NOT** be increased with the exception of weekend friendly matches. These fees will rise to £4 with effect from the 1st September 2022.

We are mindful of rising costs for not only the club but for our members. It was therefore reluctantly agreed that green fees will have to rise in 2024. The increase will be discussed at the next AGM in 2023.

Thanks were given to the Ladies Captain Sandra Dupuy who stood down from this role. Her place will be taken by Sonia McDonald and we hope the woman members will support Sonia and vice-captain Carole Barry in this difficult job.

Last year we raised over £800 for our nominated charity, NHS Together. Each year the club appoints a different charity. There were seven nominations. A secret ballot was conducted and this year our Charity will be the **Essex Air Ambulance Service**. Please support this very worthy cause if and when asked.

There were several problems towards the end of the season with competition matches not being played on time for apparently good reasons in most cases. It was proposed to amend the Club's Constitution to give the Board of Directors more autonomy and leeway to change dates at their discretion. After a fiery debate the proposal was narrowly defeated. This means that the competition rules as set out in the Club's Handbook cannot be altered under any circumstances and Club competitions must be played by, in the case of preliminary rounds, or on, in the case of finals, the given dates as published in the Handbook. Please do not enter these competitions unless you will be available for the finals.

There was a further proposal that substitutes should be allowed in all league matches under certain circumstances. After discussion this proposal was also voted against on the basis that the system could be abused.

The proposal to scrap the handicap system for the ladies leagues was approved and will take effect from the start of the 2022/2023 season.

Notice Board

Our preferred payment method for fees, food and beverages and even green fees, is by card.

Card payments can be made at the bar.

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME
CALL 020 8597 6040 or 07505 171682 or
email Bob.Hayter@iibc.uk

Free coaching will be available

Due to the untimely death of Keith Lloyd, we need help to run the bar in the evenings and at weekends. If you can spare some time, please contact Bob Hayter as soon as possible.

The club is run mainly by volunteers. However, the burden of work rests on the shoulders of just four or five members who will not carry on doing this work unaided, for ever.

If you can help run the club in any way, please let Alan or Bob know ASAP.

If you have any bowls or bowls items for sale, we are happy to advertise them for you either on the club notice board in the corridor or in future Newsletters. Please give the details and a photo of the item for sale, to Bob when the club re-opens.

There is still time to submit a Handbook Advertisement. Cost is £100 for a full page and £60 for a half page. An advertising form will be included in your email.

We have a vacancy for a Health & Safety Officer. If you can help us in any way in an advisory role, please come forward and offer assistance.



We encourage you to contribute to the newsletters. This is your chance to voice your opinions, have your say in running and improving the club and suggest fundraising ideas. You might have some constructive ideas or just some articles of general interest. Please send your articles to Secretary@iibc.uk

There is no point in complaining about how things are run if you are not prepared to devote a couple of hours to help make improvements.

If you want a copy of the Minutes of the AGM, please Email Alan at Secretary@iibc.uk

Please note

The club's telephone will not be monitored during the summer closure.

In emergencies only, please contact Bob Hayter on 07505 171682

The club reopens for the 2022-2023 season on Monday 19th September 2022

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Club Telephone Number - 020 8597 6040 (only during the playing season)

Club Email address - info@iibc.uk

Website - www.iibc.uk

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/IlfordIBC/>

Club President and Ladies Section Secretary - Pat Brown - 01708 556148

Club Chairman & Membership Secretary - Sandy Dron - 01708 347492

**Club Manager, Treasurer, Competitions Secretary, League Secretary and Bar Manager
- Bob Hayter - 07505 171682 - Bob.Hayter@iibc.uk**

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Treleven**

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srk48klein@gmail.com**

**Director of Membership Development - Jack Matthews - 07971 748372
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Director of Press & Communications - Vacant

Welfare Director and Ladies County League Secretary - Sandra Dupuy - 07545 544966

Ladies Captain - Sonia McDonald - 020 8491 9566

Ladies Vice-Captain - Carole Barry - 07593 420127

Health & Safety & Security Director - Vacant

**Hon. General Secretary and Men's Section Secretary -
Alan Jaye - 07722 240237 - Alan.Jaye@iibc.uk**

Men's Captain - Ken Spicer - 07989 309114

Men's Vice-Captain - Jerry Quy - 07969 872893

**Club address - Ilford & District Indoor Bowls Club Ltd
Perrymans Farm Road, Newbury Park, Ilford, Essex, IG2 7LX**



IIBC - Handbook Advertising Order Form

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