

BOWLS SURREY NEWSLETTER

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Information/Year Books and other County information

SCWBA and SCBA will not be refunding money paid for Information/Year Books this year. The money will be carried forward for next year.

It had been the intention to produce a joint Year Book next year but SCBA had already had their book printed and so it is their intention to utilise that book with a new cover and necessary changes.

SCWBA managed to stop the print of their own Information Book so will be updating their information. Hopefully in 2022, SCBA and SCWBA will be in a position to produce a joint Year Book.

Even though we find ourselves in strange circumstances, work is still going forward to unify the Associations. Currently Badge Qualification, Areas/Zones, Online Competition results reporting are being discussed and looked at. Work continues on the new Bowls Surrey Website, which we are aiming to launch in November 2020.

Meantime keep safe and look after yourselves.

SCWBA and SCBA Secretaries

Note From the Bowls Surrey Administrator.

To all friends in the bowling fraternity I hope this newsletter finds you safe and well.

I came into this job in December looking forward to working with the County board on a range of issues that face us during this period of change and the signs of a very good working relationship started. Two meetings later and we are all in lockdown, missing the season that should have just been starting. However, that isn't happening so we have to make the best of it, by keeping in contact with friends, family and fellow club members. We should particularly remember to contact those who are on their own, because talking to someone is vital in these times of isolation. The County board continue to keep abreast of information coming from Bowls England that is still being circulated. They are also continuing to develop plans that in time we hope to return to as soon as it's safe to do so. Whatever is happening we will keep you informed.

Please keep safe.

Best Regards Colin

Ladies Benevolent Fund Report April 2020
President Charlotte, Executive and Delegates
Balance at 31:3:20 stands at £9,468.76

As you are all aware the meeting that was scheduled for 7th April 2020 had to be cancelled for reasons well beyond our control. We are all living in unprecedented times and having to experience some very difficult and in some cases lonely existences. Whilst some of us may be lucky to have family and friends to help us through each day there are some within our bowling community that do not have that luxury. So to that end the county have recognised that sending a card to someone you may know who is living on their own during these difficult times will let them know they have not been forgotten. If you know of someone who would benefit from this please let me know as soon as possible and please ensure that the persons details are clear i.e. their address.

Since the beginning of the year several cards, flowers and gifts have been sent to the following clubs:

Croydon, Horley, Milford, Woking Park, Knaphill, Mychett, Egham, Southey, Tongham and Sutton.

Please continue to contact me if members are ill, injured or had an operation, all details of the Benevolent Fund are listed in the year book and the county web site. On a happier note one of past members at Egham, Irene Newman, had her 100th birthday on 19th April I am sure we will all want to wish her good wishes and continued health.

As I come to the end of this report I cannot miss an opportunity to thank those clubs that have already made donations to the fund, but hope that more clubs will remember to make donations particularly during this trying and desperate time.

Caroline Duarte
Benevolent Secretary

Sad News

I regret to inform you all that Peter Hunt sadly passed away on 20th April. Peter served the County over a large number of years and he will be missed. Our sincere condolences to Jayne and the rest of their family.

Again I have been asked to remind you that the standard week dates in 2021 move forward by 6 days So those of you that are organising your clubs match programme need to ensure you have the correct 'week' for your Club Calendar. Sheron and John are still receiving calls from Match Secretaries querying dates.

ASK THE UMPIRE

This is going to be a new regular section in the Newsletter where you can send in questions for the Umpires of the County to reply to. If you have any Bowls related queries please email them through and the Umpires will reply via the Newsletter

Query of the Month
How can a bowl which has NOT touched the jack be legally marked as a toucher?

Dont forget to look up and follow Bowls Surrey on **Facebook** ... We currently have 464 followers ... And are always looking for more. Facebook is a very good way of finding out what is happening 'now' ... Ok so we know nothing is actually happening NOW but it will happen soon and you need to be ready to get the very latest news and updates.

Emails from Bowls England - If you would like the full email please can you email me and I will send it through to you.

1. 31 Mar - Covid 19 - Financial Support for Clubs
2. 01 Apr - BDA Newsletter
3. 01 Apr - Re Tony Allcock - his email is now inactive
4. 02 Apr - Standardised weeks of the year 2021-2025 - Very Important Email
5. 03 Apr - Covid 19 - Further Financial Support for Clubs - Sport England Community Emergency Fund
6. 03 Apr - BE says sign up for the latest Coronavirus information at Club Matters
7. 03 Apr - Steve Walker (Cumbria) has been elected as the North Region representative to the Management Audit and Review Committee
8. 03 Apr - BE Info on Green Maintenance - Interim works and fit for play
9. 06 Apr - BE The Extra End Podcast Episode 2 - John McGuinness
10. 07 Apr - Official World Bowls Magazine - Inside Bowls (April 2020)
11. 07 Apr - BE Launches Workout Videos for Bowlers
12. 09 Apr - Message from David Tucker - BE Chairman
13. 15 Apr - BE Programme of Events - National Championships Schedule 2021
14. 16 Apr - BE Board Meeting held on 1st April 2020
15. 17 Apr - BE Official Podcast 'The Extra End' Episode 3 Kirk Smith
16. 21 Apr - A Thank You from Tony Allcock
17. 22 Apr - BE Official Podcast - Episode 4 - Workout Videos
18. 22 Apr - BE Members to Determine 'All Star' Rinks via Twitter
19. 23 Apr - Disability Bowls England will be taking part in the #TwoPointSixChallenge to raise funds
20. 23 Apr - Minutes of the Board Meeting held on Wednesday 15th April 2020
21. 23 Apr - BE announced the cancellation of all Celebration Matches for the 2020 season
22. 24 Apr - Message from the Chair
23. 30 Apr - Coach Bowls to launch Online Q&A Sessions

Please see updated Q&A's below, latest are top of the list.

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Q. Is there any general support for Clubs?

A. Yes, Bowls England is urging clubs to sign up for the latest Coronavirus information at Club Matters – the 'one stop shop' to keep your club functioning during the crisis without leaving home.

Club Matters provides free, convenient, practical resources to help organisations to develop, grow and become more sustainable.

A series of dedicated Coronavirus resources and toolkits are available now to support clubs – from funding and business continuity to operating committees virtually.

David Tucker, Bowls England Chair, said: "Clubs all over the country are experiencing lots of challenges due to the coronavirus pandemic however there are lots of things that can be done during this time to keep your club in the best position possible for when we return to the green. Club Matters provides some valuable tips, tools and ideas from the safety of your own home, so we would urge clubs to sign up now."

To visit Club Matters go to: <https://www.sportenglandclubmatters.com/>

Q. Do the Bowling Standardised weeks change in 2021?

A. Yes, Your Bowls Surrey Club Contact has the information. Week 1 Starts Jan 4th, so everything moves 6 days. E.G. In 2020 your match was 14th May, it would be 20th May 2021.

Q. Any news on financial help for Clubs?

A. Yes, Bowls England has prepared guidance to inform clubs of financial support that may be available to them during this period of uncertainty.

This includes details of schemes available via Government at local and national level, plus information on the £20million Community Emergency Fund announced today by Sport England.

The full document has been sent by Bowls Surrey to all Club Contacts.

Q. Have we received any advice yet on maintaining greens?

A. Nothing from Bowls England, however please click on following link; -

<https://www.iog.org/guidance-volunteer-grounds-staff>

Q. If we did not enter our Club Champion in to the 2020 C of C competition, can we enter them in to 2021?

A. Yes, Provided they were your Champion in 2019. You will have to contact John Tucker, who will process your entry.

Q. Will my club be insured for the 2020 season, given that Bowls England is refunding affiliation fees?

A. Bowls England's insurers Sutton Winson has confirmed that it will honour the Civil Liability Insurance for all clubs that originally affiliated for the 2020 season and have purchased their insurance through Sutton Winson.

Clubs who arrange their Civil Liability Insurance through another provider must ensure that their policy covers them. As a duty of care to our members, Bowls England urges all clubs, county associations and associate members to ensure that their insurance needs are fully in place for the 2020 season. To arrange insurance via Sutton Winson please contact:

Claire.Weston@swib.co.uk

<https://www.suttonwinson.com/what-we-do/commercial/sectors-we-work-in/bowls-insurance/>

Q. Have the Home Counties Finals been cancelled for 10th May 2020?

A. Yes, They will review the situation later this year.

As previously stated, as information becomes available, Bowls Surrey will continue to keep the clubs informed. There will be a review on 2 June 2020.