

BOWLS SURREY NEWSLETTER

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Hello Everyone. Yes its that time of the month again! This months Bowls Surrey Newsletter seems to have a lot of information on funding ... Yes FREE MONEY ... So make a mug of tea and sit down to see how your club could benefit Charlotte x

How do you raise funds for your club? I assume the normal raffles and jam sales. Disability Bowls England have signed up to Amazons Good Cause list and they now receive money everytime I order something! If you havent yet selected a good cause then may i suggest DBE. I know my sister in law has done the same thing with the local Pre School. I havent heard of a bowls club doing this yet but would love some of you to try. Also you could do what Horley BC have done. They have worked really hard and managed to get themselves enrolled with the Co-Op as one of their good causes. Elaine Fawcett from Horley told me that she saw an advert on Facebook by the Co-Op who were looking for local good causes. Elaine sent an email suggesting Horley BC and after filling out a couple of simple forms the Club was then on the list for receiving a small part of up to £40 million! When you join the Co-op as a member you earn 2p in every £1 you spend on selected own brand products & services by showing your membership card. The really great bit is the same amount is also given to the local cause you select on line. Let me know the successful ways that your Club has raised funds.

SCWBA 200 Club - The first draw was done via WhatsApp Video call on Friday ... Yes I know I am so technical (hahaha) Anyway the winners are ...
£100 - Margaret Brookbank (Supreme BC)
£50 - Caroline Duarte (Southey BC)
£25 Zoe Hollins (Milford BC) - Zoe is kindly donating her winnings to President Charlottes 'Charity' LDIBIS

Below is an email that we received this month - if you would like a copy please email me.

£100m Capital Fund in Surrey

I wanted to let you know about a new capital grants scheme that launched this week in Surrey, you may have spotted it in the news locally already. Surrey County Council is making £100M capital funding available for community projects over the next 5 years. You can read full details about this scheme here <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/people-and-community/voluntary-community-and-faith-sector/funding/community-projects-fund> The aims of the scheme match Surrey's Community Vision and are summarised below
Children and young people feel safe and confident
Everyone benefits from education, skills and employment opportunities
Everyone lives healthy, active and fulfilling lives
Everyone gets the health and social care support they need
Communities are welcoming and supportive
Residents live in clean, safe and green communities
Journeys across the county are easier and safer
Everyone has a place they can call home
Businesses in Surrey thrive
Communities are well connected and grow sustainably
The scheme won't open for formal applications until early 2021, but Surrey CC are looking for local communities to identify projects using an online map <https://yourfundsurreymap.commonplace.is/> other residents can then show their support for schemes/ideas on this map.
I'm sure you'll agree this represents a great opportunity for Surrey's sports clubs and organisations - there are already a number of sport/leisure projects listed on the map. Please do help spread the word through your club networks.
Kind regards
Lawrie Baker - Head of Strategic Relationships - Active Surrey

Funding has become available recently. I forwarded an email to the secretaries last week about **£16.5 million** released by **Sport England** - the link is on BE Website and on the Bowls Surrey Facebook page We have also heard that more funding is from some Councils - you will need to check out what is available to you but here is the link for one
https://www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/info/20400/your_council_documents/1177/additional_restrictions_grant_arg_november_2020

BOWLS SURREY AGM for 2020

Our AGM took place on Saturday November 28th via Zoom, with us all sitting comfortably at home in front of our computers, tablets & Ipads. In total, 56 clubs were represented with 88 members attending, including Bowls Surrey Board members & SCBA and SCWBA officers. To aid the process, papers had been circulated electronically & instructions explaining the schedule for the meeting. I'd like to thank those who were able to attend & the positive feedback that we have received & in particular, credit must go to Sheron Mitchell, John Tucker, Colin Homes & Charlotte Emanuel for their commitment to the event taking place in such unusual circumstances. We advertised the current vacancies at the AGM & must say thank you to Tony Bourne (Purley Bury BC) for offering his services as SCBA Match Secretary; Tony Plater(Felbridge BC) for one of the four SCBA Councillor vacancies & we also welcome Tim Davies (Horsell BC) as SCBA member representative & Caroline Duarte as Assistant SCWBA secretary (Southey BC).

We still have vacancies for:

SCWBA Junior Vice President; SCBA Assistant Secretary; SCBA & SCWBA County Clothing Chandler; Three SCBA Councillors; Bowls Surrey Development Officer; If there is anyone interested in any of these posts, please do contact Sheron Mitchell or John Tucker the SCWBA & SCBA Secretaries for further information
So now we must look positively towards 2021, planning for our local club & County activities to proceed, perhaps with a few changes & of course, with everyone's safety in mind & we wish our Presidents, Joe Cable & Charlotte Emanuel a happy & successful year.

On behalf of the Bowls Surrey Board members, I would like to extend our best wishes to you all & your families this Christmas time. Above all, please stay safe & keep well
With my kind regards, **Penny Bruno, Bowls Surrey Chairperson.**

Bowls England Emails

Received - If you would like copies of any of these please do not hesitate to contact me
4th Nov - Bowls England board commits to investment in National Open Weekend and enhanced club services
4th Nov - BE Statement: Covid-19 Update
9th Nov - Official World Bowls Magazine - Inside Bowls (November 2020)
27th Nov - Additional Funding Available for Bowls Clubs

Umpires Corner Last Months Question was - Whilst the players are measuring one of them touches a bowl with the pointer on the measure and moves it. What should happen?

ANSWER - If a bowl is displaced by the equipment being used by a player during measuring, an opponent must put it back to its former position.

This months Question - A player plays the first trial end with a set of red bowls then changes to black ones for the second trial end.

Is this allowed?

Administrators Message

Last Saturday we held the first ever online County AGM. It wasn't what delegates are used to, but with careful pre planning all the business was executed and we have received some positive feedback, thanks. Now that's behind us we immediately focus on 2021 and all the planning required to run as near normal a season as is possible, that's what we all wish for. Let's hope the combination vaccines and a reduction of the virus fulfils our wishes.

We are aware that the changes to the affiliation dates has caused concern for some clubs and we understand those concerns, but we have to remind ourselves that the change, implemented by Bowls England, was after consultation with several counties. All of us are interested to see how the new system works in practice and we would welcome your comments and experiences at the end of the 2020/21 affiliation.

Bowls England have been very busy working on a new strategy for our sport and it's due to be published early next year, we hope it delivers improvements for counties, clubs, members and ultimately for the sport of bowls.

I would like to wish all the bowling fraternity and their families a very Merry Christmas. Most of all, stay safe.

Colin Homes - BS Administrator

BOWLS ENGLAND NATIONAL OPEN DAY INITIATIVE

Have Your Club Signed Up For This Yet?

If not WHY NOT??

Our research shows that over 20% of bowlers begin playing off the back of club open days. With this insight, support from counties and following the success of our Let's Roll marketing initiative, plans are already underway for a national recruitment initiative earmarked for the Spring Bank Holiday of the 2021 season (Friday 28th to Monday 31st May).

Our insight suggests that this is the optimal time as it will give clubs a few weeks of the season to prepare and promote their activity, greens to be up to speed to ensure a better experience for potential new recruits and (hopefully) warmer weather than is usually experienced earlier in the season to attract the widest possible audience.

With a window of four days for the national campaign rather than a single day, we trust this will enable clubs to organise activity that best fits within their club's calendar. For example any activity on the Friday night could lend itself to a 'social' event whilst a Saturday or Sunday morning session may be more attractive to families.

It will be for clubs themselves to determine exactly what day/times suit them – there is no expectation that clubs will organise activity on every day. Bowls England's role will be to provide guidance on how to run your National Open Weekend experience, resources to support every affiliated club that signs up and training for club volunteers. We will support your efforts with a national media campaign so together we can grow participation within our clubs.