

WORTHING INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

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MANAGER'S 2019-20 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to all our members to the 2019-20 Season. Over the year sadly we have seen the loss of several members, some well before their time - its always sad to see old friends go. Happily though, we continue to have a good recruitment plan in place and we offer a warm welcome to all our new members for the current playing season and hope they have a long and successful time with us. We also have a new joint bowls committee in charge of bowling matters led by our Club Chairman Derek Ridley and our first ever Lady Club President—Wendy Davies.



General Data Protection, Codes of conduct ...

Legislation for data protection has changed and now the onus is on you as members to consent for services offered by the club. Please make sure you sign the consents on your renewal forms which allow us to contact you with news of club events and activities.

We are also coming into line with EIBA guidance and asking all members to sign a 'Code of Conduct' document.

Open Days and Social News

As always I am indebted to **Jackie Taylor** and **Kevin Buck** in the office who work tirelessly in the background to make WIBC work so efficiently. Without their efforts we wouldn't have the club we do today.

Our 2019 **Open Day** is the **10th August 10:00** until **14:00**.

We are adopting a slightly different approach to induction training for prospective new members. From August any new bowler will have to achieve a prescribed level of competency and be approved by one of our team of instructors before they apply for membership. The induction training is of course free of charge.

Once again we are thankful to all the helpers who meet and greet, showcase our club, respond to questions, give some brief tuition and encourage prospective members to join our induction course.

The Social side of the club is a big draw for new and old members alike. There has been a varied programme of events in 2018-19 and this coming year we have managed to put together a calendar of events which will appeal to a wide audience. The old and trusted favourites of **Bingo, Shuffleboard** and **themed dining evenings** all have regular slots, we have a variety of bands and music nights already booked. More recently we have introduced **Racing** and **Quiz** sessions. **Theatre trips** and days out with club members have become very popular and more are planned for **2019-20**. Hopefully we have something for everyone.

WIBC Moving Forwards

Worthing Indoor Bowling Greens Ltd has continued to invest in improving the premises this year.

The bowls hall floor has been levelled, the carpet has been turned and new underlay put down at a cost of £11K. This has gone well and the carpet speed has not been noticeably affected.

The LED lighting installation last year has ensured that despite rising electricity costs we have kept our power expenditure comparable with previous years.

Last years rise to £2.20 for a bowls session was an interim rise and from September green fees will be £2.50 per session. We will of course honour green vouchers already purchased at the lower price. We will also continue to offer a discount price of £23 for a booklet of 10 tickets. Subs will remain at £120 per annum.

The changing rooms for both men and women have had facelifts and new lockers and seating installed. The ladies changing room is now completed and the mens will have the final wooden lockers removed in the Autumn and replaced with new metal lockable lockers. There will now be one standard rate for lockers of £10 per year. If you currently have a wooden locker you will be allocated a metal one once they are installed.

In previous newsletters I have asked that members support our initiatives financially. This is still the case and we have projects ranging from a few pounds to much bigger works which could run into thousands. If you feel you want to help the club in this way pop into the office for a chat and have a look at our wish list.

John Schools our Company Secretary and Financial director keeps us in a profitable position each year, but with your help planned projects can be moved forwards to the benefit of all our members.

Alan Messer WIBC Manager



In conclusion I would like to thank all the staff, committees, numerous volunteers and helpers who help to make this a successful, happy and thriving club. We do, however, seek more volunteers to act as green stewards, particularly at weekends, even on a rota basis. Bar staff are needed to relieve some of the pressure on our existing team and also to act as reserve to cover for occasional absences. Please contact the office to offer your services. I wish you all a very happy and successful 2019/20 season

A FEW IMPORTANT MESSAGES

All those vital bits of information that help us all rub along together and make us a thriving and vital club



We offer a card terminal service to our members which can be used for subs and most other payments to the club. We are able to take all major cards and we will have a **minimum transaction of £5**. Terminals will be available for use in the Office or Bar. If you wish to pay by BACS (internet payment) please check with the Office staff for details. Please make use of these convenient payment methods if you can. Cash and cheques are welcome, but cheques are increasingly expensive for us to deal with.

As a courtesy to all members who are playing bowls, please do not congregate around the **Green Steward's** desk when playing in home and away matches. We have asked both Men's and Ladies Captains to go into the main lounge area to wait for coaches and collect match fees etc., Bowls bags are **NOT TO BE LEFT** in the main entrance as this is a health and safety risk as they are blocking a fire exit.



Would all Members please remember when playing in away games they should not leave their cars in the Car Park if possible as this restricts parking to those Members who are playing at the Club in Leagues etc. It would be most helpful if you can arrange to get a lift to and from the Club as this will help with the number of cars vying for limited spaces. We are hoping to arrange coach pick up points in Lancing for Eastbound trips and Rustington for Westbound.

If you wish to borrow any bowls from the Captain's Cabin please do so, but make sure you return them and leave the cupboard tidy as you would wish to find it. **THE BOWLS ARE NOT TO BE REMOVED FROM THE PREMISES UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.** There is also a donations box for voluntary contributions 50p - £1.



The one-way system in the car park works as long as everyone follows the rules. If you park by the bar door, please when leaving continue around the building and minimise the chance of accidents to people or vehicles. Also please think about the length of your vehicle and where you are parking. Mobility scooters may now be parked in the space by the lounge ramp.

Please support all matches both home and away, we will be running 9 coaches this year, but due to increasing costs the number of coaches we have in the future could diminish. Visitors are always welcome for away games and this helps fill up the coach and offers a good day out with a meal all around a tenner.



Don't forget to enter the Club Singles, Pairs and Triples Competitions, Aggregate and Evening Triples and Fours Leagues, Target Bowls and 'Footbowl' events. The more entries we have the bigger the prize money will be, as all entry fees are paid back to finalists and winners

The 150 Club will be happening again this year thanks to all of you who have supported this and well done to all the winners. If anyone wishes to take part in this monthly cash prize draw, an application form to join is enclosed with your membership renewal forms, so if you have not taken part before now is your chance. The more who take part the bigger the cash prize. There will be a Grand Draw on Finals Day in April offering bigger cash prizes.

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We have a variety of social events happening over the next few months and we need you to support these and if you have any ideas of other events you would like to take place at the Club please let us know and these will be given our full consideration. Chevron, our caterers in the guise of Mandy and Simon, continue to offer the best 'bowls club food' in Sussex, please continue to make good use of their skills in our bar and restaurant.

Some of the major improvements at our club have been financed by the generosity of our members who have remembered us in their wills. All our members benefit when this happens.

Would you consider being a supporter of WIBC in this way in the future?