



Kent Invicta Triples League

Minutes of Inaugural AGM Meeting held at Prince Arthur 29th August 2024

Mick Day brought the meeting to order and introduced the KITL chair Joan Moffat.

Chair's Report: I would like to welcome you all to this our first AGM of the newly formed Kent Invicta Triples League. Also to thank you for making the effort to attend as I know some of you have had to travel a distance.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Prince Arthur for hosting this AGM and our regular committee meetings.

We have two apologies for Absence, Peter Butler (Dartford Stone Lodge) and Barbara Whitehead (White Oak)

The Kent Invicta Triples League (referred to as KITL) was formed in January 2024 to enable all Kent based indoor bowling clubs to participate in triples leagues.

There are 7 clubs currently members of KITL. Each participating club shall have one Club Representative with voting rights. When a vote on any issue is required, only the individual club representative shall have one vote each with the Chair having the deciding vote.

The Management Committee of the KITL are all volunteers and comprise 4 elected officers.

- Chair - myself Joan Moffat (Sevenoaks)
- Secretary - Margaret Slipper (Prince Arthur)
- Treasurer - Sylvis Sweeting (Oyster)
- Results Officer - David Bartlett (Oyster)

Officers will stand for two years.

The newly formed leagues consist of three leagues, Mens, Ladies and mixed. Each member club can join any or all of these leagues.

I now will ask Dave Bartlett, the league Results Officer to expand on the leagues and the opportunities offered within each one.

Results Officers report: Good evening all. May I say it is so wonderful to see so many people here. I have been bowling for many years and been to many AGM's but I have never ever had a room this full before, so well done you.

Here's our statement of the league. We all hope that we have fashioned a creative and flexible new bowls league that promotes true sportsmanship and friendship. We have seven clubs participating in three leagues, Men's, Ladies and Mixed. Those club are as I'm sure you all know, but in case there are any outsiders here they are:

- Dartford Stone Lodge
- Oyster
- Prince Arthur
- Sevenoaks
- Swale
- Thanet
- White Oak

Clubs are eligible to enter each league and can choose which leagues to participate annually.

We have

- 7 clubs participating in the Men's League, 12 fixtures, 6 home and away
- 6 clubs in the Mixed League (no Sevenoaks) which creates 10 fixtures
- 5 clubs in the Ladies League (no Dartford or Thanet), creating 16 fixtures

In order to give the Ladies a structured league, they will play each other four times 2 home and 2 away. So they will have the biggest league of the three of us.

We hope all clubs could enter into all leagues next season, and welcome applications from other clubs. The application forms for those clubs can be found on the website under Admin, so the closing date to join this league is 30th November 2024. If you know anyone interested in what we are doing, point them in the direction of our website please.

<https://kentinvictatriples.co.uk>

New to any Kent League bowls we have decided that in order to enable clubs to fulfil a match they may adopt this groundbreaking flexible arrangement:

- Any club who are unable to field the minimum number of male and female players in the Men's and Ladies league can substitute one player of the opposite sex to play as Lead - to a maximum of three members per match. (Rule 10)

We don't want this common place, or bring in your best bowler to be the best league. We don't want this as a matter of course. We just want it to be an exception.

Naturally, this rule should be used as a last resort, and not as the norm and details recorded on the returning results sheet in order for the committee to monitor the stats.

Finally, to our website. We are pleased to own our own website, if you've not found it yet, just search for Kent Invicta Triples League and you should find us. It contains a lot of information. The clubs involved, contact details of captains, the committee and club reps. All of the fixtures and tables.

All of your results will be coming through to me. At the end of each match both captains will sign the match sheet and the home captain will then take a photograph of your score sheet and either text it or email it to me asap and I will update the website hopefully within the week. (Rule 8). Also included are the official documents and under Admin, here you will find the Results sheets, KITL team sheets, Application forms, Rules and Constitution should you wish to use them. Thank you.

Chair: Thank you Dave. We in Kent are moving forward into a new and exciting era but at the same time keeping the game of bowls traditional. All leagues will run in accordance with current EIBA regulations.

The etiquette and the social element will remain an important part of our new league, with the traditional meal and get together after the match. This is the time to get to know your fellow bowlers and congratulate those who bowled well and commiserate with those that had not such a good day.

The Constitution and Rules are available on the website and a copy should have been displayed by your Club Representative in your individual members clubs.

The Secretary has nothing to report at this time, there has been no correspondence at this stage. Complaint or otherwise, except the bank.

I now will ask Sylvia Sweeting, the league Treasurer to give her report.

Treasurer's report: Thank you very much and thank you everyone for coming tonight. We haven't got a lot to say at present. This year each club paid £100 to join the league and £20 for each league they wanted to play in. That gave up a total of £1060.00. The only expenditure we have had so At the moment our current total is £1019.82p. We will need to buy trophies and allocate prize money for the winners of the leagues. That hasn't actually been decided yet but will be at our next committee meeting.

Chair: Thank you Sylvia. There are no Notices for discussion so that concludes this meeting.

Thank you all for attending and after all the challenging work that has been done let's make KITL a great success.

The Management Committee wishes you all Good Luck for the forthcoming season.

Does anyone have any questions:

Q. Do we own the website? and can I ask that any fixtures changes be sent to the fixtures secretary and not the captains.

A. Yes we do own the website and the fixtures should be between the fixtures secretaries and not the team captains.

Q. Any other team wanting to join would that be for this year and have there been any interest?

A. Any new teams would not be able to join this year as this year fixtures have been completed. They can apply to join for the 2025/2026 season. Interest has been noted from Lewisham and Deangate.

Q. What about Bromley?

A. No they were not interested.

Q. Do you think Lewisham will be able to join?

A. We were having this discussion earlier, like the clubs like Lewisham and their location, plus ULEZ. Lewisham isn't in Kent. If they asked to join then this would be taken into account.

Q. Will it be the Captains or the Fixture Secretary responsible to send through the scoresheets.

A. The Home Captain or their representative on the day needs to sign the form with the Away Captain signature and send it through to me. (Rule 8)

Q. Can you remind me that if Deangate wants to join next year what's the procedure of either a meal match or tea and biscuits.

A. It will be up to the Home team to decide what the food will be. So when they come to your club then you can provide a meal and on their home matches they can decide on tea biscuits. (Rule 17)

Q. Any chance of Thanet ladies coming into the league next year?

A. It was the board who thought we wouldn't have enough ladies to join this year. The ladies are very happy that they can play in the mixed league and we are hoping to build up the ladies team to join next year.

Q. As there is a cut in the amount of games we are playing in the three leagues, has there been any thoughts or discussions on the possibility of Cup competition between the three leagues to give maybe another 1 or 2 fixtures.

A. This is something we can look at and discuss at our next committee meeting. The fixtures on the website only ascertain purely to the league fixtures and we know that many of the clubs have arranged friendly/social matches you might have with other clubs. We did think about a summer league at the beginning, but we wanted to get this league up and running first and if we are successful, then we might look at venturing into any other games for next season.

Q. Can we get a copy of the minutes for this meeting?

A. There will be a copy on the website and the club noticeboard. Plus Prince Arthur club members will be sent an email from the Administrator with the website address for your perusal. Which was mentioned in the meeting earlier.

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Q. The mixed league - will it be nine men and nine women?

A. It's up to the clubs involved, you have two for one or one for two, nine men and nine ladies, there is no stipulation there as long as each mixed team consists of one of the opposite sex. i.e 2 men and 1 lady in 1 team and /or 2 women and 1 man in another team. So your minimum is six men and ladies.

Q. The ladies play on a Wednesday. Are there any thoughts of them playing at the weekend?

A. That is already happening. It's up to the fixtures secretaries when arranging the match dates.

Q. Some clubs have men who would like to play during the week. Is there any chance we could change their dates to weekdays?

A. Again that would be up to the fixture secretaries to arrange between themselves.

Q. On the fixtures all matches are decided as grey's can we clarify this?

A. It is either grey or black as per each club's registered colours. (Rule 12)

Q. Can we have news put on the website, as I was unable to find anything about this evening's meeting?

A. I can assure you I did hide it there. If you go to the website, under About - General Info you will find our latest news.

Dave Cook (Prince Arthur) I would just like to thank the committee from all the members here for their efforts. I think you have done a great job and lets just hope it all takes off and goes well. Everyone thanked him for his comment.

The Chair brought the meeting to a close and asked that if anyone had any other questions or queries please send them through to your Club Representative:

- Peter Butler -Dartford Stone Lodge
- Dave Turner -Oyster
- Mick Day - Prince Arthur
- John Biles - Sevenoaks
- Peter Fathers - Swale
- Paul Proctor - Thanet
- Alan Baxter - White Oak

Once again, thank everyone for taking the time to attend this meeting.

Meeting closed 7.40pm