

# WORTHING INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

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## MANAGER'S 2018-19 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to all our members to the 2018-19 Season. Over the year sadly we have seen the loss of several members, some well before their time—its always sad to see friends go. Happily though, we 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.

### 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. Since I arrived at the club officially in October 2018 we have managed to be a most effective team and to move the club forward on a variety of projects.

Our 2018 **Open Day** is the **11th August 9:00** until **14:00** With knowledge gained from the previous year we have managed to put together a more cohesive and integrated induction programme to allow a smooth entry to the club for our new members. 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 a follow up of a course, for our prospective new members

Of course new members join us at any time throughout the year, altogether we have welcomed almost 80 new members since May 2018.

The Social side of the club is a big draw for new and old members alike. On the Social side there has been a varied programme of events and 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 **2018-19**. Hopefully we have something for everyone.

**Alan Messer WIBC Manager**

The Club is very proud of its record in raising money for Charity. This last year saw the **Connor Appeal** total exceed £2,000 and this September our Annual Charity Day will be in aid of Worthing Guildcare.

### WIBC Moving Forwards ...

The Company has invested in the building this year, making changes to layout by establishing a new visitors changing area, which replaced the less than private room we had previously.

The bowls hall has had a major facelift with new LED lighting and been completely redecorated. The trees in the north car park are still a major concern for us and maintenance and replacement of them will cost several thousands in the coming year. Our carpet is scheduled for major maintenance in 2019.

It has now been 12 years since green fees had an increase and 2 years since Annual Subscriptions had a small increase.

Costs for the club continue to rise for electricity, gas and water. By introducing LED lighting we will make savings on electricity, and prudent negotiation of contracts to ensure best deals ensures good management of our finances.

However green fees will rise to £2.20 per session, discounted to £2.00 if rink vouchers are purchased.

### Ladies Section News - Wendy Davies President

Welcome to a new indoor season and to all new members, I hope to meet you all during the year.

Ladies please look at the notice boards for details of Leagues and Competitions and please enter as many as you can. The Leagues and Competitions are open to everyone, including new members, as that is where you will improve your game, I look forward to the lists getting full.

During the year we will have Connors Day, Benevolent Day and Presidents and Captains Day, your support would be appreciated. Benevolent Day is for you, as if anyone is ill or in hospital you will receive a card or a gift from the Benevolent Fund.

Captain Gill is looking forward to have new names on the Match Lists, and the lists will go up in September.

I wish you all a happy and a successful indoor season.

### Mens Section News - Derek Ridley President

It gives me great pleasure at the start of this new season to extend a warm welcome to all new and existing members, both men and women, as we become more than ever involved in mixed matches and internal fun competitions.

If you are new to bowls and unsure what to do please do not hesitate to ask any Officer, Committee Member or Club Member as they will always be pleased to help you settle in.

There are many ways and many levels to take part in WIBC bowling, roll-ups, spoons, aggregate leagues, charity sessions, and evening club leagues.

For the more experienced bowlers there are club, County and National competitions.

Whatever your level, I hope you have an enjoyable season and I look forward to meeting you.

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 2018/19 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 will be able to offer a card payment service to our members from August 2018.** We will be able to take all major cards and we will have a **minimum transaction of £5**. Terminals will be available for use in the Office and in the Bar. We still offer our members the facility of paying by BACS (internet payment). Please make use of these convenient payment methods if you can. Cheques are still accepted but are becoming an increasingly expensive way for the club to take money.

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.

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.**



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.

Please support all matches both home and away, we will be running 11 coaches again 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 for £10.



Don't forget to enter competitions as the more entries we have the bigger the prize money will be, as all entry fees are paid back to finalists.

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?**