



South Hams Indoor Bowls Club

MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

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With the 2022/23 season approaching the Committee thought that we should keep members informed of decisions and updates made over the past few months.

Our Ccommittee

After the AGM in May a new committee was voted in with John Harding, Simon Shaw, Dave, and Aileen Dain joining Paul Martin, Jan Senft, Dan O'Carroll, Barry Geldard, Tim Lewis, and Bill McKimm. Eric Williams stood down as chairman and soon after the AGM Bill McKimm resigned as treasurer. We would like to thank them both for their service to the Club. Recently Frank Senft was voted in to replace Tim Lewis who unfortunately passed away. Tim will be greatly missed especially for his business acumen and his dedication to the Bowling fraternity in Kingsbridge and the South Hams.

Bill McKimm's resignation has given the committee a few problems which we are currently sorting out. One outcome is that we are currently going through the process of applying to operate the clubs banking online. We will update members when this process is completed.

Annual Enrolment

The Club's annual enrolment day is coming soon and the dates are Tuesday 6th September and Thursday 8th September in the Bowls Hall from 10am – 12am and 6pm – 8pm both days. If you cannot make these dates, please ensure you notify a committee member of your intentions for the coming season.

At the last committee meeting it was decided that due to the present economic situation affecting us all the following subscriptions would be put in place.

The annual membership fee will be increased to £30 from £20. Rink fees will stay at £3. Men's over 60's and other external fixtures to remain at £6. Locker fees to remain the same at £7 for a single locker and a double locker £10. Payment can be made by cash or cheque.

Saving Costs

One important decision made was to stop operating the 'Hundred Club' as the financial gain was not sufficient for it to continue. We are having a meeting with Mark Potter from Fusion and we will be discussing several topics including ways we can save money on our energy bills and a computerised booking in system for our games and fixtures.

Bowls Club Promotion

As you all aware the membership has dropped over the past few years. The committee are aware of this and are constantly looking for ways of publicising the club through leaflet dropping, press and magazine advertising, open days at the bowls hall and generally engaging people in conversation about bowls and the club. We would also like to ask members to help or get involved with these ventures.

New Members

If a new member joins, we will ask for a membership at a reduced fee of £20 after a try out probationary period. A sliding scale fee will be applied if they join later in the season in agreement with the Membership secretary.

Supporting Friday Club Night

The best pathway for a new member we suggest could be through club night on a Friday evening. This is where we ask the club membership to support the evening and help new people to enjoy the game. The club bar is still operating for refreshments and social element but we need more attendance to offset the cost of the annual license fee.



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Promoting our bar facilities

It has been decided to open the bar again for club friendly games and members are asked to support this venture by offering to buy your opposite number a drink.

Give us your ideas!

We are constantly discussing way of moving the club forward, if you have any ideas, please contact a committee member of your suggestions. We intend to be open about decisions made with regular newsletters and information displayed in the bowls hall

Internal League Games

Currently work is taking place to put the internal leagues in place for the coming season. The formats will roughly be the same as last season with a few suggested alterations to try and freshen up the competitions so they are not repetitive. We ask for your support for these leagues. If you want to join one of the teams competing in the leagues contact David Fox or Dave Dain for further information.

Diary Dates

One date for your diary: - December this year sees the club celebrating "25 years". Plans are being drawn up to have roll up with selected guests from the South Hams extended area. This will take place in December. Followed by a dinner in January at a local hotel inviting current and past members. Members will be kept informed of further arrangements and dates.

Eric Williams On a sad note, you may be aware that Eric Williams is not very well. We have been told he will not be returning to Kingsbridge and he is being cared for by his family in Blackpool. We are currently on behalf of the club preparing to send a message to wish him well during the difficult times he is going through.

NOTE!

Those people who cannot make enrolment and want to do a postal enrolment.

Fill out the enrolment form and post it with a cheque made out to "South Hams Indoor Bowls Club" to our membership secretary.... BARRY GELDARD - Tel: 01752 975624 - Mob: 07904 240621

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Well members, that's all for now but the management committee hope you enjoy your indoor bowls and let's all make sure it is a good season for the club even though this could be a difficult year for us all!

Regards to you all,

Dave Dain - Chairman {August 2022}

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**DON'T FORGET ENROLMENT ON THE 6th and 8th SEPTEMBER
@ 10am to 12pm & 6pm to 8pm**