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Well 2022 is almost upon us and this means that the next Outdoor Season is in view. Who knows what exactly will happen in the new year but lets hope that we can all stay safe and that our season is not affected too much, if at all. To keep in touch throughout the 'off' season please make sure that you regularly check both websites and if you are online 'like' the Bowls Surrey Facebook page for regular updates. Charlotte

So here we are as another year is about to close its doors and we prepare ourselves for the new year and look forward to what it has to offer. Let's hope that 2022 will bring us all peace and good health, new expectations and opportunities and a renewed energy to embrace any challenges that come our way. With warm wishes to you all and hopes for a happy and successful year ahead. With my kindest regards **Penny Bruno, BS Chair**

A note from the Administrator

This year's AGM was attended by 91 members representing 43 clubs. The low turnout was thought to be as a result of the 2 National competitions being held on the same day. However, when I checked on last year's meeting, held under Zoom conditions, we had 89 members representing 56 clubs and was not vastly different from this year. We do give clubs the opportunity to send in questions prior to the AGM and hold an open forum straight after the meeting. Only one club sent in a question prior with a further 5 being raised on the day. AGMs by their nature are formal affairs, but it helps if there is some interaction between the Board and those attending. As a result the Board and joint Executive Committees, at their annual forum, will try and find a smarter agenda or ways to improve the interaction for those attending future AGM's. We will keep you posted.

The County Constitution was amended this year and it is now a requirement that clubs have to send their constitutions to the Administrator. Some have started to arrive in my inbox but there's more to come. Can I please ask the clubs who haven't responded so far to email the document to me at bowlssurreya@yahoo.com I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a Happy and Healthy 2022. Colin

Last month you were informed about the Bowls England Awards and were asked to consider nominating people. Three Surrey nominees have been shortlisted and have been invited to attend the Awards Ceremony being held in Leicester in February. Two of the nominees are in the same category and the winner will be decided by an online vote which opens on 10th January - **Story of the Year**

Barrie DeSys from Victory Park and West Wimbledon Club have both been shortlisted for this category and will need your votes. Please keep an eye out on the websites for details on how to vote. Milford Ladies Triples - Kat Hornbrook, Zoe Hollins & Charlotte Emanuel have been nominated in the category of **Team of the Year**.

Are you or your club going to the **Commonwealth Games**? I have had enquiries from people looking to join a group. Please let me know if you are going. Charlotte

Did you know you can now win your **County Badge** by playing in the BS Mixed Pairs & Mixed Fours! Don't forget all competition players must be Affiliated BEFORE they play.

The Bowls Surrey online system is ready to accept any changes that you may have had to your Committees. Please ensure that all new people in committee positions are listed correctly otherwise we will not know if we are contacting the correct club members.

Its coming up to that time of year when clubs will be asking you if you want to rejoin. We hope your reply will be YES. The online Affiliations System will be open from 1st - 28th February for your Club Secretary (or nominated person) to enter details of Members. At this time all Competitions MUST be entered too. So If you want to enter any of the comps run by BS you need to ensure that your club knows soon.

Bowls' Big Weekend ITS BACK!

Recruitment is key for our sport to grow and every club is responsible for its own recruitment ... however Bowls England are trying to help by creating BBW. Last year was very successful and they are hoping that this year will be even bigger and better. The dates for your Club Diary this year are **Friday 28th to Sunday 30th May 2022**

Umpires Corner

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

Answer - No - Laws of the Sport - 17 Dead bowl 17.1 A bowl is a dead bowl if: 17.1.2 it is not a toucher and rebounds onto the rink after contact with the face of the bank or with the jack or a toucher in the ditch;

This Months Question - A player on the mat lets their bowl slip from their hand and it goes up the green a few yards. What should happened?