

# NEWSLETTER

## October 2024



Gedling and District  
Indoor Bowls Club

### *Hello Everyone*



We would like to start with a warm welcome back to our 2024-25 Winter Bowls Season, this includes a very warm welcome to all our new members. We could not manage without everyone's support.

### LEAGUES / PLAYERS / SUBS

If anyone feels that they would like to join a league there is a list on the notice board to the right of the Gents' changing room and this includes requests from Captains for additional players in their team. Even better if you are fairly new to bowling and would contemplate forming your own team (the Bowls Committee are on hand to offer help and advice with this) we would be willing to look at forming a Novice League providing a day and time was acceptable to all concerned.

Members joining a new team or Captains taking on a new player(s) is never easy, but believe me it is well worth the try. There is also a list that members can add their name to if they are willing to act as a sub when required. By adding your name to this list, it helps when there are unforeseen absences and often alleviates the necessity to re-arrange games.



This coming season re-spotting will take place in ALL leagues (not club competitions) so there will be no dead ends if the jack goes off the rink to the side.

On Thursday 3 October at 2.30pm there will be the NEW UMBRELLA DROP-IN SESSION. You come along on the day, but you do not have to commit to every week. A spreadsheet will be kept and periodically displayed to show you how you are faring. Please come along and support this venture.



Again, a reminder that if you have previously had numbers in the 100 Club and are still wishing to have these please see Jan (Jan's days in the office are generally Mon, Weds, and Fri.) There are also a few numbers that have not been taken so maybe our new members would like the opportunity to have a go. The cost is £1 per number per draw which means that if all 100 numbers are sold, we take in £1500 of which £800 will be paid out in prize money and the Club makes a wonderful £700. If you would like one of the spare numbers the cost will be £15 for the fifteen draws which includes a super draw (double prize money) at Christmas.

### NAME THE BEAR

We have had a donation of a hand-made Teddy Bear which has very kindly been donated by Keith Abbott's partner, Karen. She has named the bear and put this in a sealed envelope which is now locked in the office safe. Karen is the **only** person who knows the name. A list will be put on the noticeboard with provision for your chosen name, name and contact number, this too will have 100 spaces and will cost £1 a guess. The Teddy Bear will be on display initially so you can have a look at the bear as you choose his/her name.

Both the 100 Club and Teddy Bear are very welcome contributions to our Club funds and we thank you, in anticipation, for your support.

### OPEN DAY AND FOLLOW UP

Following on from the successful Open Day held on 8 September, it has been decided to have a Follow Up Open Day on Friday 25 October from 4.30pm to 6.30pm. There are leaflets available in the Bowls Hall along with leaflets about the Health Benefits of Bowling. Please feel free to take these and hand out to your relatives and friends and even if we had interested parties before this it will be a great opportunity to find out more about our wonderful game of bowls. This would be an opportune moment to thank Sara Davies who is a Carlton Community Connector at the Active Partners Trust for all her continued help in distribution of leaflets and posters to advertise within the local community. Our sincerest thanks also go to all the members who helped in making the original day such a huge success. There will be the usual tea, coffee and biscuits supplied free of charge.

### CAR PARKING AND TRAFFIC LIGHTS

By now the car parking situation will be starting to get more difficult as our Winter Leagues get into full swing. Please remember that this is not the fault of the Centre Management or Staff but is a necessary operation that was initiated by Severn Trent Water Authority. Please do not show any adverse feeling to any of the afore mentioned, but if you do have concerns, please address them to one of the Management Committee. We have also learnt that there are traffic lights to be installed on the road outside for a short period as they are having to dig up the road as well. During this time members will not be allowed to park on the road if there are no spaces in the car park.



### NATIONAL TEAM / INTER CLUB AVAILABILITY SHEETS

We are fast approaching the time for the above competitions to be taking place and in fact there are already some sheets on the notice board. Please everyone read the notices and if you are available and interested put your name down for selection. If you want to know more about any of these competitions then speak to any committee member. These sheets are on the notice boards on the left-hand side of the green, when you enter the bowling hall. The selected teams will appear on the same notice boards.

During the summer the EIBA organise National Summer Competitions and this year, for the first time we entered a team in the **Fantastic Fives**. This is a mixed competition each team consisting of five players who play Singles, Pairs, Trips and Fours. *Gedling Geezers* (our chosen name) did exceptionally well to get through to the Area Final which we played on a neutral green at Selby, against Hartlepool Monkey Hangers. We had some brilliant travelling supporters which was great, but unfortunately, we lost to Hartlepool. They, as last year, were the eventual winners of the competition.

Peter Holyk, Matthew Harbuz and Adam Fuller entered the National Summer Open Triples this year for the first time and made it through to the National Finals which were held at Kempston Park in Bedfordshire on 13, 14 and 15 September. They made it through to the final by beating two Nottingham trios 23-11 and 21-16, and a trio from Barwell in the Area Final 18-12. At Kempston they won the inter-area final 20-8 against Sleaford, the quarter-final 19-11 against Dolphin and the semi-final 18-13 against Egham. The final against a Northampton trio was a nail-biting game, for those of us who discovered it was being streamed on YouTube. It was nip and tuck all the way, but they dropped a five quite near to the end, so concern set in, however they dug deep and two ends later they picked up seven. They then went on to win 21-20, the delight was obvious and so well deserved. They played all four games of 18 ends plus trial ends on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> which was almost 13 hours of bowling all on one day. No wonder they were shattered. Massive Congratulations to our three National Champions, as a club we are all so very proud of you.



Two days later Adam did this all over again in the Men's Singles having qualified for the finals at Kempston by beating Nottingham's Michael Griffin in the Area Final 21-15. Adam got through to the semi-final, unfortunately losing to James Rippey of Falcon IBC who was the eventual winner of the Competition. Well done Adam we are again all very proud of you.

### **BOWLS DRIVE**



The Halloween/Bonfire Night Bowls Drive is to be held on Sunday 3 November at 2pm. We will play bowls until 4.30 pm and then enjoy some lovely food afterwards. The cost is £7 and there will be a raffle and a prize for the male and female winners. Fancy dress is optional. All raffle prizes will be gratefully received. Please put your names down on the list which is under the poster on the left-hand side of the green as you go down the ramp, this is for catering purposes.

### **MARGARET SMITH'S DBE CELEBRATION GAME**

This will take place on 14 December from 2pm until 8pm. All DBE family and friends are invited. It will be a day of bowls, fun and games. Please make a note in your diary and more information will be given nearer the date.

## CLUB COMPETITIONS

This is an early reminder to look out for dates regarding these competitions. If you are new to the club and would like to take part in any of the competitions, please let our club Competition Secretary know (Maggy Smith).

The revenue from these competitions is very important in maintaining financial stability and is also very important to show our continued and frequent use of the green.

## CLEANER

Our cleaner, Heather, is retiring at the end of October and we would like to say a big thank you for all the hard work she has put in over the period she has been with us. Kerry will be taking over from Heather and I am sure she too will enjoy her time with us.

## DONATIONS

A huge thank you to all members who have made donations to the club. Should anyone wish to donate please use the relevant forms that have been placed in the carousel close to the desk and wallet post-box. Don't forget if you pay income tax then it would be appreciated if you could please also fill in the gift aid form.

We hope you all enjoy your time playing indoors and remember your support is very much appreciated and is important to the future of our club.

*Kath Smith  
Carole Andrews*

