



Ilford & District Indoor Bowls Club Ltd

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



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Welcome to this edition of Ilford & District Indoor Bowls Club's latest Newsletter!

We're excited to bring you the latest news, updates, and highlights from our vibrant club. In this issue, you'll find information about upcoming matches, social events, club achievements, and more.

Whether you're a seasoned bowler or just starting out, we hope you'll find something of interest here. Let's celebrate the camaraderie, sportsmanship, and friendly competition that make our club so special.

Enjoy the read!

It has been a long and mostly miserable summer and I feel sure that many of you are pleased to be back indoors in the warmth and dryness here at Ilford.

Thanks, in the main to the efforts of Ian Dunn and John Kaylor, our summer membership campaign, has attracted 35 new members as of today, some of whom have come from rival clubs such as Barking and Havering. We also continue to welcome new members from the golfing community and understand that more will join as the weather gets colder. Wherever you come from or however you heard of us, we welcome you and hope that you will enjoy your time here for many years to come.

As is quite usual in bowls clubs, unfortunately we have lost several members due to bereavement, illness and relocation. That is why it is so important that we continue to attract new members from all walks of life and all abilities, experienced or completely new to the game. Sincere condolences to the families of those members who have passed, best wishes for a speedy recovery to those who have been or still are ill or are awaiting or undergoing treatment and good luck to those who have moved to other areas.

Opening this year has come with some important challenges, not least of all, Redbridge Council's School Street Scheme which has already imposed restrictions at the Horns Road end of Perryman's Farm Road at certain times of the day, during school term times. Whilst the restrictions are clearly signposted, several members have already been trapped and fined £60. In brief, this part of the road is closed on Monday to Friday between 08:00 am and

09:15 am each morning and 14:30 and 16:00 each afternoon. PLEASE AVOID the WESTERN END of PERRYMANS FARM ROAD at these times and access/egress the club via Chase Lane and Perkins Road.

The news gets worse!! The Council are now making a Traffic Order which if successful will restrict traffic between Perkins Road and the Club, completely cutting us off from ALL vehicular traffic, unless you apply to the Council for a special permit. Clearly with over 300 members and numerous visitors, this is not acceptable and we have approached the Council with objections to the scheme. As we stand, we have a meeting with the Council's Chief Engineer, Donald Chalker, on Monday the 14th October 2024 at 15:15 pm to discuss the proposals, express our concerns and arrive at a sensible solution. We cannot allow the restrictions to go ahead as there is no other access by road, to and from the club. Members are invited to respond to the Council's public consultation by filling in their online survey. Enter engage.redbridge.gov.uk/oaks-park-school. They can also email schoolstreets@redbridge.gov.uk. ALL RESPONSES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE COUNCIL BY MONDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2024. If you have not already completed the survey or written to the Council please do so NOW!! If you have something constructive to add, you are invited to attend the meeting with Mr Chalker. However, we already have about 20 members and Directors attending so we do not want him to think he is being held hostage. Our campaign is also being supported by our local MP, Wes Streeting, who has also been invited to the meeting although I doubt he will attend personally.

During the summer the club commissioned a stunning wall mural which was applied to the rear wall of the club. The feedback on this has been 99% positive. If you haven't already seen our quasi 'Banksy' you will be blown away with it. If nothing else, it is the one thing that visitors to the Club will remember. We are working on press and magazine articles which when published, will give the club even more coverage and publicity.



We also took the opportunity to redecorate and modernise our lounge and bar area. The colour scheme was selected by several of our women members and the work was carried out single handedly by Tony Seago. This took him over 6 weeks during the summer. We take this opportunity to thank him for all his efforts. We also purchased a magnificent new trophy cabinet which looks stunning. Anyone looking for the old mailbox pigeon holes will find them in the playing area next to the water machine. Do not forget to check for personal mail from the club and your team captains.

We also lost our main bar person Mo Leung, who has served the club for more years than I can remember. She will be sorely missed by Bob and I and all the Management Team. A collection was held and as of today, over £430 was collected for her. This will not be the last we see of her though as she has agreed to cover the bar whilst Bob is on holiday, later this month. We also hope that if she manages to sort out her family problems, she will return, maybe next season. Our thanks to Tony Seago and the rest of the bar team who have all agreed to step up to cover the bar at most times of the day.

Every Newsletter I seem to be moaning about dress code violations. I get no pleasure from that. However, the fact is that the members at the time, overwhelmingly voted in favour of having a dress code. Not really surprising as nearly all bowls clubs do have one of sorts. It is well noted that at the beginning of this season, our agreed standards have slipped. Maybe because we have a lot of new members but also some of our older members have relaxed their standards. The MT have therefore agreed that they will now start enforcing the code. Polite prompts will be given at first but for repeat offenders, we will issue warnings which could lead to suspension of membership. We get no pleasure from acting heavy handed but 'rules is rules' so please do not give us a hard time, adhere to the dress code, copies of which have been circulated many times and a copy of which can be seen on the main notice board.

If you already play in one of our internal leagues, you will appreciate just how much work your Team Captains put in to preparing the fixture lists, contacting the team members throughout the season, rearranging players and games and updating you with team news and results when necessary. Added to this is the cost of printing and stationery, phone calls and of course, their personal time.

The Team Captains are responsible for the cost of entering a team and some run several teams at a cost to them of £10 each. Some Team Captains already ask for a contribution to the entry and running cost, but others are too embarrassed to ask each player for a contribution.

The Management Team think it's only fair that each team player pays their team captain just £2 a season each for every team they play in, to cover the above costs.

Getting members to run a team is getting increasingly more difficult, mainly because of the above. Can I therefore please ask that the next time you see your Team Captain, you pay them the £2 (without having to wait to be asked), to ensure that anyone running a team is not out of pocket and so that you can continue to enjoy playing league bowls now, and in the future. Obviously, if you do not play in any of our internal leagues, this message does not apply to you.

With so many new members, some, very experienced bowlers, you have a chance to strengthen your league team. If you are short of a player or two, please let me know. Likewise if you are looking to join an existing league team, again please let me know. I need the dates and times you are available or have availability. I will try to match players and teams up so that everyone gets a chance to play in a league, if they so desire. HOWEVER, not everyone is an experienced bowler so please give new and possibly inexperienced members, a chance to partake in league bowling. It is the only way they will get the experience they need and become better players. I know we are a competitive club and we all want to win but let's give everyone a fair chance.

All members are reminded that we do have a busy weekend friendly programme of both home and away matches. Again, another way to get experience, playing with better players and other clubs. If you are interested, please add your name to the Friendly Matches sheet situated on the notice board next to the ladies changing rooms.

Please read the News from the Boardroom section below for other club news and to find out what we are doing and what is going on behind the scenes.

The Management of this club put in many hours of hard work, mostly voluntarily. All we ask in return is your respect. Yes, you are entitled to your opinion but unless you are prepared to get your hands dirty and contribute to running the club, direct those opinions through the right channels and in a polite and constructive way. Whilst we serve the club, we are not your servants. We do not have to take the personal abuse, sometimes directed at us by certain members. 95% of all decisions the club makes are approved by a majority of the 28 person Management Team. Frankly if these members are so disheartened with the way we run the club, they do not have to stay a member of Ilford.

STOP PRESS:- Congratulations to John Kaylor who has passed the final step to qualify for his REGIONAL UMPIRE'S BADGE. John is happy to mediate in important games and of course will continue to mark if requested.

Green Fee Vouchers
The cheapest way to pay your green fees!

Buy 1 voucher get 1 voucher at £3.50

- Buy 20 vouchers get 1 free
- Buy 40 vouchers get 2 free
- Buy 50 vouchers get 3 free

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

You can use your vouchers for weekend league games.

They can also 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.

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)

News from the boardroom

1) Staffing Reports

- a) Unfortunately, after many years of loyal service, Mo Leung, our main bar person, has reluctantly had to leave the Club. It is hoped that she will return in the future and has also agreed to cover the bar whilst Bob is on holiday at the end of October.
- b) Tony Seago will cover the bar between 11:00 and 2:30 and with the help of other regular bar helpers, we should be able to cope.
- c) A collection was made for her and at the last count, over £430 had been collected thanks to the generosity of our members.

2) Road Restrictions – Redbridge Schools Streets Scheme

- a) AJ advised that several members had been trapped and fined in the Redbridge School Streets road restrictions near Newbury Park Primary School in Perrymans Farm Road. **PLEASE NOTE THE TIMES OF THE RESTRICTIONS AND USE CHASE LANE PERKINS ROAD AT THESE TIMES!**
- b) Redbridge Council is proposing to extend the School Streets Scheme to include Oaks Park School, adjacent to the Club. The proposals will completely cut the club off to all motor traffic at the proposed times of the day (school drop off and pick up times during the school term).
- c) AJ has made a formal complaint to the Council and to our MP, Wes Streeting. The complaint has been acknowledged.
- d) He also urged all members to complete the Redbridge School Streets survey. Many members have done this.
- e) Wes Streeting's office have advised that they will be supporting us in our complaint.
- f) We have arranged a meeting with the Council's Chief Engineer, Donald Chalker on the 14th October at 3:15 pm. Many of the Directors and Management Team will be in attendance and any club member with a valid argument or specific reason to object, are also invited to attend to listen to the Council's proposals and other ideas on how to mitigate the inconvenience to the club.
- g) There are some members who do not support the scheme. We cannot stop you completing the survey but as the vast majority of our members oppose the road restrictions, members who do NOT support the proposals are not invited to attend this meeting.

3) Events, Fundraising, Sponsorship, Publicity and Charity

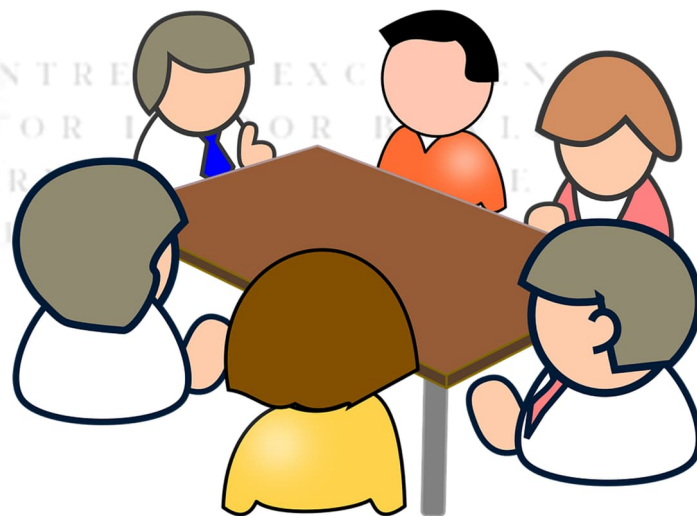
- a) A charity quiz night is planned for December 2024. BH to send out details nearer to the time.
- b) It is planned to hold the following competitions during the season and the dates are in the handbook
 - i) Newbies competition for any member who has joined or re-joined in 2024
 - ii) Class of 21-23 for members who joined in those years
 - iii) Football Bowls Competition (Brain Yershon)
 - iv) Christmas Target Bowls competition
- c) Further to a suggestion by Alan Jaye at the previous MT Meeting, Steven Klein updated us on progress being made to introduce a restaurant discount scheme as a member's incentive.
 - i) He already has 6-8 restaurants interested and is working to secure more. Members will be able to get a discount at these restaurants on production of a valid Membership Card.
 - ii) SK will prepare a letter to be sent out to all members, advising which restaurants and what they have to do to secure the discount.
 - iii) Only available for members and their partners.

- iv) Karl Bunyan is to promote this on our website when all the details are known.
 - d) Toyota/Lexus have agreed to sponsor our Gala to the tune of £500. Our thanks to Mark Banning for helping to secure this deal.
 - e) BH advised that during the first week of reopening, the Club raised £207 for our charity, the London Air Ambulance.
- 4) Gala 2025
- a) This will be held on the 8th February 2025 and will follow a similar format to previous years.
 - b) Paul Goff of Bruce Allen & Co, our accountants has been asked to be our guest of honour.
 - c) AJ to formally invite Paul.
- 5) Internal Leagues, Club Championships and Match Reports
- a) Championship entry forms will be going out in the next week or so.
 - b) The internal league season has started but there are some alterations due to religious holidays.
 - c) A proposal was made by Philip Fagelson to abandon the internal league entry fee.
 - i) BH advised that this fee, pays for all the prizes and if abandoned, the Club could lose upwards of £1000 a season.
 - ii) It was therefore agreed that every team member should be obliged to pay the Team Captain £2 per season, to cover the cost of entry and administration, laid out by the Team Captain, The Team Captain is to collect this from his team members,
 - (1) AJ to send out an email advising the members.
- 6) Leagues, teams and match reports.
- a) Nothing to report at this meeting
- 7) Friendly matches report – Sonia McDonald
- a) Sonia McDonald advised that there had not been any friendly matches yet but forthcoming matches have or will be posted on the notice board.
 - i) The response to the matches so far has been very good and oversubscribed.
 - ii) Sonia will try to ensure that everyone who supports the Weekend Friendly program, does get a game.
- 8) County League and County Over 60's League Reports
- a) Bob Kane has sent a County Delegates Report which will be distributed to the members.
- 9) Coaching and 'Bowls' Training report and update – Karl Bunyan
- a) In accordance with the agreement at the AGM, all new members are obliged to attend a training/instruction course. Karl will be contacting all new members and arranging training as necessary.
 - b) Karl has already arranged some sessions and will continue to include all.
 - c) As some new members are already County players, it is at Karl's discretion if he wants them to attend a session.
 - d) AJ asked the Qualified Coaches at the club to provide us with some dates so that our new (and old) members can receive proper coaching. Ken Spicer, Sandra Dupuy, Bob Kane and Karl Bunyan to meet to advise us of availability so that AJ can let the members know.
 - e) Bob Kane advised that he has not received the certificates from certain coaches. Please contact Bob Kane if there is a problem.
- 10) Health, Safety and Security (including Covid)
- a) Ian Dunn reported that several fire extinguishers had been replaced.
 - b) A new fire alarm siren with flashing lights has been fitted.
 - c) ID asked for dates for an H&S meeting to discuss outstanding items from the meeting we had at the beginning of August, with Croner. BH to advise.
 - d) Whilst the situation is better, storage of items in changing rooms is still a problem and a Health and Safety issue. We know we are short of space but leaving bags and bowls accessories at the club for long periods is not acceptable. Nor is it acceptable to leave shoes, bags and equipment on the chairs in the playing area thus preventing players sitting down during their games.

- i) Shoes, Bags and cases are still being left on seats despite several messages to our members not to do this.
 - ii) Bags and shoes must be stored short term, UNDER the benches. Not on the floor next to the benches, in the corridors or anywhere in the playing area.
 - e) PF asked how members have taken to the new table arrangements in the playing area. These have generally been accepted well but they do restrict access to the walls for signage and notices.
 - f) BH advised that as the school had left the back doors open whilst in occupation, he was obtaining a quote to have these doors added to the alarm system.
 - g) Thanks to Ian Treleaven and Tony for keeping the gardens in good order and for spraying the weeds when necessary.
 - h) There were no other reported matters.
- 11) Website and Social Media Development
- a) Karl Bunyan continues to update our website with items of interest.
 - b) Anyone wishing to view our website should enter <https://iibc.uk/> in his or her browser.
 - c) Likewise, anyone wishing to view our Facebook page or join our Facebook group should enter <https://www.facebook.com/groups/IIfordIBC> .
- 12) Welfare & Safeguarding
- a) Report from SANDRA DUPUY on welfare matters.
 - b) Sandra reported that Chris Vernon was due to have shoulder surgery, Bryan Kelly has had a back operation, Colin Sinclair, a hip operation and David Ironside, shoulder surgery.
 - c) Not advised at meeting but AJ is also awaiting a date for his long-awaited back surgery, now that his gallbladder problems have been resolved.
 - d) Good wishes also to Tricia Hughes who has been very unwell.
 - e) It was reported that no one from the Management Team attended the luncheon provided by the niece of Bob Ainscow, to commemorate his passing in the summer.
 - f) AJ suggested that at least one member of the Committee attend the funerals of club members or recent club members as a mark of respect. You cannot expect Bob Hayter to represent us on every occasion.
 - g) If anyone does hear that there has been a bereavement, illness, birth, marriage, bar mitzvahs, anniversary etc., please message (not phone) SANDRA DUPUY to let her know.
- 13) Summer opening Proposal from Mark Newman
- a) Mark Newman read out his proposal to open the club in the summer for a six-week period, after the school have vacated, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 10:30 and 2:00pm.
 - b) Only members of IIford Club would be allowed to attend.
 - c) AJ advised that the membership had been asked if they wanted summer opening and of the 70 odd replies only about 30 were interested. AJ will conduct a new poll once full details of Mark's proposals have been received.
 - d) BH expressed concerns about the running cost of opening the club during that time. He also mentioned that the bar would not be stocked so only tea and coffee could be served.
 - e) It was pointed out that this six-week period is the club's only chance to carry out redecoration, high level repairs or renewals.
 - f) The club would be opened, and closed, by Mark and he would be responsible for ensuring that the club was kept clean and tidy and all the washing up done before leaving the clubhouse.
 - g) Sonia McDonald agreed to help with arranging and running the proposed summer league and to help with refreshments.
 - h) BH to find out if staff from the school would be available to help with and store the boards at the end of the exam season.

14) Any other business

- a) AJ read out a proposal from a new member, Harvey Bourne.
 - i) If adopted, Harvey and his wife, will provide freshly made sandwiches, cakes and other delicacies at cost price to the Club.
 - ii) All profits will go to the Club.
 - iii) The Management Team approved the idea in principle, subject to insurance and Health and Safety criteria being adhered to.
 - iv) BH to ask Harvey for a full proposal and any other information which will be considered and if approved, adopted.



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

Don't forget to join our Facebook group. You will be the first to get important updates and news – <https://www.facebook.com/groups/IIfordIBC>

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 instruction 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.

Copies of previous Newsletters are available by request from the
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Vince Allen (Director), Ian Dunn (Director), Bob Kane, Ian Treleaven,
Bob Hayter, Alan Jaye,

Our Contact at Croner Health and Safety Consultants is Lee Mathew - 0844 561 8143



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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 Treleaven

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

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Club Manager - Bob Hayter

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Training Team

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