



Ilford & District Indoor Bowls Club Ltd

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



Newsletter No 35 - August 2024 - Pre-2024/2025 Season

We hope you are having a fantastic summer despite the less than seasonal weather. For those of you who bowl outdoors, it's been heavy going but hopefully you are progressing through the various competitions.

So the school has now finished their exam season and handed the keys back to us. This is the time of year when we take the opportunity to carry out essential high level maintenance works whilst the boards are down and we can access the equipment via a tower. This should all be finished by the end of the month, after which we will be asking for volunteers to help lift the boards, ready for the new season which starts on the 16th September. When you get your email in the next few weeks, PLEASE contact Bob to offer your help.

With the help of Ian Dunn and John campaign to attract new members so distribute the flyers to local businesses already sent out a separate email who have offered their help. John is also the hope of attracting new members John for all their hard work in this



Kaylor, we are also preparing a marketing again we will be asking for your help to in the hope of attracting new members. I have regarding this. Thank you to all those members targeting local outdoor clubs and golf clubs in from those sources. Thanks to both Ian and respect.

As announced at the last AGM, being new to bowls in the main, it is not always possible to understand all the rules and regulations, both on and off of the green. We can teach you the basics of how to stand and how to deliver a bowl but we do not explain the etiquette and rules of the game of bowls. Unfortunately, that leads to some unintentional and unfortunate 'behaviour' both on and off of the green. Things like talking whilst someone is trying to bowl and having a chat in the middle of the green whilst others on adjacent rinks are trying to play. Where to stand when the number three is measuring. None of these seem very important but they can be very annoying if someone is playing an important game, with or next to you. As from September, ALL new members will be required to attend a 1 hour training course within 1 month of joining. This is not a test of their ability, it is to explain the rules and etiquette of the game and what we expect of our members **at Ilford**. Whilst this is aimed at new members, we **strongly** recommend that ALL members (YOU included) sign up for a course as even established bowlers slip into bad habits. These training courses are run by Karl Bunyan and Sandra Dupuy and they have enrolled a small team of experienced bowlers to help.

This club does operate a mixed play policy which means that women can play in men's leagues. If any lady (or gent) is looking to join a league, please let me know which days and what times you would like to play. I have prepared a list and will send that out to all team captains just before the start of the next season.

It was our intention to resurface the entire car park during the summer break. Unfortunately, the estimates we received came in at over £49,000 plus VAT, money we do not have available nor wish to use for that purpose. Thanks to Ian and his negotiating skills, we are now going to repair the most seriously damaged areas in the car park so that we comply with health and safety regulations and so that the car park is safe and level for you. We will also repaint all the white lines. You will be pleased to know that we have resisted the temptation to sublet the car park to a parking company. They would have funded the resurfacing but also introduced car parking charges, something the Directors are reluctant to do.

During the summer, Tony Seago has started redecorating the lounge area and is making good progress. This will give our lounge a new fresh look and make it a more inviting place to relax, before and after your game of bowls. Once finished, Bob is looking at renewing some of the lounge furniture. Whatever he chooses will have to be portable so that it can be moved away for functions, meetings and of course the school exams. One slight regret is that we will be retaining our dated Axminster carpet. Whilst very outdated and old fashioned, it covers a multitude of tea, coffee and beer stains and will probably outlive most of us. It will just not wear out!

We already have our new trophy cabinet and the message pigeon holes will be relocated into the playing area once the work is complete. Details of fixtures and inter-member messages, are placed in these receptacles so please do not forget to look for YOUR messages each time you visit the club.

Please do not contact Bob or me about your 24/25 league fixtures. They are still being worked on, along with other important matches and events. The fixtures along with the new handbook, will be distributed as soon as possible and before the new season starts. I can tell you that we currently have 27 weekend friendly matches arranged with a possibility of a few more to come. If your outdoor club would like to play a game at Ilford, please contact Mark Newman (07984 085826) or Bob Hayter (07505 171682) for more information. You need to act quickly as the handbook goes to print in a couple of weeks.

We also still have a limited amount of handbook advertising space available. Adverts cost £200 for a page in full colour, £100 for a full page in black and white and just £60 for a black and white half page. Again, we must receive your draft ad within the next 2 weeks before the handbooks go to print, The money raised goes to offset the cost of the handbooks and anything left over, towards sponsoring the various competitions. Please support the club by advertising with us.

We hope to have 3 fun competitions during the 24/25 season subject to enough interest. Our now annual Newbies Competition for new members of all abilities, a Class of 2021/23 competition for members who joined in 2021 to 2023 and a repeat of the hugely competitive and popular Football Bowls Competition run by Brian Yershon which I think all will agree was great fun. If you have any ideas for new competitions, please let me know and I will put your ideas to the Management Team when we next meet. You need to provide some details though such as how it will be run, rules and regulations and who will be running it. Something to think about though?

Dress Code

Please remember that our new dress code which was agreed at the last AGM, comes into force in September when the club re-opens for league play. However, the first week of the season will be dress optional to try to encourage new members to try the sport. We have spent far too many hours debating and altering the code and we now have to take a more forceful stance. It is not something we as a club want but we will operate a 'three strikes' and out rule for anyone not complying. On the first occasion, you will politely be asked to comply. If this does not encourage you, we will send you a written warning and on the third offence, you will be asked to leave the green and could ultimately be suspended from the Club. Details of the dress code were sent out with the AGM minutes, will be published in the new handbook and will be posted on the Notice Board when we reopen. For the further avoidance of any doubt, a copy can be seen later in this Newsletter.

The dress code is part of our rules and we ask every member to respect them and comply. We do not think that is too much to ask. One of the main points in the new code is that members will not be allowed to play in their outdoor club shirts and trousers unless they are representing their club in competition. **All** clubs have a dress code with the possible exception of Walthamstow Borough so PLEASE dress appropriately. The wearing of outdoor shoes on the green is strictly prohibited. **Flat soled bowls shoes only.**

The vote to raise the green fees was approved at the AGM and as such these are the prices you will be expected to pay in September.

Roll-ups and internal league fees including Sundays	£3.50 per session
1 hour roll-ups	£2.00 per session
Weekend Friendlies	£5.00 per game incl. tea & biscuits
County and Over 60's Games	£7.00 per game incl. sandwiches

Green Fee Vouchers

2024-2025 Season

The cheapest way to pay your green fees!

Buy 1 voucher get 1 voucher at £3.50

- Buy 20 vouchers get 1 free (cost £70 - £3.33 each)
- Buy 40 vouchers get 2 free (cost £140 - £3.33 each)
- Buy 50 vouchers get 3 free (cost £175 - £3.30 each)

Vouchers are not valid for weekend games or club championship pairs, triples or four's matches which cost £5 per person.

However, they can be used for club championship **SINGLES** matches

Vouchers are not valid for County games.

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

Vouchers cannot be used to offset fees.



Details of the new voucher scheme are shown above so you will be able to save some money if you buy in bulk. If you still have vouchers from last season, they are still valid until they run out. We have not raised annual fees this year so these will remain at £80 for full members and £45 for social. There will be special introductory prices for any new member joining between September and December 2024.

The following Management Team Officers were elected at the AGM meeting:-

ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY IAN DUNN	CLUB MANAGER BOB HAYTER	COMPETITIONS SECRETARY MARK NEWMAN
COUNTY DELEGATES SANDRA DUPUY ROBERT KANE	COUNTY SELECTORS (4) ALAN BAYLISS, PETER CYBUCH, PHILIP FAGELSON & MARK NEWMAN.	DIRECTORS GERRY GILLAN, IAN DUNN, KARL BUNYAN & VINCE ALLEN
GENERAL SECRETARY ALAN JAYE	HEALTH, SAFETY & SECURITY OFFICERS VINCE ALLEN IAN DUNN	LADIES CAPTAIN SONIA MCDONALD
LADIES CLUB DELEGATE PAT BROWN	LADIES COUNTY LEAGUE SECRETARY PAT BROWN	LADIES MATCH SECRETARY BERNICE GILBERT
LADIES VICE- CAPTAIN BERNICE GILBERT	MAINTENANCE OFFICER TONY SEAGO	MARKETING OFFICER VACANT
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY ALAN JAYE	MEN'S CAPTAIN KENNETH SPICER	FIXTURES SECRETARY MARK NEWMAN
LEAGUE SECRETARY BOB HAYTER	MEN'S VICE-CAPTAIN MARK NEWMAN	OVER 60'S COUNTY LEAGUE MANAGERS KENNETH SPICER – A PHIL FAGELSON - B
PRESS & COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER JOHN KAYLOR	PUBLICITY & SPONSORSHIP OFFICER STEVEN KLEIN	SOCIAL & WELLBEING & MENTAL HEALTH OFFICER DARRELL WITEK
TRAINING OFFICERS KARL BUNYAN, SANDRA DUPUY,	TREASURER BOB HAYTER	ACTING WELFARE & SAFEGUARDING OFFICER SANDRA DUPUY

We also chose the Charity that the
There were 7 charities nominated
Air Ambulance by a healthy
worthy cause throughout the season.



Club will support in the 2024/2025 season.
but the members present chose the **London**
majority. We hope that you will support this

Health & Safety

We live in a world where the health and safety of our, staff, members and visitors, is paramount. We are fortunate to have two Directors, Vince Allen and Ian Dunn, who have agreed to monitor this minefield of laws, regulations and recommendations, along with our consultants, Croner. Some of you might feel that we go overboard with restrictions and rules but we are governed by law. If G_d forbid, someone has a serious accident at the Club, due to our negligence, we can find ourselves in a very difficult situation so we do our best to keep you all safe. YOU all have a duty of care, not only to comply with our regulations and requests but also to bring violations and concerns to our attention.

If we ask you not to leave bags, shoes and other items on the benches or on top of the lockers, and we have requested this at least 3 times in the last season, it is because **they are hazards and can cause an accident**. Some members do not think these requests are directed at them??? So they ignore us. It is the same when we ask members to collect their belongings at the end of each season. The changing rooms are full of clothing and bags, shoes and even bowls. We only have limited room in the changing rooms so we have to take a stronger stance. Anything left in the changing rooms will either be sent to the loft or be disposed of. As the loft is not easily accessible, we can only get to the items every month or two. No point in asking us where your belongings are because we have already told you more than once.

Members were still wearing outdoor shoes on the green despite being told many times not to do this. There is a suggestion that Skips will be asked to check the footwear of their team members to ensure the shoes comply. It's like dealing with children sometimes and so frustrating. Maybe offenders should have to stand in the naughty corner? We certainly do not want to keep nagging you to comply with our requests. We are not asking you to walk over hot coals, just follow a few simple guidelines for your own good and that of your fellow members and the Club in general.

Help us to help you. Just finished a coffee or a beer? Take your glass back to the bar, don't just leave it on the table or leave it in the sink for someone else to clear up.

Despite all these moans and groans, we really do look forward to seeing you back here in September (only if you have the correct shoes on ;-)) and to an even better season in 24/25.

Don't forget to join our Facebook Group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/IlfordIBC> and of course our new website - [HTTPS://iibc.uk](https://iibc.uk)



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Perrymans Farm Road, Newbury Park,
Ilford, Essex, IG2 7LX
10 minute walk from Newbury Park Station.
Large on-site car park.

Telephone 020 8597 6040 (during the season)
or contact Ian Dunn - 07930 714178

Are you looking for a way to keep active and make new friends?
Why not come along and try indoor lawn bowls at Ilford & District Indoor Bowls Club in Newbury Park, Ilford?
It's warm, dry, sociable and competitive (if you want it to be).

**New season starts at 10:00 am on
Monday 16th September 2024**

Come along and join us for a free introductory session and a cup of tea or coffee.

Training can be arranged by appointment.

Men and women of all ages welcome.

**PLEASE WEAR FLAT SOLED SHOES TO PROTECT
THE GREEN**



DRESS CODE for 2024/2025 SEASON

Men

The weekday and Sunday league dress code is as follows: - grey/black trousers/bowls approved tracksuit bottoms, or shorts. Ilford club shirts, white collared shirts with sleeves or bowls branded shirts (such as Henselite, Taylors etc.).

Any top (jumper, cardigan, gilets etc.) must be white or pale grey only. All upper attire must be at least 70% white in colour.

No outdoor Bowls shirts are allowed unless representing their respective clubs in competition.

The Dress Code for weekend matches when representing Ilford Indoor Bowls Club is: - white trousers/bowls approved tracksuits or shorts and Ilford club shirt only. A plain white collared shirt and club tie will be allowed.

The dress code when representing Ilford in County or National competitions is: - white trousers, bowls approved tracksuits or shorts and Ilford club shirts only, unless otherwise stipulated by the County or organising bowls authority. Please check the Competition Notice Board for further details.

Ladies

The weekday and Sunday league dress code is as follows: - grey/black full-length trousers/tracksuits, pleated grey skirts or $\frac{3}{4}$ length bottoms. white blouse or collared polo shirt, Ilford club shirts or bowls branded shirts (i.e. Henselite, Taylors etc.).

Jumpers or cardigans must be dark blue, white, or pale grey only. All upper attire must be at least 70% white in colour.

No outdoor bowls shirts unless representing their respective clubs in competition.

Weekend matches when representing Ilford Indoor Bowls Club are white- trousers/tracksuit, $\frac{3}{4}$ length bottoms and club shirt only. Only dark blue cardigans/jumpers are acceptable.

For all matches when representing Ilford in County or National competitions, the code is club shirts, dark blue cardigans/jumpers only, unless otherwise stipulated by the County or organising bowls authority.

Footwear

All shoes worn on the green must be appropriate flat souled or official bowls shoes only, absolutely no other footwear is to be allowed. PLEASE DO NOT WEAR YOUR BOWLS SHOES OUTSIDE OF THE CLUB HOUSE.

PLEASE NOTE - Tracksuits means BOWLS APPROVED TRACKSUITS i.e. Henselite, Drakes Pride, Tailors or other approved and recognised makes.

Particularly important for this issue because we are closed until September, 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 when the new season begins
. This will now be situated behind rink 4 where the water machine is.

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

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

Please send your articles in PDF or Word Format

Leagues for the 24/25 Season

If you are looking to play in any of our many internal leagues next season and have not already listed your name at the bar, please email me on Secretary@iibc.uk.

I am keeping a list of any member interested and will distribute that to all the team captains at the start of next season.

Team Captains, if you are short of players, I have a list for you as well. There are some pretty good players, new and old, just itching to get games.

EMAIL – Secretary@IIBC.UK

We URGENTLY need another team for Tuesday 4:30 Triples and Sunday 10:30. Call BOB ASAP on 07505 171682

Please support
Our NEW chosen charity, the London Air
Ambulance

Please give generously to this fantastic cause.

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

Free guidance 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.

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.
A copy of the policy is available from the office on request.

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 County League Secretary & Ladies Club Delegate - Pat Brown -
01708 556148**

Club Chairman - Sandy Dron - 01708 347492

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

Maintenance Team - Tony Seago, Eric Brown and Ian Treleaven

**Director of Publicity & Sponsorship - Steven Klein - 07771 720620
srk48klein@gmail.com**

**Director of Membership Development - Jack Matthews - 07971 748372
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Director - Gerry Gillan - 07572 616868

**Press & Communications Officer - John Kaylor 07968 774890
John@kaylor.co.uk**

Director of IT - Karl Bunyan - 07947 133778 - Karl.Bunyan@iibc.uk

**Welfare Director, Ladies County Delegate -
Sandra Dupuy - 07545 544966**

Ladies Captain - Sonia McDonald - 020 8491 9566

Ladies Vice-Captain and Ladies Match Secretary - Bernice Gilbert - 07581 236011

**Bar staff - Mo Leung, Tony Seago, Mark Newman, Eric Brown, Mickey Pace, and Alan
Bayliss**

**Hon. General Secretary & Membership Secretary - Alan Jaye - 07722 240237 -
Alan.Jaye@iibc.uk**

**Director & Assistant General Secretary
Ian Dunn - 07930 714178 - Ian.Dunn@iibc.uk**

Men's Captain - Ken Spicer - 07989 309114

Men's Vice-Captain, Competitions Sec & Fixtures Sec - Mark Newman - 07984 085826

Health & Safety Team

Vince Allen (Director), Ian Dunn (Director), Bob Kane, Ian Treleven,
Bob Hayter, Alan Jaye,

Our Contact at Croner Health and Safety Consultants is Kevin Towler 0844 728 0181



Club President - Patricia Brown
Director of IT - Karl Bunyan
Director of Health & Safety - Vince Allen
Chairman - Alexander Dron
Director & Assistant Secretary - Ian Dunn
Director of Welfare and Safeguarding - Sandra Dupuy
Director & Over 60's B Team Manager - Philip Fagelson
Director - Gerry Gillan
Director, Hon General Secretary & Membership Secretary - Alan Jaye
Director of Publicity & Sponsorship - Steven Klein
Director of Membership Development - Jack Matthews
Director of Maintenance and Gardens - Ian Treleven

County League Representatives

County League Secretary - Pat Brown	County League Selector - Philip Fagelson
County Delegate - Sandra Dupuy	County League Selector - Mark Newman
County Delegate - Robert Kane	County League Selector - Alan Bayliss
	County League Selector - Peter Cybuch

Club Manager, League Secretary, Bar Manager and Treasurer

Club Manager - Bob Hayter

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during the season

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Training Team

Karl Bunyan
Mark Newman

Sandra Dupuy
Darrell Witek

Alan Bayliss
Bernice Gilbert

Steve Simpson

NEW WEBSITE - [HTTPS://iibc.uk](https://iibc.uk)

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

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