

BOWLS SURREY NEWSLETTER

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Its the end of July!! I dont know what your plans for August were but I was going to spend the whole month in Leamington up at the Bowls England National Finals. Now I am not. However we do have some clubs that are up and running and hosting competitions. I have put some photos below of Bowlers having fun back on the greens and looking forward to some normality. Fingers crossed we all get back to normal before the 2021 season.

A Note from the Bowls Surrey Adminstrator - Colin Homes

The 2020 season started late and without the usual competitions is probably the quietest on record. However, behind the scenes the work has progressed. Both County Secretaries, Sheron Mitchell and John Tucker, have worked hard and together with their teams have developed a joined-up approach in two important areas. This has culminated in all clubs being re-organised and playing out of the same four Areas, they have also introduced a single badge qualification system for all players. Well done.

In these uncertain times we are still planning for the County AGM scheduled for November 9th. Therefore, all meeting papers will be sent to clubs as usual and any notices of motions must be with the County Administrator twenty-eight days before that date. If the AGM date is subsequently cancelled and pending a revised date the papers and motions will stand and no additions will be allowed.

The new Bowls England Chief Executive Jon Cockcroft has held virtual meetings with every county allowing him to get to know his audience and what the issues are around the country. As a result, he has identified seven subjects that he would like counties to discuss in group forums and that work starts in August. In addition, clubs, players, associations and volunteers will be asked to engage via focus groups and surveys. The ultimate aim appears to be the formation of a new strategy for our sport by the New Year. Clearly the new chief has hit the ground running and plans to make changes.

Emails Received from Various Associations this month - If you would like me to forward any of them to you, please just contact me BowlsSurrey@gmail.com

- 1) 2nd July - COVID-19: Additional Guidance for Lawn Bowls (I forwarded this email to all Club Contacts on the 2nd)
- 2) 3rd July - BE National Champion of Champions 2021- a note re who can enter the CofC
- 3) 3rd July - BE Webinar notice - Improve your Club's Communications - These Webinars have happened - if you would like the link so that you can view it please ask.
- 4) 3rd July - Orbital Nancie Colling MBE
- 5) 10th July - Sport England - £2.4 Million Cash Boost Emergency Fund
- 6) 15th July - JOB VACANCY: Lawn Bowls Competition Manager - Commonwealth Games
- 7) 21st July - BE - Your Opportunity to Join our Governance Working Party
- 8) 22nd July - BE Customer Service - Key Contacts
- 9) 23rd July - BE Embarks on Strategy Development
- 10) 24th July - BE Official Podcast 'The Extra End' - Episode 7 - Jon Cockcroft - (This is worth watching)
- 11) 24th July - Yorkshire Club Raise Over £1000 From Covid-19 Fund
- 12) 24th July - Bowls England Newsletter - 24th July 2020

Note for SCWBA **Competition Winners 2019** Please keep hold of your trophies until next year ... There is no need to return them now ... Ann says she does not have the room to store them all :-)

Have you got a Special Year coming up? Has your club got something to celebrate? Do you know that you can invite the County to come and play against you? Or Bowls England? Or even The **Friends of English Bowls** (FOEB) If you would like The Friends to help celebrate your Club's Anniversary please contact Adie to discuss this. 01249 656793 or by email at lloyd.adie@gmail.com

Due to the current environment we find ourselves in, the Bowls Surrey Board have decided to put on hold the development of the new website. It was felt that all our efforts should be directed towards the development of the new online Competition system. In the meantime the existing websites will remain

The SCWBA are looking for a Junior Vice President (JVP)

If you think you might be interested and would like to chat to someone about what role entails please call either Penny (01483 831149) or Charlotte (01483 505008 - 07958 702611) both of whom would be happy to chat to you.

How fit are you after all this time at home? Have you considered a fitness class but never really wanted to jump around in front of strangers? I have been chatting to Matthew Oakley who is a self employed Fitness Trainer Dont be scared he is quite lovely! He is willing to do group sessions at Bowls Clubs tailored to the needs of the attendees. Maybe you can get a few members together and then set up a weekly or fortnightly fitness class. Everything can be done using social distancing.

Matthew can be contacted at info@TransformForever.co.uk

Very Happy to be back down the Club for a Competition Day at Shirley Park Bowls Club



Coaching at Merrow BC & Egham BC



Bowling despite the Rain at Sutton BC



Enjoying a Handshake at Godalming & Farncombe



Everyone is glad to be back on the Green at Southey BC



Hooray the Bar is OPEN at Milford BC



Socially Distanced Bowling at Merrow BC