

# English Indoor Bowling Association Ltd



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Dear Member

The waiting is now over and we can all look forward to playing the great sport of Indoor Bowls, whether this is just socially or competitively.

We are sure that your members will enjoy being part of your Club once again and why not encourage them to introduce their friends and family to you and hopefully become members in their own right. We wish you a successful season and would like to inform you and your members on a few matters: -

## **Special General Meeting**

Following the presentation of a 'New Board' Structure paper at the AGM in May 2011 we have progressed this initiative to the point where the EIBA Ltd will be seeking the approval of the Membership for a Board of 10 Directors from May 2012

For this to occur we need to hold a Special General Meeting and currently, subject to the receipt of the proposed new Articles of Association in time, the date of this will be Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2011.

Full details of the SGM will be communicated to all Members in a specific mailing once finalised and in accordance with Company Law.

## **National Competitions**

The EIBA Ltd will be conducting a major consultation with Clubs, Counties and players over the next few months on National Competitions. The purpose of this project is to critically review what is currently done and how the EIBA Ltd can proactively administer these events in the future to encourage more players, teams and Clubs to compete.

The next stage will see a questionnaire being sent out by the middle of October and as Competitions are one of the major areas of business for the EIBA Ltd we will be appreciative of comment, thoughts etc. of how this area can be developed for the future.

## **Coaching**

There has been continual debate on the future of coaching within the Sport of Bowls, with the EIBA, Bowls England and English Short Mat Bowling Association collectively agreeing that the governance and administration of coaching should be under the Bowls Development Alliance moving forward.

This culminated in the English Bowls Coaching Scheme calling an SGM to ask their members to agree to this move in August 2011. The decision of the County Associations was not to support this and that the EBCS remained in existence.

Based on this decision the EIBA and the other Governing Bodies have met and have agreed that they are fully committed to coaching within the sport and as such will be investing in the future of coaching through the Bowls Development Alliances' Coaching structure.

Any current and or new coaches will be able to register with the BDA from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2011 via their website [www.bowlsdevelopmentalliance.com](http://www.bowlsdevelopmentalliance.com) or telephone 01664 484926.

The EIBA as National Governing Body for Indoor Bowls in England will continue to recognise coaches who hold current Bowls coaching qualifications.

For further information please contact the EIBA Ltd Office on 01664 481 900.

## **Laws of the Sport**

We have however received a number of enquiries regarding the player who holds the scorecard, following the decision of the outdoor laws to make this the responsibility of the Skip.

The EIBA Ltd would like to remind all Indoor Bowlers that there have been no changes to the Laws of the Sport for the 2011-2012 season and therefore Law 43C applies and it is the duty of the Second. We trust that this can be communicated to your members if the question arises during the season.

## **Emotion Energy**

A number of Clubs will have been contacted and or have met with a company called Emotion Energy in regards to the installation of solar panels on the roof of the Indoor Bowls facility.

The EIBA have been in lengthy and detailed discussions with Emotion Energy and their investment partners on the legal contract which would be given to Clubs who wish to enter into an agreement.

These discussions are coming to a conclusion and there will be a "Precedent Agreement" for Emotion Energy to present to Clubs. This agreement is one which the EIBA, under legal advice, believe is an appropriate one for consideration. However, it is important that Clubs seek their own legal advice on this matter as there will be local issues which need to be addressed before the agreement is signed.

The EIBA's legal advisors have confirmed that they would be more than happy to be engaged by any Club in this matter, on commercial terms.

If there are any queries / concerns relating to either Emotion Energy or the Agreement then please contact Peter Thompson, Chief Operating Executive, on 01664 481 900.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Thompson', written in a cursive style.

Peter Thompson  
Chief Operating Executive  
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