

NEWSLETTER

March 2023



Gedling and District Indoor Bowls Club

Hello Everyone

As we approach the end of the Winter 22/23 season, both committees are looking forward and planning for the Summer and the commencement of the new indoor season in September.

For new members of our Club, we thought that this would be a good time to explain the roles of these committees. The Management Committee is responsible for the finance of our club. Any decisions regarding finance have to go through the Council of Management. The Bowls Committee is responsible for the organising and running of the bowls and any concerns or suggestions regarding the actual game should be brought to their attention.

For your information members of the Management Committee are:

Kath Smith (Chair)	Margaret Smith
Carole Andrews	John Newham
Claire Moore	Steve Parnham

The members of the Bowls Committee are:

Carole Andrews	Secretary/Ladies Vice Captain
John Allen	League Secretary
Pam Moore	Fixtures Secretary
David King Taylor	Competition Secretary
Kath Smith	Ladies Captain
Jez Towle	Men's Captain
Thomas Towle	Men's Vice Captain
Dave Hill	Fund Raising

Bowls Annual General Meeting

The Bowls AGM on 28th March will be at 6.30pm (not 7pm as originally advertised) and at this meeting we will be able to advise members of the new fees for the 2023/24 season. Vicki Evans who works for the Bowls Development Alliance as a Community Development Officer will be attending to advise us on how they can support in any recruitment/marketing campaigns we may undertake.

Nomination of Officers

The Officer Nomination sheet is displayed on the Notice Board at the bottom of the ramp. There are members of the existing committee who have shown their willingness to stand again, however, anyone who has been a member of the club for two years may stand against them if they so wish. Should there be additions to the list that position will be put to the vote on that evening.

Summer Leagues

As was explained at the EGM it is during the summer months that very little income comes in so we are hoping that there will be sufficient interest in Summer Leagues this season to be able to run at least two morning leagues of trips which seems to be the most popular format. It is also hoped that maybe an evening Aussie Pairs league could also run. We would like to have at least six teams in these leagues in order to make it viable. Team sheets will be available on the remotes desk very soon.

Casual bowling is still very much encouraged during the summer months and although outdoor bowlers perhaps don't like to mix outdoor and indoor bowling why not come along for a roll up once a week and meet up for a coffee afterwards.

Winter Leagues 2023/24

The forms for next season's winter season have either been sent to existing Captains by email or if you don't have an email or are unable to print, hard copies are available again from the remotes desk. The forms are in files with the day and time on.

Those members wishing to put new teams into leagues (and it would be absolutely brilliant if more teams were put in) can obtain a form from the same place, but please take a form without a team name on it.

Apologies for the lateness of getting out these forms and again for the error, we can only attribute that to the uncertainty we found ourselves in, until the 27th Feb, and then having to rush to get everything done before the winter season starts.

Rearranged Leagues Matches

Please make sure you rearrange any outstanding games before the end of the season. Both the revenue and positions within the league are important. It is a condition of entry into the leagues that any un-played games must be paid for.

Club Competitions

These are going well although some have gone over the play by date the Competition Secretary has been made aware and has agreed to some small extensions of time.

Pledges/Donations

The reaction of the members at The EGM was fantastic. We have now discovered as a member of CASC that we are entitled to register with HMRC for gift aid on donations, thus the Management Committee is currently looking at the possibility of doing this and as soon as all the necessary information is to hand an email will be sent out to all concerned. So please rest assured we have not forgotten about your kind offers.

Posters/Leaflets

We have new posters/leaflets available and it would really be appreciated if members could distribute some of these around the local area in shops, community venues, etc. There are some in the carousel near the desk but if these have gone, please see a member of the committee and ask for some more.

100 Club

What a fantastic response from members we have had this year with the final double pay-out draw being made last Wednesday. Make sure you get your number(s) next season.

Gedling Lotto

If you fancy a go on the Gedling Borough Council Lottery with weekly draws held every Saturday. Tickets cost £1 each and in supporting this lottery half of the ticket money comes back to our Club, with another 10% going to help local good causes.

To buy tickets please visit the website at <https://www.gedlinglotto.co.uk>.

Easter Bowls Drive

Everyone that played in the Christmas Bowls Drive really enjoyed the event so we have decided to run another one for Easter. The Easter Bowls Drive will be held on Sunday, 16th April, bowling from 1030 to 1230 and having some food afterwards and a raffle. Once again there will be a prize for the highest male and female score. Fancy Dress/Easter Bonnets are optional. The cost will be £6 per person and a sheet for names will be put up on the notice board in a few days. Your support for this event would be appreciated.

Presentation Evening

This is the last event of the winter season and will be held in the bar at the Richard Herrod Centre on Thursday 27th April 2023 at 7 pm.

As well as presenting the League winners trophies and the Competition winners and runner-up's there will be a raffle (donations appreciated).

If you haven't been before why not come along and support and socialise with your fellow bowlers, have a chat and a drink. It is a good evening.

Finally, you have all responded fantastically to our request for support during what hasn't been an easy season to say the least, but please continue to do so and help us to try and bring our Club security for more years to come.

Kath Smith

Carole Andrews