

Ilford & District Indoor Bowls Club Ltd

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



Newsletter 22 - 29th March 2022

As at the 29 March 2022

We are fast approaching the end of the 2021-2022 season with only about 3 weeks to go. The last day of play will be on THURSDAY 14th April 2022 because the Friday is Good Friday and the club would have been closed anyway. **All bowls and equipment in the lockers and changing rooms must be taken home by the 14th April as previously advised, if you need it for your outdoor club. The school is coming in early this year for the exam season so no one will be allowed in once the school commences occupation, not even Bob or the Directors. That is part of our agreement with them. If you do not need the contents of your locker, you can leave them at the club but at your own risk.**

Covid has done its best to disrupt our league and match programs but with the exception of a couple of weeks, we have managed to get through and we should complete our programs. However, the recent increase in Covid 19 cases has shown that the disease has not gone away. The good news is that if you have been fully vaccinated you are less like to become hospitalised or seriously ill.

The Government have issued new guidelines and are about to remove almost all of the restrictions surrounding Covid. 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 the full article.

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

As the club is due to close mid-April for the summer, we will continue to protect our members as best possible by keeping our latest Covid restrictions in place until the end of the season. However, from Monday 28th March, it will no longer be necessary to sign in and out.

We have received several complaints from playing members about members turning up for games and standing and talking at the back of the playing area. This is contrary to our current Covid guidelines but also is a distraction to the players who need to concentrate on the matches they are playing in. **Please remain in the lounge and only enter the playing area once the players have come off of the green.**

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.

Please note, the

37th Annual General Meeting of Ilford & District Indoor Bowls Club Ltd – will take place on Sunday 10th April 2022 at 10:00 am. Covid restrictions permitting.

We do appreciate that this date conflicts with two memorial services but the date of this meeting was published in our handbook which was printed last July and it is not possible to change the date at this late stage. We also appreciate that some of our members are morally obliged to attend the memorials. However, if you are not one of these, please devote an hour or two to the future of the club. Unfortunately, if you are not in attendance you will not be eligible to vote or comment on any of the list items on the Agenda. Our condolences go to the bereaved relatives and we wish you a long and healthy life, free from further trouble and sorrow.

Anxiety Forum

The last Anxiety Forum Meeting had to be postponed due to Covid and the closure of the club. We have therefore cancelled the meetings for the rest of this season but anyone wishing to have an informal chat with Darrell, our organiser, he is more than willing to help you if he can.



**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.**

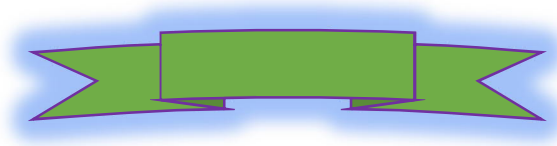
Word of mouth is our greatest asset.

**Copies will be available at the club within the next
week or on request.**

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.



Newbies League

Please come and support the forthcoming Newbies Competition on the 6th April 2022 from noon. This is the chance for some of our new members to enter proper competition's and gain some valuable experience.

We hope to have several experienced players on hand to advise the players about the technique of skipping a game and to offer advice if required.

Any player in the competition or any of the unlucky Newbies who did not manage to get a place, are invited to register for a proposed Newbies League. We are looking for four teams of 8 players to make up a Thursday 2:30 league with two other teams of more experienced players.

Interested? Please give your name to Bob, Mo or Alan and if we have sufficient numbers, we can plan the new league for the 22/23 season.

News from the Boardroom

Matters arising from meeting held on the 5th January 2022

There were no matters arising.

Membership Reports

Bob Hayter advised that there were now 273 members. 194 men, 62 women, 17 social members. Approximately 60 were new to the club.

Some members who have not renewed this year, have expressed concerns over recent Covid outbreaks. It is hoped that they will return to bowls next season when Covid has hopefully abated.

Quite a few members have retired from bowls completely or have moved away.

Dereck Baptie has today announced that he will no longer be bowling and he has donated his bowls to the club. If anyone is looking for size 1H bowls, please speak to Bob Hayter.

Sonia McDonald has approached two players with a view to playing indoors but so far not taken up. Likewise, Steve Klein has interest from 2 or 3 outside members.

It was felt by all that the main attraction of the Club is the friendliness we convey to members and visitors alike **BUT we can do more**. If a new member joins, the Club Management (and members) should go the extra mile to introduce that person to the Club Captains and Management Team to ensure that they are welcomed properly and introduced to as many members as possible. These new members are our life blood and the future management of the club.

Finances

Bob Hayter advised that the balance at bank was still healthy but the insurance, VAT and rent is due, bringing the balance down considerably.

This figure includes a further Covid grant of £3000 received last week and a legacy of £3000 from a former member Lillian Taylor.

The school will be using our facilities from the 21st April. Bob Hayter has negotiated a 12% increase on last year's charges. This is in part, to cover the considerable increase in the Club's running costs.

Alan Jaye and Bob Hayter expressed concern about the rising costs of utilities in particular and expenses in general.

For example, our gas charges will rise in the near future from 2p per KW to 11.4p per KW and that is only because we have locked in to a new contract with Northern Gas. This equates to something like an extra £8000 a quarter!!! Prices

are expected to rise much higher later in the year. Likewise electricity and water. The club cannot continue to absorb these charges.

There is already a proposal to increase the annual fees to £80 for 2023. This will be voted on at the AGM.

Although we hope to keep green fees at £3.00 for members and £4.00 for social members and visitors, this will have to be reviewed and increased next year.

It was proposed by Sonia McDonald and agreed by all present that the green fees for weekend friendly matches be increased from £3.50 to £4.00 from September 2022. This will be added to the AGM Agenda under any other business and voted on.

It has been brought to our attention that members using tea and coffee facilities in the kitchen are not putting money in the honesty box. If this continues, this facility will be withdrawn.

Directors and Staffing

Gerry Gillan announced that he is stepping down as a Director of the club. He has agreed to stay on for the time being and it is hoped he will continue for another year after that. As Gerry was not present at the meeting, Alan Jaye will discuss this with him.

Ian Treleaven has agreed to stand as a Director of the Club and a vote will be taken at the AGM in April.

The situation with running the bar in the evenings and at weekends is now becoming critical. Unless more interest is shown from members in helping out on a regular basis, the bar may not open thus costing the club financially.

Some people have been put off by the new till system but training will be given and the system fully explained.

Events, Fundraising, Sponsorship and Charity

GALA DAY - Saturday 12th February 2022

Bob Hayter advised that the Club made almost £1500 profit from the Gala Day including bar takings. This was a very enjoyable day and thanks go to all who helped on the day and during the lead up.

Bob Hayter advised that Lexus of Woodford had already paid their sponsorship for the next Gala in February 2023.

Catering was a major concern as our Catering Director Carol Tresadern, was unable to attend on the day. Thanks to Steve Klein, we managed to arrange outside catering with Dawn's Catering. However, the cost per head was £8.00 pp. If we use Dawn next year, we have to take the competition entrance fees into account and adjust them accordingly.

On the plus side, Steve Klein did manage to obtain sponsorship from Remedy Medical Recruitment who paid half of our catering costs and Steve himself kindly paid for the two waitresses. Thank you Steve.

The afternoon went exceptionally well but we should learn from our mistakes that the food has to be distributed more evenly for both sittings. No one went hungry though.

Our sincere thanks to Glenn Stephens and Brian Powell for their donations of cakes, donuts and bread. Much enjoyed on the day and appreciated.

Pat Brown and a team of helpers had a very successful afternoon as reflected in the profits and we also have to thank the two non-members who helped out with selling on the day, Sheila from Hainault and Barbara Jaye.

Bowls Direct sent us £53 as our commission for sales on the day.

Parking on the day went well despite some minor hiccups. Thanks to the school for allowing us to use their car park.

Gerry Gillan took photos on the day and these are available to see, on request.

The Mayor seemed to have a good time and was presented with a small gift to mark the occasion as was his driver.

Date of the 2023 Gala is 11th February 2023

It was agreed NOT to pursue the idea of having a Grand Re-opening in the autumn. Whilst we gave an obligation to Sport England that we would hold this event, all our plans were scuppered by Covid and now 'the horse has bolted'. It was agreed that we should incorporate this event in the 2023 Gala and ensure that dignitaries from Sport England, the EIBA and the County Bowls Associations are invited to mark the event.

The idea of a charity Bowlathon is still under consideration. As Brian Powell has now stepped down as Men's Vice-Captain, STEVEN KLEIN to speak to Jerry Quy about progressing this idea.

Steven Klein to summarise how this could work and send details to Bob Hayter.

It is hoped to reintroduce quizzes and other fundraising events in the 2022/2023 season but too early to plan anything yet.

Alan Jaye advised that he was very impressed with Buckhurst Hill's recent coffee morning which raised over £500 in a morning. Steven Klein to look into doing this at IIBC.

Bob Hayter reminded everyone that it was not possible to bring food/cakes in from home as this contravenes our Health & Safety rating.

Bob Hayter and Steve Klein to discuss bringing back events as soon as Covid permits and the publicity opportunities associated with the events.

Charity - 2023 - There are 7 nominations for Charities for the 2022/2023 season. These include, **Cats Protection Hornchurch, Essex Air Ambulance, Trussell Trust Food Bank, One Place East (mental Health), Tracey's Trust for Lymphoma and Leukaemia, DEC Ukraine Relief Appeal and Help for Heroes'**. All very worthy causes. The list is now closed.

Voting slips will be given out at the AGM and the winning charity will be adopted.

Only people attending the AGM will be eligible to vote in accordance with the constitution.

Publicity and Advertising

Alan Jaye advised that our Gala Day Press release has been published in the April edition of Bowls International as well as the Ilford Recorder and the Redbridge CVS eMagazine. The Jewish News have also agreed to include an insertion just before we re-open in September.

Eric Brown has agreed to act as our Press Liaison Officer and had already submitted some match reports.

Handbook - We need to start promoting handbook advertising for the 2022 handbook. The cost of a full page will remain at £100 and a half page just £60. Advertisers must submit their proofs to Bob Hayter, by the end of July.

Steve Klein advised that he had four or five names for possible sponsors and will give details to Bob Hayter by the end of July (August latest!).

Alan Jaye will approach Dagenham Travel and Stewart Bennett & Co (confirmed since the meeting)

Bob Hayter to approach Bruce Allen our accountants.

Alan Jaye Advised that the scrolling advertising system is not working and Colin Foster has taken the laptop away to repair it. Bob Hayter to chase.

It was agreed not to ask members to subscribe £10 towards individual entries into the Handbook this year. This idea might be reintroduced next year or members may be asked to add a voluntary donation to the 2023 membership fees.

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

Leagues and Match Reports

It has been a difficult time for leagues but most weeks games have been fulfilled.

The Thursday 2:30 league is struggling to attract new teams. It was therefore suggested that we ask our so called 'Newbies' to form four teams of eight players to join this league thus making a full complement of teams in this league. This will

help us to accommodate a Newbies league but also fill empty rinks at less busy times.

Bob Hayter and Alan Jaye to speak to the 'Newbies' on the day of the Newbies Competition to encourage them to take part.

Alan Jaye to ask for volunteers to run these teams.

The only other times available for a Newbies League would be on Sundays.

Bob Hayter advised that three teams had dropped out of next season's leagues but that two new teams had joined and he was awaiting responses from a further three teams which would help compliment the leagues.

John Pluck has stood down as Over 60's A Team Manager and has been replaced by Paul Whellams. John is still our Gents County Delegate.

It was advised that the Over 60's B team are not experiencing any problems.

Phil Fagelson will act as Over 60's B Team Assistant Manager.

Alan Jaye asked if it was necessary to have an Over 60's A and B team. Why not just one squad?

Bob Hayter explained that this ensured that everyone over 60 would get a chance to play in one of these important matches and not just the 'elite' players.

Alan Jaye asked if the selection process for Over 60's games should be improved as not everyone looked at the notice boards?

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

Most friendly matches are being played but there have been drop outs due to Covid.

The Outside In league is running well but some games have been affected by Covid. It is hoped the season will be completed.

Old Dagenham pulled out at Christmas and are probably going to close at the end of the season.

Bob Hayter has already prepared an application form for next season's Outside In League which will go out to interested parties very soon.

Walthamstow Borough, Aldersbrook and Central Park have shown interest in playing a weekend friendly next season. These teams already play in the Outside In League.

We hope to raise the prize fund next season to £385 from £200. This could be covered by increased green fees or sponsorship?

Wanstead Central have asked if they can enter two teams. If accepted, they would have to supply named squads as players could not move from team to team.

It is possible we could form an Ilford Nomads Team for players not affiliated to an outside club.

Alan Jaye explained how the forthcoming Newbies Competition would work.

This will take place on the 6th April 2022 from noon onwards.

3 games of 7 ends each or maximum 1 hour each.

Players will draw for rinks and playing positions in each game.

The player with the highest aggregate score will win.

Trophies for the top 3 players will be presented on the awards evening.

The event is already over-subscribed and many players have expressed excitement at taking part.

DARRELL WITEK suggested at the last meeting, introducing a substitute system. If a player in a match becomes unwell or over-tired, the substitute could take his/her place. This would be ideal for older bowlers or bowlers recovering from illness. It is however, open to tactical abuse so this item will be discussed and voted upon at the AGM.

Sonia McDonald advised that most weekend games were well attended and successful. Most people who entered their names did get a game.

Thanks to Sonia and Maureen Pedraza for helping with teas, coffees and clearing up at these events.

Summary of Ladies Section Meeting

The Ladies Section Officers were elected as follows:

Secretary - Pat Brown	Ladies Captain - Sonia McDonald	Ladies Vice-Captain - Carole Barry
Match Secretary - Marion Bond	County League Secretary - Sandra Dupuy	County Delegate - Pat Brown
Committee - Irene Powell		

Marion Bond suggested that teams could be given the option of putting men to play in the Monday & Tuesday Leagues. It was agreed to accept this, but the Thursday League will remain mixed.

Sandra Dupuy said that mixed teams are the only way forward.

Marion Bond also said she would ring the visiting clubs to give them the option of putting men in to make the teams up, so the friendly games on Wednesday's could carry on.

Bob Hayter to speak to Marion Bond to see if some of the Wednesday 2:30 drive game slots could be released. These matches are not well supported which results in empty rinks and loss of income.

The Ladies Section Committee agreed to scrap the handicap system for women only games, starting in the new season.

It was also agreed that the Ladies Club Singles, Pairs and Triples start up again next season. Pat and Bob to sort out the rules etc.

Summary of Gents Section Meeting

The Gents Section Officers were elected as follows:-

Mens Committee

Captain	Kenneth	Spicer	Spicer, Kenneth
Committee Member	Brian	Yershon	Yershon, Brian
Competitions Secretary	Bob	Hayter	Hayter, Bob
County Delegate	John	Pluck	Pluck, John
County League Selector	Brian	Powell	Powell, Brian
County League Selector	Kenneth	Spicer	Spicer, Kenneth
County League Selector	Paul	Whellams	Whellams, Paul
Gents Fixtures Secretary	Harry	Musaphia	Musaphia, Harry
Gents Secretary	Alan	Jaye	Jaye, Alan
League Secretary	Bob	Hayter	Hayter, Bob
Maintenance Team	Melvyn	Cohen	Cohen, Melvyn
Maintenance Team	Darrell	Witek	Witek, Darrell
Maintenance Team	Tony	Seago	Seago, Tony
Over 60's A Team manager	Paul	Whellams	Whellams, Paul
Over 60's B Team Assistant Manager	Philip	Fagelson	Fagelson, Philip
Over 60's B Team Manager	Kenneth	Spicer	Spicer, Kenneth
Press Officer	Eric	Brown	Brown, Eric
Treasurer & Club Manager	Bob	Hayter	Hayter, Bob
Vice-Captain	Jerry	Quy	Quy, Jerry

Only 14 members turned up at the meeting. Very disappointing response and indicative of the apathy currently apparent in the club.

Philip Fagelson asked if teams could be limited to eight players. Bob Hayter explained that some teams struggle to put out full teams even with eight or more in the squad. Team

Captains should be encouraged to keep their squad number down and to form new teams if possible but not be obligated to do this.

The question of players insisting that they only want to play at home in inter club matches was brought up. It was agreed that if a person is chosen to play, they should be prepared to play at home or away.

Alan Jaye pointed out that with fuel costs rising, it was not fair for the away team to have to pay travelling costs whilst the home team did not. It was therefore agreed that all players, home and away, will have to pay £5 per player for County League matches which will go towards the fuel of the bowlers taking their vehicles to the away games.

Bob Hayter again asked for members to help in the bar in the evenings and weekends. Training on the new till system will be given. If no one comes forward, the bar may not open at these times.

The question of increased running costs was again brought up and discussed. Gas prices in particular are rising at least 5 fold. The Management will look at all possibilities to reduce costs and this includes reducing the times the heating is running, lowering the minimum temperature in accordance with Health & Safety regulations and revised lighting options.

Health, Safety and Security (including Covid)

In the absence of a Health & Safety Officer, Bob Hayter advised that it had been necessary to reintroduce some Covid 19 prevention measures for the time being and until the latest increase in Covid numbers abates. This will be reviewed on a regular basis and members will be advised accordingly.

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

Bob Hayter is still looking to appoint a new H&S Officer. If any member has Health and Safety experience or can help the club in this respect, this would be greatly appreciated. If we have to employ H & S consultants, the costs will reflect in future fees.

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

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

The sensors will be fitted to the lights in the changing rooms.

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

The cost for this work will be in the region of £1200.

Welfare

In the absence of Sandra Dupuy, there was no welfare report.

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

Maintenance

IAN TRELEAVEN agreed to keep the garden areas clean and tidy during the summer months. Bob Hayter advised that Ian should recover the cost of materials such as weed killer, from the club by way of expenses.

The club have installed an electronic pest deterrent and as a result, we have a beautiful array of daffodils for the first time in many years.

TONY SEAGO, MELVYN COHEN and DARRELL WITEK have agreed to repaint the rear outside wall of the club during the summer months. thus saving the club approximately £1000.

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 for Ian and Bob to do.

Bob Hayter advised that he was awaiting quotes to replace the carpet surrounding the green and in the corridors. He is looking at a carpet tile solution as these can be replaced if stained or damaged.

There was talk about replacing the lounge carpet. It might be old fashioned but is a very good quality and we cannot really qualify replacing it at the moment.

Bob Hayter advised that the smell caused by the dear rat was lessening but that there had been an increase of blue bottles. These areas are sprayed daily and the problem will stop eventually.

The club will close on Thursday 14th April and the school will commence their exams on the 21st April. During this short window, **we have to lay the boards over the green to protect it, WE URGENTLY NEED VOLUNTERERS TO HELP STEVE SIMPSON, BOB AND THE SCHOOL STAFF TO DO THIS ON THE 19th APRIL 2022 from 09:00 am.**

Bob Hayter will lay on free bacon butties and tea throughout the day of the 19th April to all the volunteers who help. If you can spare some time, please contact Bob for further information.

Any other business

Bob Hayter suggested that because of the poor attendance at Management Meetings, in future we will only invite MT members who are required to attend because there are items of concern on the agenda, applicable to them. All members of the Management team are welcome but if we feel you are required to attend, you will be advised accordingly.

The club will close on Thursday 14th April as Friday the 15th is Good Friday.

The club will reopen on Monday 19th September 2022 for rollups.

The IIBC 2022/23 League season will commence on Monday 26th September 2022.

Date of next meeting

The next MANAGEMENT TEAM Meeting will be held at the club after the AGM on the 10th April

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.

This is YOUR Newsletter so If you have anything interesting or important you would like published in future Newsletters, please send details to Alan.

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME

CALL 020 8597 6040 or 07505 171682 or

email Bob.Hayter@iibc.uk

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It has been brought to our attention that members using tea and coffee facilities in the kitchen are not putting money in the honesty box. If this continues, this facility will be withdrawn.

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.

Annual General Meeting 2022

Sunday 10th April 2022 at 10:00 at the Club

This is your chance to voice your opinions, have your say in running and improving the club and suggest fundraising ideas.

There is no point in complaining about how things are run if you are not prepared to devote a couple of hours on the 10th April to have your say.

Only full members in attendance will be permitted to vote.

**If you want a copy of the Notice of 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**

Finals day - Thursday 14th April from 7:00pm

**Prizes and trophies will be presented to all league and
competition winners .**

**Some bar prices will be reduced on the night so come along to
enjoy this, our season finale and a chance to congratulate our
winning members.**

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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

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Ladies Vice-Captain - Carole Barry - 07593 420127

Health & Safety & Security Director - Vacant

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