

EREWASH INDOOR BOWLS CENTRE
BOWLING SECTION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



WEDNESDAY 30th AUGUST 2023 7.30 PM

IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF ALL MEMBERS TO ATTEND

NOTICE OF MOTIONS SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY THE SECRETARY

AT THE CLUB BY 3rd AUGUST 2023

I would like to welcome all of you to this year's AGM of the Erewash Indoor Bowling Centre.
I would like to thank all the Committee members, club members who have supported the centre during these unprecedented times. I would also like to give a huge thank you to the management of the club and the staff who have ensured that the centre has been able to remain currently a going concern under the very difficult financial pressures that we are all currently facing.
Thank you

AGENDA

- 1. CHAIRMANS WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**
- 2. MINUTES SILENCE**
- 3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 4. MINUTES OF AGM 2022**
- 5. OFFICERS REPORTS**
CHAIRMAN
PRESIDENT
LEAGUE SECRETARY
JUNIOR SECTION
COMPETITION SECRETARY
CLUB CHAIRMAN
- 6. NOTICE OF MOTIONS RECEIVED**
- 7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE**

4. Minutes of the Annual General meeting Erewash Indoor Bowling Centre held on club premises on Wednesday 31st August 2022.

Maureen Slack (MS) welcomed those present to this year's AGM of the Erewash Indoor Bowling Centre. I would like to thank all the Committee members, club members who have supported the centre during these unprecedented times. I would also like to give a huge thank you to the management of the club and the staff who have ensured that the centre has been able to remain a going concern under very difficult financial pressures that we are all facing.

A minute's silence was held to remember members who had passed away during the last 12 months.

Apologies for Absence: G Fisher, D Brown, H Brown, G Sims, M Sims, S Robinson, A Stevenson, C Stevenson, P Travers, R Travers, J Greaves, M Daws, P Clark.

Minutes of AGM 2019: the minutes were accepted as a true record **Proposed:** C McClorry
Seconded: M Hawkins

5. OFFICERS REPORTS

BOWLS COMMITTEE CHAIRS PEPOR: Thank you all for attending tonight and AGM 2022 after the last two years I'm sure you will all agree it's nice to be back, so I think we should take a moment to thank John and his staff for all the work they have done and continue to do to make it possible for us all to bowl. Also, while the club was closed John continued to do jobs down here ready for our return. Also, thanks must go to Ray who was also working very hard to get us grants and trying to keep us solvent, but as you are all must know with your own household bills everything is going up if we want our club to survive, we have to help out if we can it could be starting a new team to keep a league going or giving a donation anything would be appreciated. It's been my first year as chairman of the bowls committee and I would like to thank all the committee for their help and support, we are still looking for new committee members if anyone is interested, please speak to me after the meeting, can we all welcome Madeline as our new president for the next year and thank Audrey for the last year service.

It also gives me great pleasure to inform you that a Life Membership has been awarded to Ray Cowell by the Bowls Committee for his commitment and service to the club which is and continues to be above and beyond the requirements of his position held within the club. Most of this hard work he does behind the scenes to keep the club fully operational and financially viable through these difficult times that we are all experiencing. Thank you, **Maureen Slack**.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Thank you for inviting me to become President for this year. Despite Covid still rearing its ugly head at times, the year has been starting to move forward towards a more normal way of playing bowls. John managed to arrange a few local friendly weekend matches despite still having a number of people having to cancel at the last minute. The men's team won the Wessex Competition, and we had 2 touring teams from Durham who played a mixed and a Men Only 2-hour game. Hopefully during the next 12 months things should get more back to normal.

I have enjoyed my time in office and wish Madeline Hawkins All Good Wishes for a successful Year as the new President of Erewash. **Audrey Porter**

LEAGUE SECRETARY REPORT: I would like to thank all the league secretaries for their support and hard work throughout the winter season and hoped this would continue into next season. Rachel also would like to thank John Arnett and his staff for the smooth running of the club and helping to keep the leagues running effortlessly. All leagues were completed on time. However, there have been a few minor issues during the season which have been resolved. Therefore, I would remind the league secretaries that they need to be familiar with the rules, check the cards to ensure they are correct and ensure teams are not playing illegal or unregistered players and any outstanding matches are rearranged as soon as possible. **Rachel Dakin**

JUNIOR SECTION REPORT: The junior season started better than expected in September 2021. After the long layoff due to Covid I was worried about the number of junior players that would return. A Couple of weeks before the start I sent out the information to parents informing them of the date I intended to resume the Saturday mornings.

We started on the 25th September and I was very pleased to see 7 of our original juniors attend. A couple of weeks later we were joined by 2 more and then three weeks before the end of the season 2 others started coming with the full intension of returning in September 2022.

So, we finished the season with 11 which is a very promising for outlook the future.

Unfortunately, due to Newark juniors folding and South Forest having only 4 or 5 very young junior players the league that we played in for the past few seasons has collapsed which sadly has lost our juniors the experience of playing against other clubs.

We managed to play all our internal competitions except the fours and the games turned up some surprising results.

Due to the size of some of our younger players I decided just before Christmas to purchase three new sets of Taylor Ace junior woods which 3 of our players started using in the New Year and their game has improved tremendously. To this end I am planning on buying two more sets ready for the start of the 2022/23 season. So, all in all it has been a good year for Erewash IBC junior section.

Also, as a footnote I would like to congratulate Alan Hudson and Alan Matthews on qualifying as Level 1 Bowls England Coaches in April 2022. Well done to you both. **Peter Clark**

COMPETITION SECRETARYS REPORT: I would like to thank all those who entered the various competitions in the 2021/22 season and congratulations to all winners and runners up. I would like to thank Judy & Paul Fowler for helping out during finals week and in particular thanks go to John Arnett

and his staff for their help during the season. Unfortunately, due to the effects of covid, competition dates had to be adjusted due to isolations etc, but we're all completed for finals week. The 2022/23 season I hope will run more smoothly and without delays thank you. **Michael Beighton**

CHAIRMAN BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT: Year End May 2022

The Early part of the year saw us still suffering from the effects of Covid and without a full summer schedule, although some bowling did take place intermittently. We were fortunate enough to have received a few government grants including making use of the Furlough scheme. This you will see reflected in the accounts along with our claim for Gift Aid.

The winter league was started later than usual as it took time to find out how many members intended to return to bowls and subsequently how many leagues, we would be able to run. A discount of ten pounds was offered to all members who had continued to support the Centre by donating their subscriptions. This you will see reflected in the reduction to subscriptions when compared to 2020 our last year of trading before Covid struck.

Although we lost a number of teams, we were able to run the majority of leagues, although at reduced numbers. The year has operated without any further interruptions, but our weekend match program has been greatly reduced as clubs no longer wish to play as many weekend friendly games and this has reduced our income. Although you will see from this year accounts, we have still managed to make a small surplus.

The challenge now will be to negotiate the coming year with all the potential tribulations it will bring, these include higher Utility Bills with the Gas bill from October increasing to £24,000 annually and the Electricity for review in March 2023. We have seen an increase in Bank Charges and Business Rates, along with all the minutia that seems to be increasing in price every day. As ever we are planning ahead and will have made a small increase to both subscriptions and rink fees for the coming season, but as ever will keep all informed. **Ray Cowell** Chairman Board of Trustees.

6. NOTICE OF MOTIONS RECEIVED

Michael Beighton has asked for the following to be added to the Competition Rules:

Player of the Year Award - Players who are in contention for the player of the year award must have had the opportunity to enter the same amount of competitions to qualify. Approved by members present.

7. DRESS CODE: MS informed members present of the revised dress code and that this will be amended in the club rules. There are some small handouts available in the main entrance table and some yellow sheets on the notice boards for members to view and familiarise yourselves with.

8. LADIES SECTION

Elaine Haddon-Holmes informed members present that over the last few years the number of Ladies League teams had shown a significant decline and that we had lost one league completely. It is also notable that the number of Club Competition entries has also declined. We have in the past been successful in National Competitions and I cannot see this happening again if we cannot get the ladies to play in more competitive games. Nottinghamshire County organises a league for ladies called the Coppock in which the club plays other clubs. This is designed to encourage less experienced players to play with more experienced players. Representing the club and playing ladies they would not usually play against. This can improve your game. I often hear the phrase "but I am not good enough" when asked if they would be interested in representing the club. How does anyone know if they are not good enough unless they have a go. I ask ladies please be proactive and get involved, let's try to form more ladies' teams for the leagues, I realise that it is too late for this winter season, but you have until

next spring to get together and have a go at forming new teams. Also, ladies let's see an increase in the entries to the competitions give them a go, you might quite enjoy the experience.

9.ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

POSITION	NOMINEE	PROPOSER	SECONDER
Chairman	Maureen Slack	2 nd Year of 3 Year Appointment	
Secretary	Lynne Fryatt	E Haddon-Holmes	A Matthews
President	Madeline Hawkins	APPOINTMENT FROM COMMITTEE	
Senior V President	Vacant		
Junior V President	Vacant		
Fixtures Secretary	John Arnett	AUTOMATIC APPOINTMENT	
League Secretary	Rachel Dakin	A Hudson	D Hudson
Competition Secretary	Michael Beighton	S Ison	M Fasey
Junior Representative	Peter Clark	S Jordan-Smith	A Hewitt
Committee	Alan Hudson	1 st Year of 2 Year Appointment	
Committee	Alan Matthews	1 st Year of 2 Year Appointment	
Committee	Audrey Porter	B Thomas	B Thomas
Committee	Michael Daws	M Hawkins	M Hawkins
Committee	Simon Robinson	R Cowell	R Cowell

Everyone above elected.

MS asked for anyone interested in the remaining vacancies to please contact any of the Committee members as these positions needed to be filled and we do need to identify a new President for next year.

The 100 Club – subs are due, you can leave your money in an envelope with your name on it in a box behind the bar. It is £12 for the year for one number.

The meeting closed at 19.53

5. Officers Reports.

BOWLS COMMITTEE CHAIRS REPORT: As most of you know I haven't been around much this year due to both Patrick and I having health problems, but thanks must go to Simon who came to the rescue and took over he has been a god send. Simon started a monthly Friday night after game social back in October. These have grown in popularity with a major end of season event which was a huge success thanks to the support of the member, friends, family and the local community. A full schedule is currently being planned for the 2023/24 season which will be going to be packed with more of a range of events. Keep your eyes peeled for the publication of the events. In December we held our usual Christmas Fayre. This was well supported and well attended one of the best in years. Planning has already started for this years fayre.

Our club needs all the support we can give over the last year Ray has worked really hard to keep us financially viable but any help you can give be it supporting Simon's events or donations would be gratefully appreciated. I'm sure you would all like to thank Madeline for her year as President and welcome Simon as your new president this year I'm sure he will do a fantastic job. The bowls committee does a fantastic job behind the scenes of the club and we're still looking for new members to join us if anyone is interested. Thank you all for coming tonight and good luck with your bowling for the coming season. Thank you, **Maureen Slack**.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Evening everyone. The winter 22/23 season came and was soon over. We played quite a few games and they were all very well attended. We started the season with the Lewis Haywood trophy then the Baden Birkin. We had a ladies afternoon playing for the Evelyn Gascoigne trophy. The

Durham tourist visited again and played 8 rinks, also Surrey came and again that went well. I felt pleased that the game against the Kent ladies was really well supported, as we played 8 rinks of ladies and it was a really good afternoon. We also played 2 matches against Nottingham and as usual it was enjoyed by all. Last but not least the junior senior day, playing a new format of Australian pairs which, I thought went well. I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped me during my year as President and that they and myself will give Simon Robinson the same support during the coming year.

Madeline Hawkins

LEAGUE SECRETARY REPORT: TBC

JUNIOR SECTION REPORT: We opened the season with 10 juniors returning in September and as the season progressed 5 more came along to bring the numbers up to 15. Unfortunately, due to upcoming exams and such 2 have left since Christmas. Due to other clubs closing and or losing their junior section the league we were in is now not running. However, we have managed to complete our own competitions and I must say there was some outstanding play by the teams and individuals. The highlight of the season was the junior/senior day and I would like to thank those members of the club that participated. All the juniors enjoyed the day and learned from their adult partners. We also raised £362 on the raffle which will go towards the junior's competition trophies and funds. Also, one of our senior juniors, James is now playing in an adult league team. Well done, James. There is a lot of potential for the future in our junior section so let's give them our full support. We also have had 4 more club members qualify as coaches this season, again well done. Let's see what next season brings.

Peter Clark

COMPETITION SECRETARYS REPORT: I would like to thank all those who entered the competitions and congratulate all the winners and runners up. My thanks go to the people who helped out during finals week and on presentation night. Particular thanks go to John Arnett and his staff for their help during the season. I would like to take this opportunity to urge more ladies to take part in our competitions. Just to make ladies aware besides the usual ladies' competitions they can also enter the Open Singles, Novice Singles and Over Sixties Singles. My help is needed to encourage more people to enter the Fours competitions as they only just took place this last season. Thank you. **Michael Beighton**

CHAIRMAN BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT: This year has been our first complete year of trading since the Covid outbreak where we have not given any discounts on subscriptions, so the centre has benefited from the full fifty-pound subscription paid by members and a further £3729.25 in gift Aid as a result of those members who completed gift Aid forms.

A decision was taken to replace the rink lighting with more efficient LED lighting at a cost of 15,000, but we received grants & donations towards this work totalling £5,300. The work was completed in Aug and as a result we can report a saving of more than 10% on electricity used during the winter season.

We are experiencing problems with water leaking in through the roof at the interface between the bowls arena and the bar. The application of lots of sealant has so far proved ineffectual, so a more detailed investigation is required. Unfortunately, this could involve a sizable sum of money.

We experienced a small reduction in some of our league teams for the 2022/23 season, but we were able to run a full league program, and this is reflected in our income stream. Once again through good housekeeping and the support of our members generous donations, we have managed to keep our heads above water and the small loss shown in the accounts is much smaller than anticipated at the beginning of the year.

The outlook for the new season is somewhat overshadowed by the unpredicted increase in our Utility Bills. For most of this financial year we benefited from being tied into a long term (low price) contract

on electricity. Unfortunately, when this contract expired, we had to take out a new one at a rate 3.5 times higher than we were paying. Likewise with gas, we took out a new gas contract at the start of the winter, which again was approx. 3.5 times higher than we were paying. However, thanks to the Governments Support Scheme, we did receive a 50% discount on our gas bills. Unfortunately, Government support has now been withdrawn and we are having to pay full price on both gas & electricity, which will mean an increase of 120% on the coming winters fuel bills.

At the time of writing, we expect to run a full league programme for the 2023/24 season, and we will continue to reduce our utility usage as much as possible. However, we do expect to make a sizable loss in the coming year, but in the short term we can cover this from our reserves.

No report would be complete without thanking John his team and all the volunteers for their dedication and hard work in making the Centre one to be proud of.

Ray Cowell Chairman Board of Trustees.

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LEAGUE START DATES 2023/24 WINTER SEASON**LEAGUE NOTES**

LEAGUE	START DATE
Mon 10.30	TBC Sept
Mon 14.30	TBC Sept
Mon 18.30	TBC Sept
Tues 10.30	TBC Sept
Tue 14.30	TBC Sept
Tue 18.30	TBC Sept
Wed 10.30	TBC Sept
Wed 18.30	TBC Sept
Thurs 10.30	TBC Sept
Thurs 14.30	TBC Sept
Thurs Eve	TBC Sept
Fri 10.30 Div. 1	TBC Sept
Fri 10.30 Div. 2	TBC Sept
Fri 14.30	TBC Sept
Fri 18.30	TBC Sept

WARNING: Once you have confirmed your entry you are committed for the season. Any team dropping out, except for exceptional circumstances, will be liable for all remaining rink fees.

WARNING: New team members must pay their annual subscription before playing any league games. Existing team members must pay their subs by 30th September.

WARNING: Any outstanding matches at the end of the season must be paid for in full by the defaulting team.

WARNING: League matches should only be postponed under exceptional circumstances; captains should make full use of substitutes to cover illness & holidays. Where a league match has to be postponed it must be done with the approval of the League secretary and your opposition. Don't forget to cancel the rink with the office, failure to do so could result in you still being charged.

LEAGUE RULES: These are just a few examples of some important club rules. Captains are advised to make themselves fully aware of all league rules; copies of which are available from the club office, or they can be viewed on the club web site: www.eibc.co.uk

TEAM SHEETS and fixture lists will be emailed to captains as soon as they are ready. Hard copies can be collected from the office.

PLEASE NOTE: These start dates are only provisional and may be subject to change.

E.I.B.C SUBSCRIPTIONS 2023/24

RENEWAL FORM

TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL MEMBERS

THIS FORM CAN BE USED FOR UP TO 3 FAMILY MEMBERS

NAME	MEMB NO	CLASS	LOCKER NO	PAYMENT
E-MAIL:				
E-MAIL:				
Date:		Total: (Cheque or cash)		

NOTES:

1. DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS. IF YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY GIVEN YOUR CONSENT FOR US TO SHARE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS WITH OTHER MEMBERS, THIS WILL BE SHOWN ON YOUR RENEWAL FORM AND WILL REMAIN IN PLACE UNTIL YOU ADVISE US OTHERWISE. SHOULD YOU WISH TO CHANGE THIS STANDING INSTRUCTION PLEASE AMEND YOUR RENEWAL FORM ACCORDINGLY WHEN YOU COME TO PAY YOUR SUBSCRIPTION FEE.

2. **GIFT AID.** IF YOU ARE A UK TAXPAYER AND HAVEN'T ALREADY FILLED OUT AND RETURNED A GIFT AID FORM, PLEASE CONSIDER DOING SO WHEN YOU PAY YOUR SUBS. FORMS ARE OUT ON THE BAR OR CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM THE CLUB WEBSITE.

3. IF YOU HAVE AN E-MAIL ADDRESS, BUT ARE **NOT CURRENTLY RECEIVING CLUB EMAILS**, PLEASE ENTER YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS IN THE SPACE ABOVE AND WE WILL ADD YOU TO OUR DISTRIBUTION LIST.

4. IF YOU HAVE A LOCKER PLEASE ENTER YOUR LOCKER NUMBER ABOVE, FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN YOUR LOCKER BEING RE-LET. LOCKER FEE OF £5 TO BE PAYED WITH YOUR SUBSCRIPTION FEE.

5. PLEASE COMPLETE AND BRING THIS FORM WITH YOU WHEN YOU COME TO PAY.

ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS MUST BE PAID BY THE 30TH SEPTEMBER. IF YOU ARE NOT LIKELY TO VISIT THE CLUB BEFORE THIS DATE, PLEASE POST THE RENEWAL FORM BACK TO THE CLUB ALONG WITH YOUR CHEQUE FOR THE DUE AMOUNT.