



## Ilford & District Indoor Bowls Club Ltd

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



# Newsletter 24 - 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022

As at the 06 October 2022

Welcome back to all our members and a special welcome to our many new members. We hope you will have an enjoyable and Covid free season. We are not the biggest but we pride ourselves as being the friendliest club in the area and we want all our bowlers to feel wanted but more importantly to enjoy coming to IIBC, playing the game of indoor bowls and enjoying the banter and conversation in the lounge with fellow bowlers, friends and family. We have a well-stocked and reasonably priced bar and this year we have a new draught lager on sale at a very competitive price. Alcohol not your thing? We have a good choice of coffees and hot drinks along with snacks and at certain times, fresh sandwiches. So make yourselves at home and enjoy the 'apres' bowls in the lounge. We do have a favour to ask. **PLEASE** do not congregate in the playing area whilst waiting for your turn to go onto the green. This disturbs players on the green, delays their games and stops them leaving after their matches have been completed. Please wait in the lounge and only go to the playing area when the previous sessions have ended and the green is free.

If you have not already entered the club competitions, please add your names onto the entry forms which can be found in the lounge and on the tables in the main playing area. Entry forms are also available from the office but do not delay as the entry closing date is the **29<sup>th</sup> October 2022**.

If you are not already playing in one of our internal leagues, some teams are struggling to recruit players. Please give your name and dates of availability to Bob Hayter and he will TRY to find you a team to play in. We would also ask you to support our weekend friendly matches. Details are again posted on the notice board. If you do not feel confident to play in a league or a friendly match, come up for a roll up (practice session). Please check your Handbook before coming as league and organised matches take preference over roll ups and if there are no rinks available, you will not be able to play. If you would like some coaching or bowls advice, this can be arranged. Again speak to Bob or any of the Directors and we will try to organise something for you.

Every year we sadly lose members due to ill health or bereavement and we try to support our members as best possible. If you hear of anyone who is suffering with health problems, please let our Welfare Director, Sandra Dupuy, know so that she can send a message of support or a telephone call. Likewise, if you know of anyone who is celebrating an event, Sandra need to know that as well.

If you are thinking of having a party or an event, our lounge and bar is available for hire at competitive prices. If you want to include music however, we need to purchase a temporary music licence which would add to the cost of the hire. Speak to Bob for further details and prices.

I briefly mentioned Covid above and none of us want a repeat of the closures we suffered in previous seasons. Covid is still around, as is flu and monkey pox so please wash your hands regularly and take sensible hygiene precautions. We still have sanitisers around the club and will be reintroducing wipes. The green is sprayed twice a week or more so we are trying hard to stop the spread of infection. If you do have symptoms of any of these seasonal diseases, please do not come to the club.

We are hoping to reintroduce some of Bob's legendary quiz nights. No dates yet set but please keep an eye on the notice boards for details. These events are VERY popular and sell out almost instantly so don't be slow in responding. We usually put on a fish and chips supper. As you know the cost of food has risen out of all proportion so the cost per person is likely to be at least £15. It is still good value and great fun.

On the subject of costs, we are an energy titan. Our running costs to light and heat the club and in particular the playing area are gigantic and will only be rising in the foreseeable future. Thankfully due to some astute forward planning we are locked into energy contracts but when these expire we will see our expenses spiral. The club cannot absorb these costs so the price of membership in January will rise in accordance with the fee set at the last AGM. We might also have to raise green fees. As such we are introducing Green Fee Vouchers. Purchase these from the bar and take advantage of discounts for bulk buying and also protecting you from price increases when they are introduced. The details are set out in the **News from the Boardroom** section below. You can pay by cash or credit card. These vouchers are for weekday green fees only (value of £3). They do not cover weekend or County matches nor can they be used to purchase food or drink or to offset annual fees.

Club shirts are available in many sizes from £28 each. We are also introducing club gilets and lightweight jackets. The gilets are from £30 (with or without collars) and the jackets will cost from £40. The club will ask you for a 50% deposit and please allow approximately 6 weeks for delivery. We do have some samples in the office for you to try on.



Plans are underway for our 2023 Gala day on the 11<sup>th</sup> February. This is our flagship event and we host teams from all over the area who play in a competition for cash prizes. Last year this was won by Wanstead Central but we have some strong opposition lined up this year. Our President, Pat Brown, is in charge of the Raffle, Tombola and White Elephant Table and this is always popular with members and guests alike. If you have any items you wish to donate, please bring them to the club when convenient. However, this is not a place for you get rid of your old broken belongings. Only useable goods in good condition please. If you know of anyone who would like to sponsor the club by donating towards the catering costs, this will help us keep the costs down on the day. If you would like to donate a voucher or a cash amount yourself, this can be used towards fees or as a raffle prize and ALL donations are most gratefully received.

Finally, the club is always looking for new ideas and new people to carry them through. The club is run by volunteers and this is one way we can keep our costs down. However, with ever increasing numbers of regulations, one day we will have to outsource services such as Health and Safety. Increased costs means increased fees and none of us want that. If you are interested in joining the Management Team, please speak to Alan or Bob for details. Every little bit of assistance, helps.

**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.**

# 2023 NEWBIES COMPETITION

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.

We are also hoping to run our highly successful mixed NEWBIES Competition in 2023. If you joined the club in 2021 or 2022 you could be eligible to play. Teams will be selected by the Competitions Secretary based on experience of each player so whatever your standard, please do not feel that you are not good enough to play.

We will be sending out entry forms soon. We can only accommodate 32 players so if you are interested you must return your form quickly.

Newbies Champion 2021/2022 - Karen Lichkin



Top 10 players

Newbies Competition 2022 - Final Placings																											
Final Position	Bowlers	Scot	1st Er	2nd Er	3rd Er	4th Er	5th Er	6th Er	7th Er	Game 1	1st Er	2nd Er	3rd Er	4th Er	5th Er	6th Er	7th Er	Game 2	1st Er	2nd Er	3rd Er	4th Er	5th Er	6th Er	7th Er	Game 3	Ends Wor
1	Karen Lichkin	29	2	1	1	1	2	1	3	11	1	1	1					7		3	4	1	1	1	1	11	17
2	Karl Bunyan	29		1	2		5	1		9	2			1	4	1	1	9	1	3	4	1		1	1	11	15
3	John Nerden	28	3	3	1		3		1	11				4	3		1	8	3	2	2	1	1			9	13
4	Roz Kaizer	26	1	1		1		2	1	6	2	1		1	1	2		7		1	1	2	1	2	6	13	16
5	Lawrence Kaizer	26	3	3	1		3		1	11		3					1	4	1	3	4	1		1	1	11	13
6	Keith Coe	26		1	2		5	1		9		3	3					6		3	4	1	1	1	1	11	12
7	Maureen Kitchen	25	1	1		1		2	1	6		3	3					6		1	1	2	1	2	6	13	13
8	John King	24	2	1	1	1	2	1	3	11		3					1	4	3	2	2	1	1			9	14
9	Jeff Stollar	24		1	2		5	1		9		1	3			2		6	3	2	2	1	1			9	12
10	Ian Treleven	23	1	1		1		2	1	6		1	3			2		6		3	4	1	1	1	1	11	14



# News from the Boardroom

## Membership Reports

Bob Hayter advised that there were now 288 members (As at 3/10/22). Sixteen new members, 11 new men and, 5 new women. He is aware of at least 2 or 3 more who have indicated they want to join.

## Dress Code

There were complaints about the dress code email that was sent out to all members. This was not in accordance with the dress code set out in the handbook.

AJ explained that Bowls England and the EIBA had expressed that dress codes generally should be slightly relaxed to make bowls more attractive to younger members.

AJ to send out a revised email clarifying that **grey jumpers are not acceptable**.

Bob Hayter showed samples of the new IIBC gilets and bowls jackets which will be available to members to buy on special order. £30 for a gilet and £40 for the jackets. Order will be submitted on receipt of a 50% deposit and will take approximately 6 weeks to complete. Members can try on the samples to see what size they need.

## Finances

We were advised by our accountants to spend some money on improving the club else risk incurring corporation tax. As such we have replaced some of the lighting with LEDs, introduced spot lighting in the bar area, replaced the carpet surrounding the green and in the corridors, put sensors on the lights in the changing rooms and bar. We have increased the number of security cameras and redecorated in several areas inside and outside the club. This work cost in excess of £15k.

AJ thanked Bob Hayter for having the foresight to fix gas and electricity prices until at least 2023, gas until 2025. This will create great savings for the club. However, we have to plan now for the inevitable price rises which will kick in as soon as our existing contracts end and will have serious implications on the club's finances.

Bob Hayter advised that because of changes to the VAT requirements, roll ups and leagues will now not be subject to VAT. This could generate as much as £1000 a year in savings.

Green fee vouchers - Several members have asked if they could buy green fee vouchers in advance at a discounted price. After discussion the following motion was proposed by Tony Seago and seconded by Steven Klein and was unanimously agreed.

**Buy 20 vouchers get 1 free - Buy 40 vouchers get 2 free**

**Buy 50 vouchers get 3 free**

Vouchers are not valid for weekend games.

Vouchers are not valid for County games.

Vouchers cannot be used to purchase food and/or drink.

Vouchers cannot be used to offset fees

### **Directors and Staffing**

Due to the untimely death of Keith Lloyd, we have had problems staffing the bar in the evenings and at weekends. Bob Hayter advised that Mark Newman has offered to help 2/3 times a week and between Mark, Eric, Steve, Tony, Bob and Mo, they should be able to cover most times. Bob Hayter to prepare and distribute a schedule so that everyone knows when he or she are supposed to be helping out.

Further thanks to Gary Cook for maintaining the bar pipes.

### **Events, Fundraising, Sponsorship and Charity**

**GALA DAY - Saturday 11h February 2023**

Lexus Woodford have already sponsored this event for 2023.

SK to see if he can get further sponsors to cover the cost of the catering.

Bob Hayter to prepare entry forms as soon as possible. Prices have to go up this year to cover cost of inflation.

**Entry fee for 2023 will be £45 per team including lunch**

**Visitors and guests can attend the lunch for £10 per person.**

It is important to agree a food distribution rota as some bowlers did not get any food and people sitting near the kitchen were grabbing food as it came through the doors. The order should be, bowlers and dignitaries first then members and visitors with a reminder that bowlers in the second sitting should not be left out.

SK, Bob Hayter and AJ to discuss catering costs and menus with Dawn Caterers and to book a date in for her services.

Pat Brown and a selected team of people will organise the raffle, white elephant and tombola. A memo to go out asking for prizes and items for these to be donated.

AJ asked members if they knew of any celebrities who might come to the event as a guest of honour. No one has come forward yet. This person needs to be quite well known. Possibly a sports or TV personality. Any member knowing someone should contact Alan.

SK mentioned that his son in law might have some contacts?

Other events.

Bob Hayter agreed to organise some quizzes between now and the end of the season. The cost for a fish and chip supper will have to rise to £15 per person to cover cost of food.

Other ideas include:-

Dart League - Mark Newman - Bob Hayter to prepare signs to gauge interest.

Target Bowls - Bob Hayter

Coronation event - Pat Brown

Race night - Steve Klein

Bowlathon - Steve Klein

Coffee morning - to be discussed.

### Charity - 2022/2023

Just a reminder that this year's charity is the Essex Air Ambulance

### Publicity and Advertising

The handbooks are ready for collection from the office. Please take only one else there will not be enough to go around.

Bob Hayter advised that we had a bumper number of handbook sponsors this year which will cover the cost of printing. Thanks to those members who secured adverts.

Bob Hayter explained that we had managed to reduce the cost of printing to almost half of last year's cost. Thanks to Tony Patience for helping organise this.

Alan Jaye advised that the scrolling advertising system is now working again and he will start putting information on when time permits. He also explained that it is quite a complicated process and as such it is not possible for members to add their own pages at the moment.

AJ to look at numbers of new members with a view to organising another NEWBIES Competition towards the end of the season.

Steven Klein suggested that we approach sponsors to help finance new competitions.

### Leagues and Match Reports

Bob Hayter advised that we had managed to attract 4 new teams for the Thursday 2:30 league. These will comprise of new bowlers (with a few ringers for good measure). The league will be split in two with the experienced teams in one section and the new teams in the other. Next year the two sections will be integrated.

The Monday 10:30 league now has 6 teams

The mixed 12:30 team has also survived mainly because of new bowlers

Alan Jaye to send out an email reminding members that they should always look at the notice boards for match and team news including County games.

Over 60's A Team - Paul Whellams has selected his squad for the A team and now Ken Spicer will select the squad for the B team.

It was suggested we have a competition for experienced players on the lines of the Newbies Competition. We need someone to look into and run this? Anyone interested?

### **Health, Safety and Security (including Covid)**

In the absence of a Health & Safety Officer, Bob Hayter to speak again to Bob Kane to see if he is prepared to carry out these duties. Darrell Witek is also happy to speak to Bob Kane about this and help with preparing the required risk assessments.

The fogging of the club is still being done two/three times a week.

Sanitisers and wipes will be reintroduced in certain places for those who want to use them.

It was agreed that members no longer have to sign in BUT should be encouraged to use their fob for entry. Even if they enter with another person, they should still swipe their own fob as this registers on the system.

All members should be encouraged to buy an entrance fob for £5.

They should also be persuaded to buy a locker for £20 and **remove any bags and cases from the changing rooms as these cause a hazard.**

Bob Hayter advised that three more security cameras have been installed and the existing cameras moved around to give better coverage.

Darrel Witek was concerned that certain members were able to see what was going on in and around the club, remotely but it was pointed out that this is what security cameras are for.

Bob Hayter to arrange for better signage inside the club to say club is being monitored 24/7.

More security lights on sensors have been fitted to improve lighting to the car park and external walkways.

The sensors have been fitted to the lights in the changing rooms, disabled toilet and bar area.

The bar and lounge lighting has been improved and changed to LED's and sensors have been installed. However, Bob Hayter warned that this would not be acceptable to the school unless there was a provision to override the sensors. An override switch has been fitted.

### **Welfare**

Sandra Dupuy advised that cards had been sent to various people and families of the bereaved.

Bob Hayter advised that Ian Reece had been taken ill.

If anyone does hear that there has been a bereavement, illness, birth, marriage, barmitzvah, anniversary etc., please let SANDRA DUPUY know.

### **Maintenance**

Bob Hayter to arrange defibrillator training with the NHS as at least 16 people are already interested in going on a training course. AJ has the list of people. The list is closed for now due to the response.

There has been concern about the level of lighting in the playing area. This could be because of the colour of the new carpet (darker than the old). Bob Hayter, Eric and Tony to assess what lights need replacing and to get quotes for this work. There are over 130 light trays in the hall. This job is time sensitive and cannot be carried out whilst the school are in situ.

AJ gave thanks to all those involved in the maintenance of the club including Tony Seago, Eric Brown, Ian Treleaven, Darrell Witek, Ken Spicer, Melvyn Cohen and all that have helped in any capacity at all. This has saved the club hundreds of pounds and is much appreciated. Thanks too to those who helped with the boards during the summer months.



Ian Treleaven asked that ALL members take a bit more pride and care and if they see any litter, PLEASE pick it up and place it in the refuse bins provided. Please do not leave this to Ian and Bob.

### Any other business

There was discussion about the possible sale of the club but this was dismissed by all present as we are not owners of the land the club stands on.

Steven Klein complained about the number of people waiting in the playing area before their game starts. This is very disturbing for players playing on the green.

All committee members to politely ask members to return to the lounge and wait for the previous games to finish and the green is free, before going to play.

Likewise players coming off of the green should do so quickly so as not to hold up players in following games.

It is permitted to sit quietly and watch a game in progress but silence should be observed.

Bob Hayter advised that the honours boards will be updated but that the costs had risen substantially. Ken, Steve and Sandy will send names of the people their clubs use in the hope that a cheaper supplier can be found.

### Date of next meeting

To be agreed

## Our chosen Charity this year Essex Air Ambulance

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SURROUNDING AREAS



Please give generously to this fantastic cause

# **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.**

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**NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME**  
**CALL 020 8597 6040 or 07505 171682 or**  
**email [Bob.Hayter@iibc.uk](mailto:Bob.Hayter@iibc.uk)**

**Free coaching will be available by**  
**arrangement**

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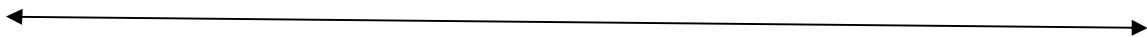
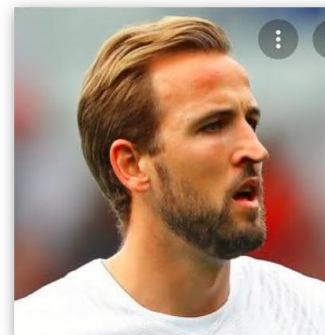
**If you have any bowls or bowls equipment for sale, please draft out an advert and we will try to place this on one of the notice boards. A donation to our chosen charity would be expected on completion of a successful sale.**

**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.**

**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 DO NOT YET HAVE A DIGNITARY OR PERSONALITY WILLING TO ATTEND OUR GALA DAY ON THE 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2022. THIS PERSON SHOULD BE SOMEONE RELATIVELY WELL KNOWN OR AT LEAST RECOGNISABLE BY MOST PEOPLE AT THE CLUB.***

***IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE FITS THIS PROFILE AND WHO WOULD BE PREPARED TO DEVOTE 2 OR 3 HOURS OF THEIR TIME ON THE 11<sup>TH</sup> FEB, PLEASE CONTACT ALAN WITH CONTACT DETAILS.***



**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 in PDF or Word Format**

**to [Secretary@iibc.uk](mailto: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 are interested in helping in any way, please contact Bob or Alan**

# IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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

**Club Email address - [info@iibc.uk](mailto:info@iibc.uk)**

**Website - [www.iibc.uk](http://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](mailto:Bob.Hayter@iibc.uk)**

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Treleven**

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**Press & Communications Officer - Eric Brown**

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**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 -  
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