



## Ilford & District Indoor Bowls Club Ltd

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



# Newsletter No 37 – Christmas



## 2024



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

Merry Christmas/Hanukkah to all our bowlers and their families! This year has been another fantastic one for our club, and we're so grateful for the wonderful community we have. This newsletter is a chance to celebrate our shared successes, reminisce about the good times, and look forward to another year of friendship and bowls. We hope you enjoy reading it and wish you a joyous Christmas and a prosperous New Year

### Enjoy the read!

It has been a great start to the season and as such we are pleased to welcome our 50 new members to our Club. We do our best to make you all feel welcome regardless of your bowls ability, but if there is anything you are not happy about, please let a member of the Management Team know so that we can try to put things right. Of course, as we have an aging membership, it is inevitable that some of our established members feel they are no longer able to bowl. Because of this, the Club have introduced a new level of membership, just for retiring bowlers. We are offering discretionary NON-PLAYING SOCIAL membership for just £20 per year. This means that you can still come to the club to meet up with friends and fellow bowlers, use the lounge and bar and take part in our non-bowls events but will not be able to play. Several members have already chosen this option as life without Ilford is an unbearable option. If this is something you would like to do, please ask for a Non-Playing Social Membership form at the bar.

At the beginning of the season, our lovely after many years of loyal service, to This put more pressure on our already right hand person and did so much more work delighted to be able to show our gratitude present thanks to your generosity. Some will on occasions such as when Bob was on holiday her for this as it has taken the pressure off



Bar Lady, Mo, decided to leave the Club concentrate on her family commitments. overworked Club Manger, Bob, as Mo was his than just serving behind the bar. We were by collecting £500 towards her leaving have noticed that Mo has been helping out and in the lead up to Christmas. We thank of our overworked bar team.

A big thank you must go to Tony Seago who However, this is a very challenging roll and with all respect to Tony, he found it difficult at times to cover. We have now addressed that problem and Tony will now cover the bar in the mornings until about 11:00am and that way he can still bowl and enjoy Club life without the pressure of bar duties. Thank you Tony for standing in.

stepped up to cover the bar in Mo's absence.

So with Mo gone, Mark Newman, recovering from ill health, and Tony doing reduced hours we are relying on Bob, Eric, Mickey Pace, Alan Bayliss and occasionally Steve Simpson, to cover the bar. However, there may be times when we have to close the bar if one of these invaluable volunteers are unable to step in. We will be looking to recruit a new permanent bar member but that probably will not be until the beginning of next season.

In the mean-time, help us to help you by placing your rubbish in the bins provided, returning your empty, cups, glasses, plates, to the bar and leaving the lounge in a respectable condition for the members following you.

At this point it is worth mentioning **AGAIN**, please remain in the lounge until the previous session of bowls has been completed. **DO NOT CONGREGATE** at the back of the green or stand around chatting whilst games are in progress. It is very off-putting and disrespectful to the players, some of whom might be in an important match. When your match has finished, please collect your belongings as quickly as possible and go to the changing rooms to change, thus allowing the next session to start playing. It is not brain surgery, it is bowls etiquette.

So whilst I am doing a bit of moaning, what else can I reprimand you naughty 'children' about? Well unfortunately, there are a couple of things I have to bring up.

### **INAPPROPRIATE REMARKS and BEHAVIOUR**

Most of us have been brought up in a world where we could get away with making religious, sexist, ageist or racial remarks and they would be taken on the chin by most. I am not saying we were right to do this but society allowed that to some extent. You only have to look back at TV programs such as Till Death us do Part, In sickness and in Health and others, to prove this point. I seem to recall they were hilarious at the time but would certainly NOT be allowed in this day and age. However, we now live in a **woke** society where we have to be **VERY** careful what we say and do. You cannot make risqué remarks and certainly cannot touch another person without permission, even as a friendly gesture. Unfortunately, we have had some complaints which as a Club, we have to take seriously. **PLEASE**, be **VERY** careful what you say to other members because unless you know them very well, your comments can be misinterpreted and taken the wrong way. This includes, racist, islamophobic, anti-Semitic and other religious remarks, sexist and other similar unacceptable behaviour. If a member does make an official complaint, which has only happened once so far, we have to take this seriously and that member will be held to account. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Enough of the depressing stuff, let's see what is good with the club. Firstly, **CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL** for at last adhering to our dress code. We know that not everyone likes a dress code but thanks for accepting this as part of our Club's policy.

**CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS WINNER - DEBBIE JONES by John Kaylor**

It was a thrilling day at Tilbury Indoor Bowls Club on December 15th as the Essex Ladies Indoor Bowls Champion of Champions final came down to the wire.

In an epic clash that had supporters on the edge of their seats, Debbie Jones, the Ilford Indoor Bowls Champion, emerged victorious over Shirley Beavis from Falcon Indoor Bowls Club, winning 21-20 in a nail-biting final that stretched to 22 ends.

From the very first bowl, it was clear that both players were in top form, each determined to claim the coveted title. The match was an absolute cracker - tight, tactical, and full of suspense. As the game progressed, it was clear this would be no walk in the park for either of these seasoned bowlers.

The score was neck-and-neck throughout, with both women exchanging blows in what seemed like a never-ending battle of skill and nerve. Shirley, known for her composure, kept the pressure on, but Debbie was having none of it, responding with shot after shot that showed exactly why she's Ilford's top player.

The drama reached its peak on the 22nd and final end- Shirley needed one shot to win, and Debbie needed two shots.

Debbie, with nerves of steel, stepped up to the mat and played her final wood to leave her holding two shots. Shirley had to get inside to take the one point THAT SHE needed, but failed at the final attempt.

It was a well-deserved win for Debbie Jones, who showed incredible resilience and precision under pressure. Shirley Beavis, although narrowly defeated, played superbly throughout the match and certainly earned the respect of everyone in the hall.

All in all, it was a fantastic final that lived up to the hype - a true showcase of indoor bowls at its very best.

For Debbie, the Champion of Champions title is a well-earned reward, and sends her to Poole in late January to compete against the very best in the country for the British Title.

To be the best, you have to beat the best, and Debbie's first opponent is 6 times to date, and current World Indoor Bowls Champion Katherine Rednell.

**GO, DEBBIE, GO-** everyone at Ilford Bowls Club and more are rooting for you.

It would be great if we could support Debbie in Poole. The Club is looking at transport options but to do this, we need to know how many people might be interested in going. If this is something that interests you, please send an email to [ian.dunn@iibc.uk](mailto:ian.dunn@iibc.uk). Ian is coordinating this and will see if this is a feasible idea.

**IIBC GALA 2025****Annual Gala — 8/2/25**

Our new members, of which we have almost 50, will not be aware that this is our most prestigious event of the season. We host a competition involving 16 teams from all over the Home Counties, including a couple from Ilford. They compete for monetary prizes so this is a serious competition with some very good bowlers taking part. We already have 7 teams signed up and the invitations only went out last week.

As it is an all-day event, **the Management Team need your help.** Whether that is car parking duties, making some early morning and late afternoon teas or generally helping, meeting and greeting or general tidying up, whatever time you can spare will be most appreciated. Please let the office know if you are available. This is your club so please support us if you can. If nothing else, come along to bag a bargain and watch some top class bowls.

As usual **Bowls Direct** will be on site between about 10:30 am and 2:30 pm and will be selling a range of bowls clothing and equipment and of course a selection of new bowls.

We will have our *Gala Raffle* and *White Elephant Stall* running as usual. Some excellent raffle prizes this year plus bargains to be had on the W E table so do not miss out on this.

The event will be catered by our regular caterer Dawn Moores who puts on a fantastic spread of food. Whilst the teams playing are kept well fed and watered, all members can participate if they book in for the sumptuous lunch and details of the menu, times and prices will be circulated in due course. Tickets are issued on a first come first served basis and sell out very quickly, so keep an eye out for the *Gala* information in January.

Our guests of honour this year will be *Allen & Co*, our Accountants. These financially, for many years now and have ourselves in, these days. A well run, and a rosy future. Previous Guests of Streething and Councillor John Howard.



Paul Goff and Andrew Cayley of Bruce gentlemen have been guiding the Club, steered us to the position we see thriving club with a healthy membership honour include Health Minister, MP Wes

If you have any suitable items such as bric a brac and clean, good quality clothing, toys, DVD's and these sorts of things, please bring them to the Club in the New Year. Remember, this is not an excuse to get rid of all the old rubbish in your shed, only good second hand items will be accepted.

We are also looking for donations for the raffle. These items must be new and unused or could be vouchers, gift cards, bottles of drink etc. The more prizes we have, the more chance there is of winning something really useful or desirable. That 65" TV you got for Christmas would go down well as the star prize?

Help the Club make this our most successful *Gala* ever. Come and support your outdoor teams. Join us for lunch and prove to our visitors just what a great, friendly Club, Ilford really is.

## TARGET BOWLS

This has for many years, been our favourite end of year competition and this year's was another great success. We had so much interest that we had to introduce a morning session to compliment the two afternoon sessions. Even then, the event was sold out days before.

This event is great fun but is also taken very seriously. Players play 2 rounds of an obstacle course designed by Bob Hayter, to test the skills of each bowler. It might look easy but it requires great skill and exceptional bowling ability. The overall winner was the 'quiet and unassuming' Laurence Green with 79 points, **HOWEVER**, third



place went to our only year old **Ethan Green** Bob H, Steve 'the Green, Colin and Marion distinguished bowlers. a young man who could



**JUNIOR** member, 14 who beat the likes of exhibitionist' Klein, Colin Bond and many other Well done Ethan. This is really go far in the sport.



**CHARITY FOOTBALL COMPETITION, CLASS OF 21-23 and NEWBIES**

We have three **BIG** competitions coming up in the New Year. The **Charity Football Bowls Competition** on the 26th February 2025 (sold out). The **Class of 21-23** Competition on the 19th March for members who joined in either 2021-23 and for all our new members, however experienced, our super popular **NEWBIES Competition** on the 2nd April. Full details will be sent out in the New Year. Please watch out for our **MAILCHIMP SURVEY** which is the way you can enter. Entry tickets are sold on a first come first sold basis and usually sell out quickly. Further details to follow.

**SUMMER LEAGUE**

Earlier in the year, we sent out a survey to see who might be interested in joining an IIBC Indoor Summer League, run by Mark Newman. The response was good and I think we have enough members to progress the idea. Unfortunately though, Mark was taken ill suddenly, a couple of weeks ago and spent a week or so in hospital. He is recovering well at home but I obviously do not want to burden him with the competition details until he is back to good health. I will update you all once I know more but the idea looks to be good.

**CHAMPIONSHIP BOOKING SYSTEM**

There has been some confusion about the booking system we use to schedule Championship matches. This has led to a few arguments which is the last thing we want. I have been asked to clarify the system.

1. The **WHITE BOARD** to the right of the green is only a diary of forthcoming events and matches. The numbers on the board have now been blanked out as competitors thought that the entries also indicated which rinks they were playing on. This is the Club's fault and apologies to all who were confused by this system.
2. When looking to find rink availability for a championship match, please refer to your **HANDBOOK** first. This will tell you if there are any league or matches on any particular day and on which rinks. If there are no scheduled games in the **HANDBOOK**, go to point 3 below.
3. **ALL** Championship matches must be entered in the **MATCH BOOK** situated on the table near the greenside of the bar. If there are more than one championship games in the book, rinks should be drawn to decide which rink to play on.
4. For full rink games and triples you need to book and pay for 2 sessions, as these games take longer.
5. If you are still not sure, please speak to Bob Hayter.

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

At the time of writing, there are still over 100 members who have not paid their fees which are due by the 31<sup>st</sup> December. Please pay at the bar when the Club reopens and fill in a renewal membership form, which is required by **GDPR** regulations. **Please clearly indicate if there have been any changes** such as email addresses, telephone numbers, next of kin and postal addresses. There is also an **optional** medical form which is included at the request of the London Ambulance Service. This is to provide them with medical information about you in the event of an emergency at the Club. Payment of fees can be made online or at the bar, by cash or card. Our bank details are on the renewal application form.

If you are not intending to re-join or wish to convert to Non-Playing Social membership, **please let me know ASAP** so that we can amend your records accordingly.

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas or Hanukkah and a happy, healthy, peaceful, and prosperous new year.

**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.

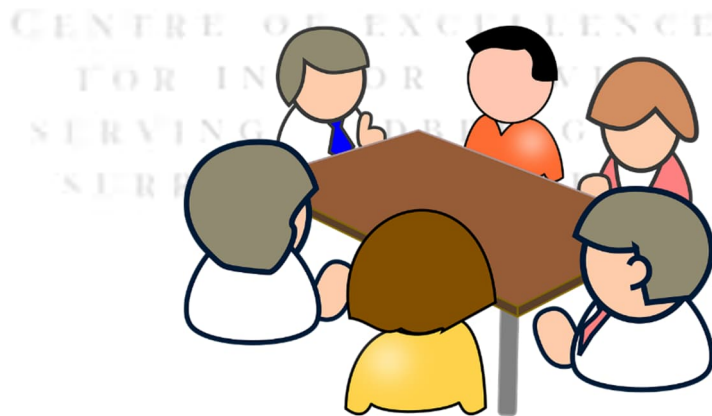
Vouchers cannot be used to offset fees.



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

No news from the Board Room in this edition because we have not yet been able to agree a date. We hope to arrange something for early January, subject to availability of MT Members.



**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**

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

**Please support  
Our NEW chosen charity, the London Air  
Ambulance**

**Please give generously to this fantastic cause.**

**Copies of previous Newsletters are available by request from the  
Office**



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

**Free instruction will be available by arrangement**

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

**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

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## Health & Safety Team

Vince Allen (Director), Ian Dunn (Director), Bob Kane, Ian Treleaven,  
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Chairman - Alexander Dron  
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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
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