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Hello Everyone. Happy Halloween. If you would like to be added to the distribution list or if you would like to be removed please contact me on BowlsSurrey@gmail.com

With all of the Club AGMs coming up I am sure lots of changes are happening to your committees please do not be upset if I miss you off the list. Also a quick note to the Secretaries - **The Affiliation Sytem is opening on 1st November** ... Good Luck and stay safe everyone. Thank you Charlotte

A message from Colin Homes - BS Administrator - bowlssurreyca@yahoo.com
I hope you are keeping safe and well as we enter into a second wave of virus restrictions. The season has now finished, but the work goes on to organise for 2021 and we are currently very busy preparing to run the County **AGM** under virtual conditions. We won't know how easy or difficult this will be until the day. Recognising this has led us to look for ways to make it easier to manage interactions under online conditions. One area identified is attendees' questions. We would therefore ask all clubs to **send any questions** they may want raised, to me **by November 20th**. This would enable us to prepare answers for you in readiness for the AGM on November 28th.

Below are the emails received from Bowls England this month. If you would like to view any of them in full then please just email me.

2nd Oct - BE National Competitions now open for entry
5th Oct - Inside Bowls the official publication of World Bowls
5th Oct - BE Update: Membership, National Championships and National Competitions 2021
9th Oct - BE News: Have your say in our annual Club Survey
9th Oct - Ellen Falkner awarded MBE in Queen's Birthday Honours
12th Oct - Birmingham 2022 Lawn Bowls Team Leader announced
12th Oct - Margaret Smith awarded MBE for services to Disability Bowls
15th Oct - Jon Cockcroft - A Letter to the Bowls England community
16th Oct - Lawn bowls schedule unveiled for Birmingham 2022
21st Oct - Birmingham 2022 Medal Programme to make global sport history

SURREY COUNTY MARKERS COURSE

Do you wish to become a qualified marker? We have a fantastic course for you. As a result you should improve your own bowling because you will understand the game better and be more confident about the laws.

Be able to mark matches at your own Club with skill and confidence ensure the best possible standard of play.

Be a candidate to mark matches at local and even County level if you so wish. The benefits of participating in these matches will bring benefit to you and to those for whom you mark

The first step is to complete the application form for the 2021 Course.

On receipt of your application you will be sent a Questionnaire which needs to be filled in and returned before the course (ideally before April 1st 2021). This then will be assessed and discussed with you. It is essential for markers to know what is in the Law Book and the Questionnaire certainly gets you to "know your law book". On the course there will be hand-outs which can be taken back to your clubs. During the practical course, an exam will have about 20 questions relating to the laws (specifically about marking) so that an assessment can be made of your understanding of the laws.

The course comprises of 4 x 1/2 days attendance. The first days of the course will be coaching/learning/practice days when the three elements of marking will be demonstrated and practiced: Measuring, Laws, Practical aspects of Marking including time management

The fourth day will be assessment day and you will be given a time for your own assessment.

Further details are available on the websites.

Bowls Surrey are looking to find someone who has Computer Programming skills. This is not a volunteer job. Please contact Colin Homes or John Tucker if you think you know someone please.

Bowls Englands LETS ROLL Campaign
This initiative is being 'rolled out' (pun intended) across the whole Country. They are also creating a National Recruitment Weekend that you can sign up to. It would be great if we can get the majority of the clubs within the County to sign up. BE will provide leaflets and posters. For more details see the BE Website or email me. Charlotte.

Bowls Surrey are still hoping to find someone or maybe even a couple who would be able to volunteer as the Surrey Chandler. The person(s) will be given the County Uniform to look after and to distribute to the players. If you think you might want more information please contact either Sheron Mitchell or John Tucker. Thank you

The Bowls Surrey **Mixed Pairs and Mixed Fours** competitions will be able to be entered on the affiliation system - Ask your Club Secretaries to enter you!

Have you looked up your Club on the BE website? Look under 'Play Bowls - Find A Club'

3 anomalies have been reported to us about Surrey Clubs but you need to check your own club and report errors directly to BE, we cannot do it for you.

Just a quick reminder that the SCWBA are still looking for a JVP and tickets are still available for the 200 club.

All **County Competitions** can now **ONLY** be entered via the online Affiliation System.

This means that all competitors **MUST** be affiliated to a Club on the system before it closes. The system **WILL CLOSE** on 31st January 2021. All Comp entries **MUST** be entered before that date too. Please ensure that you contact your Club Secretary to ensure that your competition entries are done before this date.

NO LATE ENTRIES will be allowed!

Make sure you are not left out!

UMPIRES CORNER

The question for last month was ... A Jack rebounds up the rink of play. What distance must it be from the mat to be live?

Answer **20m measured in a straight line from the centre of the mat**

Question for this month - Whilst the players are measuring one of them touches a bowl with the pointer on the measure and moves it. What should happen?