

NEWSLETTER

September 2023



Gedling and District Indoor Bowls Club

Hello Everyone

It's great to see so many of you returning for our new winter season and a very warm welcome to our new members, who we hope will be very happy here at Gedling. Thank you all for your continued support.

Halloween/Bonfire Night Bowls Drive

This bowls drive will be held on 5 November, so dig out your fancy dress and come and have a fun time whilst doing what you all love, playing bowls. There are posters around the bowls green and a list for names on the noticeboard at the bottom of the ramp. The list is for catering purposes as there is a buffet after the bowls and all this is for the princely sum of £6. If you would like to bring a raffle prize it would be gratefully received.

There will also be a Christmas Bowls Drive following on from the success of last year's event. Full details of this will be advertised nearer the time.

100 Club

A reminder please that anyone who participated in our number draw last year, and has not yet renewed can do so and additional numbers can also be obtained. If you have never been part of the 100 draw Jan will be pleased to tell you all about it. Money raised from this is also a great source of revenue for our club.

Club Competitions

Another important source of income are our club competitions. We would really appreciate it, if as many members as possible would consider entering this year. Don't worry if you are new to bowling it is a great experience, one which we are sure you will enjoy and learn from. It gives you a great insight into competitive bowling. Perhaps the more established players would consider taking at least one, maybe two newer players into their teams. Entry forms will be available in the next couple of weeks.

Sponsorship

We were wondering if any of our members have got family or friends who own businesses and may consider advertising on our new club website. If so, then please contact Jim Hartshorn or any committee member in order to process this.

Talking of the website (<https://www.gedlingibc.co.uk/>), if you don't know already, we now have a 'Members' Only' area, the password for which can be obtained from the club or any committee member.

Safeguarding

Our new Safeguarding Officers will be Eddie and Julie Jones. Both of which have a wealth of expertise in this specific area. Safeguarding is currently being enforced for all clubs both indoor and outdoor by the EIBA and Bowls England respectively.

The EIBA state "We are committed to safeguarding all those who participate in our sport, ensuring they can do so in a safe, positive, and enjoyable environment. We aim to enable all our clubs and county associations provide safe environments for all participants. All participants are entitled to feel safe and protected from any form of abuse and neglect"

New Lease

Unfortunately, at the time of writing this newsletter we have no further update on the current lease negotiations. Rest assured, however, that we will advise you as soon as we know anything.

Club Fixtures

All club fixtures are now on the website and if you feel you can come along to support any of the events it would be greatly appreciated. You can click [here](#) to go straight to this information.

National Competitions

A reminder to those members competing in national competitions that when you initially book your provisional rinks, once the date has been confirmed with your opponent(s), could you please confirm the date in the diary in **ink** and state '**confirmed.**'

Also, if it is a 6.30 pm start time would you please advise the centre management in plenty of time so that they can make the necessary arrangements for a member of staff to stay after normal hours.

Enjoy your bowling, please get your names down for the bowls drive and enter the club competitions.

Best wishes

Kath Smith

Carole Andrews

Please note that Jan and Kath will be on holiday from 30 September, but will return on Monday 9 October. So, if anyone has any queries during this period please talk to Carole or Pam or any of the other committee members.