

BROMLEY IBC NEWSLETTER
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25th ANNIVERSARY YEAR

Hello everyone.

The summer bowling season is coming to a close and to all of you, who over the next few weeks will be playing in your club finals, have a great day.

This is the month for welcoming back all those returning for the winter season. During the summer, our coaches have been busy recruiting new members - a warm welcome to you and why not take the opportunity to get to know more members by participating not just in club organised roll-ups but also in the leagues, both very good ways of learning the game and improving your skills!.

Meanwhile, if you have not already done so, please return the Membership Renewal form and entries to the 200 club. Your Club Captains would also appreciate return of their **availability forms** for some initial matches. Also, the Club League and Competition Secretaries are waiting for your **entries** as soon as possible.

Winter Leagues - a message from Geoff

In the July Newsletter I set out some details of the preparation work being carried out for the Winter Leagues, and this was presented in more detail in the pack sent out to all members in early August titled Winter Leagues 2022-23.

This included details of the handicapping system the purpose of which is to try and make games more competitive for all level of players - to try and stop the trend of some teams getting beaten each time by large margins and quitting leagues to play in roll-ups with their friends of similar ability.

Most players will have a zero handicap but those who have played in teams that finished 1st, 2nd or 3rd last year will have handicaps of between -1 and -3. These will be displayed on the notice boards in the coming weeks.

It also mentioned that I was working on the assumption that if you captained a team and/or played in a team last year that would continue UNLESS you told me to the contrary. If you are not planning to continue, please let me know urgently.

I hope to resurrect the triples league Friday 12 - only two teams at the moment so would, of course, welcome more.

Also, we could do with more entrants to the pairs leagues on Tuesday and Friday playing 8pm to 10pm.

The leagues are due to start w/c 3/10 and I hope to get paperwork out to captains in a couple of weeks.

Geoff Boyd

[There is also a list for League entries on the blackboard at reception]

Do not forget the **Mixed Singles League** which Richard Wood has volunteered to organise - contact him.

Ladies and Men's Committee vacancies:-

We are still looking for a Ladies Secretary, Men's Vice Captain & Junior Vice Captain

Your opportunity to have your say and speak for others so please consider and contact the captains or a member of the committee as appropriate.

Club Secretary vacancy

We are looking for a volunteer to take over as soon as possible. Please contact Daphne.

Don't forget the World Championship Qualifiers & The Scottish Open

Saturday 17th September 2022 is the qualifier for the Scottish Open
Sunday 18th September 2022, the qualifier for World Championships at Potters. Here at the club. Some of our own members are playing and you are certain to have a 'good day out' watching excellent bowling, so please come and support.

[we wish all our players a a happy day's bowling and a successful event]

**LADIES
PRE-SEASON MEETING**

Your Captain Sandy and the Ladies Committee invite you to a meeting on

Saturday 24th September at 10.00am

to look at the forthcoming season, to answer your questions and to help
resolve any problems you may have.

Importantly, this is a great opportunity for new members to meet similar players, to get to know long term bowlers and committee members who help to run the bowls. So a good opportunity that should not be missed.

BIBC Website - Newsletter Input September 2022

I've transformed BIBC Ltd's website from www.bromleyibc.com to www.bromleyibc.org.uk since I was first approached by the BIBC Ltd Board in May 2019. The initial work in May 2019 only took me a few hours, so I waived my agreed fee as a goodwill gesture. The 'Website Booster' work and resolution of technical issues from December 2021 to August 2022 took over a day a week, but I charged for only 150 hours at an agreed nominal rate.

It is now important that the website is utilised to market the club via events (e.g. National and World Bowls qualifiers, Open Days, Disability Bowls, prestigious matches etc), news items and additional content (which BIBC Ltd's Board will decide). I have offered to support and enhance the BIBC Ltd websites (main and standby) until September 2023 free of charge. My thanks to members who have prompted me with website updates.

I will also be promoting BIBC via local social media groups. Members can help market our club by boosting these posts (via sharing and comments) and adding more positive reviews to Google (44 reviews at an average of 4.2 **** to date).

On a personal note, I have commitments which prevent me from bowling this winter; but I have renewed as a social member and will continue to officiate as well as support Brian Flagg's quizzes.

With best wishes for an enjoyable and successful indoor season.

Rob Dubery

200 CLUB DRAW for the season 2022-2023

As entries for the year 2022-2023 may be delayed, the Draws for September and October will be carried out on the 1st October and the results will be in the newsletter and posted on the general notice board as usual.

Success Outdoors

While relating to outdoor bowls and the Bowls England National Competition finals at Leamington, we congratulate two of our members:

- Amy Cheeseman in the winning team for the Amy Rose Competition for the under 31s, and
- Harry Duffield in the winning team for the White Rose Competition for the Under 25s

Both were representing Kent. Well done.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

ART GROUP held at fortnightly intervals through the summer

Please see notice for the next meeting.

FRIDAY MONTHLY QUIZ NIGHTS please note

Dates to be held; 16 SEPTEMBER; 14 OCTOBER; 11 NOVEMBER & 16 DECEMBER 2022.

REGRETFULLY NOW SOME SAD NEWS

We are sorry to advise of the passing of the following member of the Club and send our condolences to the family and friends of :-

John Lloyd. His funeral is to be held at 12.30pm on Wednesday 7th September at the Bluebell Crematorium, Knockholt;

Betty Petyt; funeral on the 4 October at 11.30am, at the Falconer crematorium,
And **Bob Davis**, no details known

Also, we have heard of the passing of **Aniko**, chef of the catering franchise; no details known.



ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S QUIZ

How did you do?

Seas and Oceans

1 About what percent of the Earth's surface is covered in water?

- A. 86%
- B. 90%
- C. **75%**

2. How many oceans are there?

- A. **5**
- B. 3
- C. 7

3. Which is the largest ocean?

- A. **Pacific Ocean** *At around 165 million square kilometers (64 million square miles), the Pacific Ocean is the largest ocean*
- B. Atlantic Ocean
- C. Indian Ocean

4. Which is the smallest ocean?

- A. **Arctic Ocean** *At around 6 million square miles, the Arctic Ocean is the smallest ocean.*
- B. Indian Ocean
- C. Southern Ocean

5. Which Ocean did the European explorers sail in to get to America?

- A. **Atlantic Ocean**
- B. Pacific Ocean
- C. Indian Ocean

6. The Mid-Atlantic Ridge is...

- A. **a mountain range**
- B. a trench
- C. a tectonic plate

7. How many known species are thought to live in the Earth's oceans?

- A. **230,000** *There are around 230,000 known species living in the Earth's oceans, but because most of it is unexplored, the total number could be much higher.*
- B. 1,980,000
- C. 500,000

8. What is the total combined volume of all of Earth's oceans?

- A. **1,330,000,000 cubic kilometers**
- B. 5,000,000 cubic kilometers
- C. 280,000,000 cubic kilometers

9. Which two oceans are covered partly in sea ice year-round?

- A. Pacific and Indian Ocean
- B. **Arctic and Southern Ocean**
- C. Indian and Atlantic Ocean

10. Which of these separates the Arctic Ocean from the Pacific Ocean?

- A. Philippine Sea
- B. Mid-Atlantic Ridge
- C. **Bering Strait**

11. At which landmass do the Pacific and Atlantic ocean meet?

- A. **Cape Horn**
- B. Polynesia
- C. Guam

12. The Indian Ocean is bordered by which of these countries?

- A. Cuba
- B. Germany
- C. **India**

13. What is a superocean?

- A. **An ocean that borders a supercontinent**
- B. An ocean that covers at least $\frac{4}{5}$ of a planet

C. An extremely deep ocean

14. Pangea, one of Earth's past supercontinents, was surrounded by the superocean...

A. Mirovia

B. Panthalassa

C. Atlanta-Pacific Ocean

15. Which is the deepest ocean?

A. Atlantic Ocean

B. Pacific Ocean

C. Indian Ocean

16. The deepest natural oceanic trench in the world is...

A. Mariana Trench almost 11,000 metres deep

B. Tonga Trench

C. Philippine Trench

17. From where do the oceans get their salt?

A. Rocks from land

B. Meteorites

C. Sea creatures

18. Which of these was NOT an explorer who navigated the Earth's oceans?

A. James Cook

B. Strabo a Greek philosopher

C. Louis Antoine de Bougainville

19. Why is it so difficult to explore the deepest areas of the ocean?

A. Lack of light

B. Deadly sea creatures

C. The extreme pressures

20. What important chemical compound do all oceans contain?

A. Sodium chloride

B. Hydroxide

C. Hypochlorite



THIS MONTH'S QUIZ

- 1. One of the earliest domesticated dog breeds it has long, silky fur that covers its body, notably on the top of its head. What is it?**
- 2. What colour fur does the Arctic Fox have? a) White b) Brown c) changes from brown to white depending on the season**
- 3. The Bichon Frise is a breed of what? a) Dog b) Cow c) Sheep**
- 4. The Asian Elephants trunk contains up to how many muscles? a) 600 b) 6000 c) 60,000**
- 5. The armadillo has a hard shell as protection against predators, but if it had to escape what is its top speed? a) 10mph b) 20mph c) 30mph d) 40mph**
- 6. What type of animal is a Bandicoot? a) Bird b) Fish c) Mammal**
- 7. A 'flutter' is the collective noun for which creature?**
- 8. Which bird has the longest wingspan?**
- 9. What type of animal is an Avocet?**
- 10. Alligators are native to only which 2 countries?**

SOME THOUGHTS

Graduates

A graduate with a science degree asks. "why does it work"

A graduate with an engineering degree asks "how does it work"

A graduate with an accounting degree asks, "how much will it cost"

A graduate with an arts degree asks, "would you like fries with that?"

Old hands.

Old accountants never die, they just lose their balance.

Old chemists never die, they just reach equilibrium.

Old cosmologists never die, they just go to another world.

Old doctors never die, they just lose their patience.

Old electricians never die, they just lose contact.

Old lawyers never die, they just lose their appeal.

Old professors never die, they just lose their faculties.

Old publishers never die, they just go out of print.

Old soldiers never die.....

young ones do.

Food for thought

Do any of you have engineers in your family? I've been sent an item entitled 'Understanding Engineers' – hope you enjoy these.

Two engineering students were riding bicycles across a university campus when one said "Where did you get that great bike?" The second engineer replied "Well, I was walking around yesterday, minding my own business, when a beautiful woman rode up on this bike, threw it to the ground, took off all her clothes and said "Take what you want". The first engineer said "Good choice – the clothes probably wouldn't have fitted you anyway".

To the optimist, the glass is half-full. To the pessimist it is half-empty. To the engineer the glass is twice as big as it needs to be.

A group of men were playing golf, were rather slow, and were holding up the following group of golfers. The green-keeper explained that the first group were firemen who'd lost their sight, but as they'd saved the clubhouse they were allowed a free round of golf. The priest said he would offer a special prayer for them, the doctor offered to contact his optician colleague to see if he could help, the engineer said "Why can't they play at night?"

What is the difference between mechanical engineers and civil engineers?
Mechanical engineers build weapons, civil engineers build targets.

The graduate with a science degree asks "Why does it work?" The graduate with the engineering degree asks "How does it work?". The graduate with a commerce degree asks "How much will it cost?" The graduate with an arts degree asks "Do you want fries with that?"

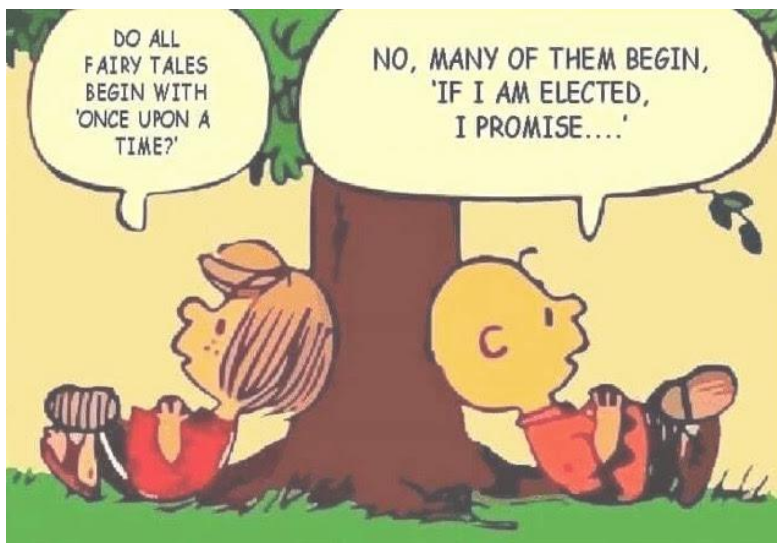
Normal people believe that if it ain't broke, don't fix it. Engineers believe that if it ain't broke it isn't sufficiently complex yet.

An engineer was crossing a road one day when a frog called out to him and said "If you kiss me, I'll turn into a beautiful princess, I'll stay with you for one week and do anything you want." The engineer put the frog in his pocket, but the frog said "Why won't you kiss me?" The engineer replied "I haven't time for a girlfriend, but a talking frog – now, that's cool".

Two engineers were standing at the base of a flagpole, looking at its top. A woman walked by and asked what they were doing "We're supposed to find the height of this flagpole, but we haven't got a ladder". The woman took a spanner from her bag, loosened a couple of bolts, and laid the pole down on the ground. Then she took a tape measure from her bag, took a measurement, and announced "6.5 metres". One engineer laughed "A lot of good that does us. We ask for the height and she gives us the length".

Both engineers have since quite their engineering jobs and have been elected to Parliament.

Smile for the day



Keep in touch on emails and email alerts, which can be obtained via the website at www.bromleyibc.org.uk

I would personally appreciate your help:-
Please send me any bowling news, stories, quizzes, jokes,
items for sale etc email: daphny.richards@gmail.com

REMEMBER TO KEEP YOURSELF SAFE

As we are still hearing of members going down with Covid, it does seem sensible to take reasonable care when you visit the Centre especially as the Covid news suggests a possible resurgence as the autumn/winter progresses.

We therefore kindly ask you to still:

- not to turn up if you have any symptoms or feel unwell
- to continue to take your temperature on entering the Centre and before entering the cloakrooms or any other facility
- use the gels provided
- think carefully still about personal contact - 'Fist bumps' are less risky than handshakes - your choice and
- retain social distances as far as possible throughout your stay.

Thank you

To answer some questions posed by several new members especially in respect of the meaning of various headings such a KCIBA:-

The following is especially for new members either new to bowls or to indoor bowls. The world of bowls is not alone in being complex with world and international 'forums', not covered here, as well as a variety of more local organisations. However, here a very brief outline of the Centre and indoor bowls and local connections.

BIBC Ltd that is **Bromley Indoor Bowls Centre Ltd** is run by a Board of Directors elected at an AGM of the Company presently held in January each year.

Members of the Company are the members of **Bromley Indoor Bowling Club** ie **BIBC** and **Bromley Indoor Bowling Club Outdoor Section** ie **BIBCOS**.

The Company is responsible (in brief) for:-

- the upkeep of the premises and grounds, including the replacement of the indoor and outdoor carpets.
- employment of the administrative, reception, caretaking and cleaning staff and in the absence of a catering franchise, also the catering staff.
- arranging a catering franchise when appropriate.

We will concentrate mainly on the indoor club.

BROMLEY INDOOR BOWLING CLUB [BIBC]

Responsible to the Board for the organisation and administration of their indoor bowling and social activities.

BIBC exercises its delegated powers through a Management Committee [ManCom]..

The Management Committee is responsible for:-

- all arrangements for the playing of bowls such as match fixtures, competitions, leagues, casual bowls, coaching etc and social activities;
- responsible for the rules and codes of practice for bowls
- It is also responsible for raising funds* to meet its obligations in respect of membership and all members affiliation fees to National and County Bowling Associations;

It is governed by its current **Constitution** including the **Complaints, Discipline & Appeal Procedure and The Rules & Codes of Conduct ***** [copy to be found hanging above the book stand, The Codes of Conduct are also displayed on the notice board at the far end of the bar area by the steps leading down to the rink]

* Funds are raised as follows:-

- By tickets purchased through the 200 Club on joining/renewal of membership.
- Profit from Match, Christmas and Easter raffles.

- Money raised through social events.
- Donations

BOWLS ACTIVITIES:-

Organised & Individual Arranged Roll-Ups

Arrangements usually by the reception staff. Rink income goes to the Company.

Club Leagues, Club Competitions, Social Events

Responsibility of the Management Committee which sets the rules for them and administrates the local requirements for National competitions and County games and competitions.

To participate in National and County events, the Club has to be affiliated to the following organisations

1. EIBA Ltd [English Indoor Bowling Association Ltd]

Sets the standards for bowls wear (and sells) and guidelines for constitutions and safeguarding for example.

It runs national competitions that players of affiliated clubs can enter

'Prestigious', National [EIBA] Team Competitions

Ladies: Yetton Trophy; Yetton Plate; Vivienne Trophy; Mason Trophy;

Men: Denny Cup; Denny Plate; Over 60 Double Rink

Mixed: Egham Trophy; Top Club

Open: Under 25 Two Rink Triples

National Inter County Championship: Atherley Trophy & Liberty Trophy

Men Under 25 County Double Rink

Men Over 60 Inter-County Championship

Under 18 County Two Rink Triples Mixed

On an individual basis, members can enter a variety of competitions – Ladies and Men's Singles, Pairs, Triples, Fours, Under 18s Singles(men only), Under 25s Singles, 2 Wood Singles and Champion of Champions, Also Mixed Pairs, Fours.

There are also 50s and over 60s Competitons.

2. KCIBA [Kent County Indoor Bowling Association] [MEN'S] &

KCLIBA [Kent County Ladies Indoor Bowling Association]

Both organisations have matches – their teams made up from members of Kent indoor clubs, that play Kent clubs during the winter season. Also run the following competitions.

Prestigious', Kent County Team Competitions*

KCIBA Men: **Dudley Hoile**

On an individual basis, members can enter a variety of competitions **Singles, Under 25's Singles, Pairs, Triples, Fours, Unbadged Singles, Mixed Pairs, Over 55 Pairs, Over 55 Triples, Over 55 Four.**

KCLIBA Ladies: **Valanndor** (- for the 3 ladies who 'founded' this competition – Valerie, Ann and Doreen.)

On an individual basis, members can enter a variety of competitions **Singles, Under 25's Singles, Under 18's, Pairs (Senior & Junior), Triples, Fours.**

3. KL [KENT LEAGUE] – look in your Fixture book to see the matches with KL

This is an independent group of Kent Indoor Clubs including ours, with a Ladies and Men's Sections. Each club plays the others twice in the season - one at home and one away. There is a scoring system with penalties for clubs failing to meet the agreement made when the fixture was arranged (pre-season) , for example playing only 5 rinks instead of the 6 agreed or cancellation of a match and not rearranged, with prizes at the end of the season. All are single sex matches!

4. BB&DBA [Beckenham, Bromley & District Bowling Association]

Aims to stimulate interest in the game of Bowls within the London Borough of Bromley and surrounding Districts playing matches and competitions during the outdoor and indoors season among members of the constituent clubs.

A lot to take in?

A little more

EIBA introduced a "Plate" competition 'Yetton Plate' and we were the first club to win it [- our summer section then introduced and now our indoor season has done so.] What it means is that if you lose in the first round then you go into the Plate competition (2nd chance) and Bromley Ladies won the Plate in its **first year – see the photograph on the wall in the restaurant.**

The £200 prize purchased, with some addition, the 9 raffle ticket cups, the box in which they are kept and the gavel and stand to call 'us' to order. [so please treat with care!]. The maker was then a member who mainly charged for purchase of extra wood to what he already had and engraving of the cups and plate.]

Last season our ladies won the County Valanndor - great achievement.- We had to engrave the cup – can keep for a year – with the £75. Prize!!

Also individuals have had various successes. Why not have a go at competitions? – you will never know what you may achieve until you try!!

Over all types of bows there is an organisation called the



Safeguarding Bowls comprises of: The English Indoor Bowling Association Ltd (EIBA), Bowls England (BE), English Short Mat Bowling Association (ESMBA), The British Crown Green Bowling Association (BCGBA), English Bowling Federation (EBF), Disability Bowls England (DBE) working in partnership with the Bowls Development Alliance (DBA) with support from the Child Protection in Sport Unit (CPSU).



INDOOR



OUTDOOR



Created by the Sport's National Governing Bodies to channel **Sport England investment** into the sport, the Bowls Development Alliance's primary goal is to increase participation in bowls whilst ensuring the sport is inclusive and accessible for all. It champions collaborative working across the sport and it works to develop NGB-affiliated clubs and their volunteers, safeguard participants and share best practice.

EIBA accepts BDA guidelines and recommends to all its affiliated clubs.

NOTE

The Men and Ladies Committees are responsible for advertising the National and County competition entries around March to April each year so keep an eye out and take the plunge!