

## Issue 11/2021

Well the annual AGM has come and gone and that means that the new year is fast approaching. New year means new Committees and I wish you all good luck in your new roles. Charlotte

### **A Message from our New Presidents**

Martin and Linda would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes of congratulations in becoming Presidents of both Associations 2022.

We look forward to seeing lots of members, new and old, on the greens next season. Let's have a successful year in both County and National events.

**Martin's Charity is MERU** for young children with disabilities, 3-7 year-olds.  
**Linda's Charity is Princess Alice Hospice** in Esher which many of you may know about. More details for both these Charities will be available from us soon.

**BOWLS' BIG WEEKEND**  
**Dates for your Club Diary**  
**Friday 27th to Sunday 29th May 2022**

As every club knows, it relies on volunteers within the club to perform 99% of the tasks that need to be performed. In most cases members just roll up their sleeves and get on with it, not giving any thought to the risk of danger they may be exposed to.

If you were an employee, your company would perform a risk assessment and provide you with the correct tools & safety equipment for the task. Unfortunately in most cases within clubs, risk assessments are not carried out.

The reason Bowls Surrey is bringing this to your attention, is because very recently a member of a club was performing a task at the club, and very sadly had a fatal accident.

We are not advocating that members stop helping the club out, all we are saying is give a little thought to what the task entails, and if necessary perform a risk assessment. We have provided a link below to help you make your own decisions. Please stay safe.

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/voluntary/employer/risk-assessment.htm>

Should you require more information or guidance, you can contact David Candeland email: [canded01@aol.com](mailto:canded01@aol.com)

The Bowls Development Alliance (**BDA**) have worked successfully with individual clubs over the last five-year strategy to help aid recruitment and development as part of the Club Development Programme. As we look to the future, we are looking to extend our reach to many more clubs and organisations to not only increase the awareness of our sport but to also build relationships with local partnerships who can benefit from the facilities and programmes we offer. To make this process a lot easier for clubs to access we will be creating a "Club Hub" at Wey Valley Indoor Bowls Club where I will be based over an extended period to offer direct help for those who would like to book into my open calendar. There will also be an opportunity to attend various workshops and seminars that will provide help and resources for the benefit of your club.

We have worked with numerous clubs in the past who have made simple changes and are now reaping the benefits of increased membership and improved governance. This has not only secured the future of the club but has also created a "good feeling" factor with their members and volunteers.

A summary of the opportunities we will be offering are shown below and we will communicate dates and times when sessions will run for those who are keen to attend.

### **Member Recruitment and Retention - Bowl For Health Programme**

#### **Club Governance - Safeguarding in Your Club - Coaching and Volunteer Opportunities**

We will also be promoting and utilising a new Club Health Checker tool that will provide an in depth report on the current status of your club to help us identify further learning opportunities and offer direct resources specific to the need.

I will be in contact in the near future with further updates and specific links for my Open Calendar, Club Health Checker, and Club Hub updates but in the mean time if you would like to express interest in any of the details above then you can contact me at [merlingapeodonnell@bowlsdevelopmentalliance.com](mailto:merlingapeodonnell@bowlsdevelopmentalliance.com) or [merlin@playbowls.org](mailto:merlin@playbowls.org)

### **Umpires Corner**

Question - A player misdelivers the jack, the opposition lead moves the mat up the green and delivers a legal jack. The original lead then moves the mat back and says 'I don't want it that far up. Is this allowed?

No - Once the original player has miscast the jack they lose the right to position the mat or the jack. They MUST not reposition the mat. Read Law 6.

This months question - A Player delivers a heavy bowl which runs straight off the end of the rink, hits the retaining wall and rebounds back onto the green. Is this bowl Live?