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Can you believe that it is now the end of July. All restrictions have been lifted but we still need to be cautious. Lots has happened in the past month and hopefully you have been checking the Facebook page and the websites to keep up to date with the news as it comes in. Charlotte

News from the Inter County Competitions - All games are 21 ends - White Rose (Mens Under 25s Double Rink) Managers Paul Manuel & Norman Mann, Amy Rose (Ladies Under 31s Double Rink) Manager Debbie Souter, Johns Trophy (Ladies 6 Rinks) & Walker Cup (Ladies Double Rink) Manager Caroline Duarte, Home Counties League (Mens 6 Rinks), Middleton Cup (Mens 6 Rinks) & Balcomb Trophy (Mens Double Rink) Manager Barrie Emanuel.

White Rose - It was an incredibly close and enthralling game. Surrey were in front for the majority of the match up until a critical 41st End turned the game and the Result in Sussex's favour.

Amy Rose - We were a very new young team this year. We travelled to Essex to play against Kent and with a very exciting finish the team managed to win by 1 shot. The 2nd round was a different story against Northants with 3 International players against them our team did well but sadly didnt win. However the future looks bright for Surrey.

Walker Cup - Surrey Ladies won their first round match against Sussex by 31 shots. However, their second round match against Kent was much closer and very exciting! Surrey held the match until the very last bowl was delivered by Wendy King (a current International) who drew the shot to win the game for Kent!

Balcomb Trophy - We comprehensively beat Berks away in the prelim and faced Hants in the area Semi Final full of confidence but Hants played superbly on the day to win both of their games to qualify for Leamington

Middleton Cup - If we are to succeed in this competition we need to learn from the last 2 campaigns. Being unlucky in our first year narrowly losing out in getting to the QFs, this year we lost in the first round knockout by 1 shot after leading for the whole game, we should be gaining experience in dealing with these situations. All to play for and look forward to next season,

Surrey Ladies have played two rounds of the **John's Trophy** to date beating Sussex in the first round by 28 shots and Kent in the second round winning by 38 shots. They now play Hampshire in the quarter final at Horsham BC on the 7th August.

The bowling has been to a high standard and team morale is very good. If you fancy a day out come and support us the game starts at 1.30pm.

Home Counties - With the new temporary format we beat Bucks in the first round and now play Hampshire in the Semi Final on Saturday August 14th at Croydon at 10.30am. Come along and support our enthusiastic HC team.

SCWBA **Loyal Service Awards** are given to ladies who show exceptional service to their clubs. The following ladies have received this award so far this year

Gill Sperring - Epsom BC
Eileen Mills - Epsom BC
Gill Gawne - Sutton BC
Gill Beardwell - Merton Park Ladies BC
Sandra Everest - Milford BC

SCBA **Leopard Awards** are awarded to men who go above and beyond for many years at their clubs. The following gentlemen have received this award so far this year

Peter Tapper - Woking Park BC
Dave Popejoy - Purley Bury BC
Brian Hart - Chipstead BC
Richard Turner - Shirley Park BC
Charlie Rayfield - Wallington BC
Andrew Boarer - Mayford Hall BC
John Everest - Milford BC

A Message from President Charlotte

What a very busy month July has been for me. All of the competitions have played through several rounds and on top of that we have had BS Celebration matches against Purley Bury, Wallington, Oxshott and Redhill. We have also had rearranged County games against Kent and Bedfordshire. I also had my Presidents Day this week at Milford BC where we **raised over £1200 for my charity** which is LDIBIS (Learning Disabilities Indoor Bowls International Series). I would like to thank everyone who attended and made this day special for me and also thank my club mates who worked so hard.

As all bowlers and wise people know, fresh air, exercise and meeting with like-minded people does wonders for your health. With that in mind Westway Well Being Centre reached out to Caterham BC.

"We have a group of people whose mental health has been affected by Covid. Can you do anything to help?"

"Yes we said, bring them along and we'll have a nice cuppa with home-made cake. That will get them outside meeting people, and if they want to try their hand at bowling, I'm sure we'll be able to oblige."

The group came regularly on Thursday mornings and slowly but surely, they started coming out of their shells and their well-being improved greatly. Quite a few of them took up the challenge of bowling for the first time and our wonderful gang of volunteers helped. "When they got to the jack or hit it, their eyes lit up and their demeanour changed."

Several of them have enjoyed the experience so much that they're now members of Caterham BC.

Proving what all bowlers know, that **when you step on the green all your troubles are left behind.**

National Competition Finals at Leamington Update

Bowls England have recently released all the news needed for players and spectators to be able to safely attend the National Finals at Leamington. If you are a player or if you wish to attend as a spectator please ensure that you read and understand all that is needed in order to gain entry. All details are on the BE Website

Players will be given passes but spectators will need to purchase tickets in advance as numbers will be restricted. Tickets available online at a cost of £4.00 (£5.00 if available on the day)

Very Important News Re Covid for ALL Players and all Spectators

Consequently, as a condition of entry to the event all attendees at the event must either: Take a Lateral Flow Test within 24 hours of arrival at the venue and be able to show proof of a negative test via an email or text from the NHS or show a photo of the negative test or have evidence of double vaccination via the Covid-19 immunisation card, the NHS app or a letter from the NHS. Without proof of either of these you will be asked to take a Lateral Flow Test on arrival at the event and will not be allowed access until the result has been read 30 minutes later.