



HIBC Newsletter

It's that busy time of year again and with so much going on, this newsletter is a trial edition to help keep everyone up to date with all that is going on at Hornsea & District Indoor Bowls Club. As it's a trial, your comments and feedback on this newsletter will be very welcome. Next year will be the club's 25th Anniversary year, so we hope there will be lots of extra events and bowling opportunities to tell you about in 2023.

Diary Dates

6th Dec (Tue) – 2pm - Quiz and Bingo Afternoon

11th Dec (Sun) – Friendly game at home vs North Cave

12th Dec (Mon) – 2pm – Tea Dance incl tea and cake (£5)

12th Dec (Mon) Celebration Evening – Yorkshire A, Over 55's A & Trophy winners presentation

15th Dec (Thur) – 1pm – Xmas Carols with Ukulele Band – free entry

19th Dec (Mon) Last day of league bowling. Club open Tues 21 & Wed 22nd Dec for catch up games, competitions, Nationals and social bowling – rinks to be booked in advance

28th Dec (Wed) – Drawn Pairs Comp – £400 in prize money Sponsored by Hornsea Leisure Park

31st Dec (Sat) – From 7.30pm - New Year's Eve Party at the Club Open to members and non-members so why not bring your friends and family! Tickets from the office

3rd Jan 2023 (Tue) – Club re-opens and league bowling resumes

1st – 2nd Apr - Finals weekends (& Fri 7th – Mon 10th April if needed)

7th Apr – Winter leagues end

22-23rd Apr – Hornsea Open Singles Circuit event

The notice boards now have areas dedicated to upcoming events, bowling opportunities, coaching, rules, competitions, and short mat. Notices will be changing regularly as new dates appear and more details of the above can be found there or on our club website: www.hornseabowls.co.uk.

New Bowling Opportunities

Wanting to play against others but not feeling ready or able to commit to a league? Then why not try one of the new **Academy Leagues**? The fun, flexible way to bowl. Play when you can, as only your top five scores count. A draw is made so you play with new team mates each week. Runs Tuesdays 7 – 9pm and Fridays 2.30 – 4.30pm. Why not give it a go?

Friendly Game against North Cave IBC at Hornsea – Sun 11th Dec. Players of all abilities welcome. Play with experienced players in a real match where emphasis is on fun and not winning. To play add your name to the list on the Friendlies Board - £6 including tea and scone after.

Christmas Draw

The prizes are steadily growing for the club's annual Christmas draw. Donations are still welcome and lucky numbers can be bought for a £1 each from any member of staff. Grab your numbers now!

New Directors

At the AGM, two co-opted directors had their appointments ratified (Betty Lawrensen & Ken Sutton) and three new directors joined them (Ruth Little-Howden, Phil Cooper & Alan Hardaker). The team hope to bring a fresh new approach to the club and make it the most friendly welcoming place in Hornsea. From January the club will be hosting monthly open mornings where members can speak to a director and/or Bowls Committee member directly with any concerns, questions or ideas. Look out for notices about dates and times.

Bowls Committee

The Bowls Committee AGM was held in November with just one new member Lis Watson, joining the team. With two members becoming directors there will be spaces on the Bowls Committee



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should anyone be interested in coming on board. Pictures of all members and their roles will appear on the notice board soon.

Club Competitions

Entries close on 16th Dec for the [Christmas Drawn Pairs](#) – open to all members – big prizes & fun! [Championships](#) - All draws are now on the board with first rounds due to be played on 9th January. All rules are set out on the blue sheets on the board. Please note, there will be no extensions to play by dates. A list of trained markers for singles games is also on the board.

Open Singles Circuit

Expect an exciting weekend of top class bowling as top players from around the country come to Hornsea for this big event – Entry £23, first prize £1000, prizes down to all quarter finalists. Help will be needed over the weekend whether that be marking matches, helping behind the bar, tidying up the club, selling raffle tickets or even just welcoming competitors. Before then we need to raise sponsorship for the event, promote it and prepare for an influx of bowlers and spectators.

25 Years and Still Going Strong

2023 sees the club's silver anniversary and there are plans afoot to hold several bowling and social events to mark the occasion. These will include Friendly Games against various teams, club competitions, dinners, hog roasts, ceilidh, and more. All ideas are welcome, for events or to enhance events. Are you related to a fab comedian for one of the events, do you fancy a day of bowls in a real mix of new formats, have an idea for a themed supper evening? Let the Bowls Committee or directors know. This is your club and hence your celebrations!

Christmas Meals, New Menu's and Hearty Bowls

There is something new being cooked up in the HIBC kitchen. In addition to the refreshed menu, Sandra, Mark and Marie have been cooking up a storm with their delicious home made pies, stews, and hearty pub grub specials. At £5 for a filling hot meal, how can you go wrong! In addition the club is serving it's delicious Christmas lunches on throughout December which can be booked in advance. Drop in one day and give the meals a try!

Celebrating Success

HIBC scored a grand slam double in Yorkshire last winter when the men's teams won both the [Yorkshire Over 55's Division 1 League](#) and the [Yorkshire Men's Division 1 League](#) (Saturday League)! This is a rare achievement and just shows how much talent we have in our small club. In addition the club's younger members were runners up at the National Finals of the [David Cornwell Under 30's Double Rinks Triples](#) competition. The club is hosting the teams on Monday 12th December when team photos will be taken and medals presented. They will be joined by Club Championship winners who will be presented with their engraved trophies.

It is hoped that celebration evenings will become anticipated evenings with all competitors joining future end of season celebrations. The club is always open to ideas on the format of such events to make them more into an end of season party for all who have bowled together over the winter whatever the results.

Meanwhile, we are keeping our fingers crossed for the individuals and teams still in this year's National Competitions, including the Denny Cup, Top Club and Egham Trophy. Spectators are always welcome at all games – see board in entrance hall for dates.

Wishing all our members the happiest of Christmases and hoping 2023 brings you health, happiness and many more hours of bowls!

