



Ilford & District Indoor Bowls Club Ltd

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



Newsletter 25 - 30th November 2022

As at the 02 December 2022

Hope you are all keeping well and enjoying your bowls here at Ilford.

New competitions for 2023

It has been a very busy and productive time at the club and we are pleased to announce that we have over 30 new members which as you will see below, takes our tally to over 300 members for the first time for several years. Of course we have to factor in that we have lost some of our older members who are no longer able to play for health reasons or have moved away from the area. We give thanks to them for supporting the club for many years and we wish them well for the future.

New members are the lifeblood of the club and we welcome all of you to what is considered to be, one of the friendliest and welcoming clubs in the area. Whilst some of you are already experienced bowlers, some are beginners and as such we are able to offer you help and coaching where we can, up to a certain level. If you need further help or training, we do have access to some qualified level 1 and 2 coaches. These coaches may make a charge but they are there to help you improve and compete at a higher level. Ask at the office for further details.

To encourage our new members to participate in our leagues and friendlies, we are delighted to announce that we have reintroduced the extremely popular **Newbies competition** which this season will be held on Wednesday the 22nd March 2023 from 12:00pm onwards. This competition is open to ALL new members who joined the club since it reopened in September 2022, regardless of gender, age or ability. If you qualify for this competition, you will have already received an emailed invitation. Please complete the application form and submit it to the office with your £10 entrance fee. Entries are limited to just 32 players and will be allocated on a first come first **PAID** basis. If you have completed an entry form but not yet paid, your entry will not have been confirmed. If you think you qualify for this competition and have not received an invitation to play or if you do not have access to emails, please contact me at the office or pick up a **WHITE** entry form from the bar.

The Newbies competition was so popular last year that many members who played or qualified last season have asked if they too can play. The short answer is **NO BUT**... we have introduced a second competition which we are calling **the CLASS of 21/22** competition. This will be open to all members who joined the club during the 21/22 season i.e. between September 2021 and August 2022 or who qualified or played in last year's Newbies competition. Again, If you qualify for this competition, you will have already received an emailed invitation. Please complete the application form and submit it to the office with your £10 entrance fee. Entries are limited to just 32 players and will be allocated on a first come first **PAID** basis. If you have completed an entry form but not

yet paid, your entry will not have been confirmed. If you think you qualify for this competition and have not received an invitation to play or if you do not have access to emails, please contact me at the office or pick up a **GREEN** entry form from the bar. This competition will take the same format as the Newbies one and games will be awarded in accordance with the rules. As I always say, you have to be in it to win it so get your entries in as soon as possible.

All members, new and old, are welcome to enter their names to play in weekend friendlies. Details of the matches are posted on the Competitions Notice Board adjacent to the ladies changing rooms. Please only enter your name on the list if you are definitely available to play. The teams will be chosen by the Club Captains, Sonia and Ken during the week before each of the matches so please keep an eye on these match sheets to see if you have been picked to play.

We are also going to introduce a **mixed Bowls Football Challenge Competition** which will be open to all full members. This idea has been put together by our football fanatic, Brian Yershon and whilst it focuses on the fan base of Arsenal, West Ham, Spurs and the Orient, anyone can play. Once we have a date towards the end of the season, Brian and I will tidy up the rules and format of the competition and send out details to all members after Christmas.

Gala Day

The Gala Day is the Club's main event of the season and this year it will be held on the 11th February 2023. Invitations will be going out soon to the clubs who participated last year and there is already interest from several other clubs. We hope to be able to host the event for 16 teams of four who compete for a generous money prize which is sponsored by this year's Club Sponsor, Lexus of Woodford. Lunch is provided to the participating clubs but is also available to Club members who come to support their outdoor teams, for a nominal amount of £8 per person. Tickets for this event need to be purchased in advance from the office. There **MIGHT** be some extra food available on the day, but if not already paid for and as we have to give numbers to the caterer, there are no guarantees.

There will be our usual raffle, tombola and white elephant stall where you can pick up a bargain for next to nothing. If you have a gift to donate to any of these tables, please speak to Bob before bringing them to the club and please only donate quality goods. No goods to be brought to the club this side of Christmas please.

Bowls Direct should be on site with their usual array of new bowls, bowls wear and equipment at fabulous prices so now is a good time to purchase those new bowls you always wanted. The event will be catered as last year by Dawn Caterers but we will have to find a way of ensuring that everyone get a fair chance of getting the food they have paid for. No pouncing on the waitresses as they come out of the kitchen please! There will be more than enough food for everyone who has paid.

I am delighted to announce that our Guest of Honour this year will be the very well-known Orient legend, Mark Lazarus who many of you will remember from his playing days.

Please come and support the club and your outdoor club as well and if you can lend a hand throughout the day, that would be most welcome.

Membership raffle

Tickets are available from the 1st December for our annual **Christmas Membership Raffle** at just a £1 each. Up to 6 lucky members will win a year's free subscriptions.

Hot shots

Congratulations to the six members who achieved hot shots this month. Bowls equivalent to a hole in one !!! Well done all.



Alan Leyland, Henry Summers
Ian Robertson, John King



Gary Burns, Micky Pace



Lottery

Congratulations to Tony Patience, Marilyn Nieman, John Batten and one of our NHS supporters, Kathy O'Leary, who share the first prize of £713 in the Club's popular lottery. Well done to you all.

Dress Code

There have been complaints that some members are not complying with the Club's dress code. There have been several emails about this so Members are again reminded that we do have a dress code here at Ilford:-

Men - Roll ups, internal competitions and internal leagues

- White shirts with collars or club shirts
- Grey trousers or shorts or club shorts or Bowls England approved colours
- White jumpers/cardigans/new club gilets/new club jackets
- Flat soled bowls shoes
- No jeans, vest tops, shirts without collars or hoodies
- No grey, black or blue jumpers or cardigans

Inter-club matches, friendlies and County Games unless otherwise advised

- White collared shirts or club shirts
- White trousers or shorts or club shorts or Bowls England approved colour
- White jumpers/cardigans/new club gilets/new club jackets
- Flat soles bowls shoes

Women - Roll ups, internal competitions and internal leagues

- White blouses with collars or club shirts
- Grey skirts or trousers or club shorts or Bowls England approved colour
- Navy blue jumpers/cardigans
- White new club gilets/new club jackets
- Flat soled bowls shoes
- No jeans, vest tops, shirts without collars or hoodies
- No grey, white, black or blue jumpers or cardigans

Unless you have a medical reason for not complying or permission from the Club Manager or a Director to play in other clothing or colours, PLEASE try to conform with this request. Reasonably priced Club shirts, gilets and jackets are on sale and available from the bar or office.

Competitions and leagues

Team Captains are reminded that it is their responsibility to select and ensure that ALL their team turn up for league matches. Nothing is more frustrating than the other team turns up only to find that their game cannot be played because the opposition cannot muster a full team or does not turn up at all. A full rink match can be played with 3 players or they can ask a player who does not have a match and is a spectator, to stand in as a substitute as long as that substitute is not registered to the opposing team, but the offending team will be deducted 25% of their score. Neither the Club nor the opposing team should be penalised for poor man management.

In the unlikely event that it can be proved that a team tactically uses this to gain an advantage in the league by fielding a much stronger player or to maintain a shot difference, the opposing team can lodge a complaint to the Club Manager and the offending team could have points deducted, be suspended for a number of matches or be disqualified completely from that league.

The Club arranges friendly interclub weekend matches through the season. These are usually well supported but if you want to be considered to play, you must enter your name on the Team Sheets situated on the Notice Board adjacent to the ladies changing rooms. Please do not put your name down if you cannot play. Teams will be chosen by the Club Captains usually by the Thursday prior to the game so please check that you are actually playing before coming to the club on the day.

The draw for the Club Championships has been made and the fixtures have been posted on the Main Notice Board in the playing area. The first named player or team (the Challenger) is responsible for arranging the date of the match which **MUST** be played by the date at the top of each round of the competition. There can be no exception to this rule. They must contact the opposition to arrange a convenient date and should give them 3 **reasonable** times and dates for the match to be played. They should also **check the Club Diary** which is situated on a table in the playing area adjacent to the bar. Only vacant rinks can be used so it is probably best to meet with the opposition and sort out an amicable and convenient date whilst at the Club. The Challenger should enter that date when agreed by all parties. It is also the Challenger's responsibility to arrange a marker in singles and fixed jack matches. If a player or team are unable to find a suitable date, the match will be awarded to the Challenger.

If you know of any member who does not have access to emails, please let us know who they are and we will place a copy of this newsletter in their pigeon hole/mail box situated adjacent to the entrance to the lounge.

Members are also reminded to check to see if there are any communications from the Club, their Team Captain or another member, awaiting for them in their mail box.

SUNDAY LEAGUES

Anyone wishing to play in one of our Sunday League Teams should contact Jack Matthews for further information.

07971 748372

Green Fee Vouchers

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

News from the Boardroom

Matters arising from meeting held on the 3rd October 2022

There were no matters arising

Proposal by Alan Jaye to invite Mr Robert Kane to attend future Management Meetings in the capacity of Health and Safety Advisor. This was approved by MT committee

Membership Reports

Latest Membership count - Bob Hayter reported that we now have 77 women members, 215 men and 16 Social members totalling 306 in all.

There is further interest and more members are expected to join in the next few weeks.

Financial and Staffing Reports

We have been advised to make improvements to the club if we are to avoid excessive corporation tax.

A Membership Renewal Form email for 2023 will be sent out to all members in the first week of December 2022.

Staffing report from Bob Hayter

Thanks go to Eric Brown, Steve Simpson, Mark Newman and Tony Seago and of course Bob and Mo for all the work they do to cover the bar at most times of the week.

Also thanks to Mo's niece who has also been helping out.

The Club needs more volunteers to help man the bar during the evenings and at weekends. This is particularly important because of Bob's possible health problems. If we do not get volunteers, the bar will have to close at these busy times and the club will lose valuable income.

Training will be given but members and MT members must step up to help.

Green fee vouchers.

These have proved very popular with the members and are a good source of income to the Club.

Events, Fundraising, Sponsorship, Publicity and Charity

Gala Day 2023

Invitations to visiting teams

Invitations will be going out soon to the clubs who participated last year and there is

already interest from several other clubs.

Catering

SK has spoken to Dawn the caterer who catered last year's event and she is available on that date.

SK to set up a meeting to discuss requirements, finalise the menu and prices with Dawn and to try to resolve the problem of food not being evenly distributed during the lunch period.

There should be 3 sittings. Bowlers in Group 1, bowlers in group 2 and then members.

Bob Hayter to organise tickets for members and players.

Carole Barry has agreed to serve teas and coffees during the day and the club have agreed not to charge for them.

Guest appearance

SK has spoken to ex Orient footballer Mark Lazarus who has agreed to be our guest of honour on the day.

Official letter sent to Mark via SK by way of an invitation.

Sponsorship and prizes from sponsors

SK should be able to obtain several restaurant vouchers for the raffle. He will advise how many at the next meeting.

Raffle/tombola/white elephant prizes from members

AJ to ask members who wish to donate prizes to the raffle, tombola or white elephant table, **not to bring those to the club until after Christmas.**

Only decent items in good condition should be donated or will be accepted.

This is not an excuse for dumping old rubbish.

World Cup Competitions and Sweepstake

The World Cup Competitions and sweepstake are in full flow and the take up has been very good.

Target Bowls - December 2022

Bob Hayter will send out details of this year's Target Bowls Competition which will be held on Wednesday 21st December 2022.

Christmas Hamper and raffle

First prize will be a magnificent hamper with almost £70 worth of goods.

Glenn Stephens has promised to donate another of his famous Christmas cakes.

Other prizes to be announced.

Fee membership Raffle during December

Details of this will be sent out early December.

There will be three draws and the winner of each will get 1 year's free membership worth £80. There could be scope for more winners and club shirts could be included in the prizes.

Prizes will be dependent on how many people enter.

Race Night

SK suggested holding a Race Night possibly on a Saturday Evening. This was held

recently at Buckhurst Hill and they raised almost £1500.

SK to ask Cheryl Petar if she would be prepared to run one at IIBC in March at no cost to us.

Bob Hayter to give us a date.

Leagues and Match Reports

Report on teams in the leagues

All running quite well but AJ to remind each team captain they are responsible for ensuring a full turnout at every match as several games have been cancelled due to team members not turning up.

Club championships men and Ladies competitions

The draws have been made and details are on the notice boards.

There will be no time extensions. Matches **MUST** be played by the due dates.

Over 60's Teams report

As Paul Whellams was not present there was no A team report.

Ken Spicer was concerned about the quality of players in the B team Squad. It was suggested that new players who are more than capable of playing are not encouraged to put their names down to play.

Players must be prepared to play at home or away.

Next year the over 60's competitions will be mixed.

Eric Brown suggested that newer players could receive some coaching to bring them up to County League standard.

AJ to promote EICBA coaching courses again.

AJ suggested maybe the Club would cover the cost of the course on the proviso that any new coach would help the club for free.

Pat Brown mentioned that there may be courses like Bowls for Beginners and/or on Etiquette. Pat to research this if possible to see what is available.

Friendly matches report

Sonia McDonald reported that the turn out for friendly weekend matches has been good and some new participants have been encouraged to play.

Thanks were given to Sonia, Ken and indeed all the Bowls Team for their efforts in choosing the squads and arranging the games.

Outside Inside League report

This competition is running very well and is very popular. It might be extended to include more teams next season.

Newbies League for 2022/23 - 22/3/23

This will be held on Wednesday 22nd March 2023 and is open to all new members who have joined the club since it reopened in September 2022.

AJ explained this competition to the MT members present.

Invitations have gone out to all new members who qualify.

Bob Hayter asked that more experienced bowlers are available on the day to help some of the newer players on how to play in various playing positions.

New Class of 21-22 Competition 2023 - 15/3/23

This will be held on Wednesday 15th March 2023 and is open to members who joined the club from September 2021 until August 2022 or who took part in last year's Newbies competition.

Invitations have gone out to all the members who qualify.

Bob Hayter asked that more experienced bowlers are available on the day to help some of the less experienced players on how to play in various playing positions.

AJ explained a proposal from Brian Yershon to introduce a Bowls Football Supporters

Competition towards the end of the season.

It was generally accepted as a good idea and Bob Hayter to agree a date towards the end of the season.

AJ and Brian Yershon to promote the idea and circulate to members to gauge interest.

Health, Safety and Security (including Covid)

In the absence of our new Health and Safety Advisor Mr Bob Kane and Darrell Witek, AJ updated the team on the progress being made to update our existing H&S Policy. Work on this project is about 60% complete.

Report on Defibrillator training held on the 17th November.

This was a very successful and enjoyable course and attended by 17 of our members.

There are instructions on how the defibrillator works on the column next to it.

In an emergency, call for medical assistance ASAP and ask if any of the Defibrillator trainees are on the premises.

If there are no trained operatives on site, make sure you and the patient are safe and start CPR as soon as possible. If you use the Defibrillator, the machine itself will give you verbal and written instructions on what to do.

Bob Hayter purchased a gift for Lauren the trainer as a thank you to her giving up her time and expertise. This has been passed to Eric Gleave, her grandfather.

Thanks to the attendees who contributed to Lauren's gift which was matched by the club.

Maintenance reports

Bob Hayter advised that there will be a new monitor in playing hall to show the security cameras in operation around the premises.

New signs advising members that CCTV is in operation, have been placed around the club.

Tony Seago has put up new spotlights in the lounge and bar areas to improve the lighting in those areas. These can be controlled by an override switch.

Gardens and car park. - Report by Ian Treleaven

Ian has been keeping our gardens in pristine condition and cutting the grass and clearing leaves regularly. Our thanks for his help doing this.

AJ to write to Enid Tomlinson who planted several pots with flowers to enhance the entrance to the club.

Some of the lights in the playing area have failed but not enough to warrant changing all of the lighting. The club have purchased 15 light trays of which two have been used and the other held in stock in case of a unit failure.

Welfare

Report from SANDRA DUPUY on welfare matters.

Great to see that Gerry Quy, Eric Brown and Steve Simpson were at the meeting after stays in hospital for various reasons

Sandra Dupuy advised that Maureen Norgate's husband Peter was in hospital and she will send a card.

Bernie Chaplin, who himself has been unwell, was out with his wife who tripped and fell down an escalator and has broken her leg. Sandra to send a get well card.

Sandra will also send a card of condolence to the family of Filo Trelease who sadly passed away recently.

Bob advised that if any member wanted to attend the funeral on the 8th December at 10:30 am, please let him know so that he can pass numbers to Ted. Details of the funeral are on the notice board.

AJ advised the team that due to Alex Macgowan's recent hospitalisation and a number of falls, he had regrettably had to temporarily suspend him for his own health's sake and to protect the club. Alex has had several spells in hospital and several falls, one of which resulted in him being taken back to hospital as an emergency. Jack Matthews advised that he has been in touch with Alex and Alex fully understands that this measure was taken in his interests.

Bob Hayter advised the Management Team that he has some health issues and he is working with his GP to resolve them. He does not want to cause alarm but there is a **possibility** that he will have a procedure in hospital and if so, he is likely to be off work for about 2 months.

If this is the case, the entire Management Team and the members will have to help the club in many ways particularly with opening and closing the club, running the bar and general duties.

Bob to make a list of the duties which other members should be able to cover in his absence.

Someone will have to run the leagues and update the league sheets. AJ has spoken to Bob about this and will help under Bob's guidance from home but might need assistance from other team members.

Bob should be able to manage the finances of the club from home with help from AJ, Mo Leung and others if called upon.

This is a serious development and a real challenge to the club.

Several MT members praised Bob for the work he does for the club any disruption will be a blow to the smooth running of the club in the height of the season. However, Bob's health is an absolute priority and with the help of the MT and members we will somehow get through a difficult period **IF EVERYONE** pulls their weight.

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

Any other Business

As mentioned above, our accountants have warned us that we must offset some of our profits to avoid excessive Corporation Tax. As such Bob Hayter is obtaining quotes to upgrade our aging fire alarm system.

The new system will include better and more sirens/bells, 'strobe' lighting to warn visually impaired and hard of hearing members realise that there is an emergency and better signage.

Areas such as the changing rooms will be better served by the new alarm system.

London Dial a Ride proposal

AJ advised that he is working with our member Steve Mathieson to provide help for members who are no longer able to drive to the club to enjoy bowls.

At the moment, this will only be available for any member living in a London Borough. The service is provided free of charge to those who qualify but there is a lengthy application process. Steve Mathieson and his wife have agreed to assist members to complete the forms and submit their applications.

AJ will conduct a survey of members to see if there is sufficient interest to take the matter forward.

The club do not receive benefit from doing this and are not financially linked to London Dial a Ride in any way.

Bar duties -

Eric Brown expressed concern over the lack of bar staff available particularly in the evenings and weekends. It was pointed out that Eric, Steve Simpson, Tony Seago and now Bob all have or have recently had medical problems which prevent them devoting as much time to running the bar as they would like. If more staff cannot be found to help the above members, Mo and Mark Newman, the bar will have to close for long periods causing a loss of income to the club and the loss of an important facility for the members. If you can help in any way, PLEASE put your name forward to be included on the bar rota.

Training will be given to any interested member.

Members will have noticed that the club have withdrawn the self-help tea and coffee facility in the kitchen. This is because unfortunately, not every member has put money into the honesty box to cover the cost of the tea, coffee and sugar used. This is unfortunate but the club cannot continue to make a loss on the supplies used. Tea is still available to buy from the bar.



**Our chosen Charity this year
London & Essex Air Ambulance**

Please give generously to this fantastic cause.

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FOR INDOOR BOWLS

It is with regret that tea making facilities have been withdrawn from the kitchen. This is because unfortunately, the facility was being abused by some members who were not putting their money into the honesty jar to pay for the ingredients. How sad is that?

Tea and coffee are still available to buy from the bar whenever it is open.

IMPORTANT NEWS

Bob Hayter advised the Management Team that he has some health issues and he is working with his GP to resolve them. He does not want to cause alarm but there is a **possibility** that he will have a procedure in hospital and if so, he is likely to be off work for about 2 months.

If this is the case, the entire Management Team and the members will have to help the club in many ways particularly with opening and closing the club, running the bar and general duties.

Some work can be carried out remotely from Bob's home. Alan has spoken at length to Bob about this and will help under Bob's guidance from home but might need assistance from other team members.

Bob should be able to manage the finances of the club from home with help from Alan, Mo Leung and the Management Team, and others if called upon.

This is a serious unexpected development and any disruption will be a blow to the smooth running of the club in the height of the season. I do not think that the Members really appreciate just how much Bob does for the Club but if Bob does have to take time off, we will all see just how much he is missed.

Bob's health is an absolute priority and with the help of the **MT and members** we will somehow get through a difficult period **IF EVERYONE** pulls their weight.

I feel sure you will join with me in wishing Bob well and hope that he returns to full fitness as soon as possible.

Alan

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 by arrangement

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.

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

If you notice any hazards or dangerous objects or areas of the club, please report it to the office immediately.

Every member has a duty of care to comply with our Health & Safety Policy for their own safety and for the good of the Club and all its members..

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

Please keep an eye on the notice boards for details of forthcoming events or competitions and do not be afraid of entering our weekend friendly matches.

Also remember to check your Pigeon Hole/Mail Box to see if you have any mail from other members or the Club.

Also look at the scrolling TV screen in the lounge next to the bar.

Important messages are regularly updated with information and advice from the Club Management.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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

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Website - www.iibc.uk

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