

OBITUARY – JAYNE ROYLANCE (NORFOLK)

Bowls England regrets to inform you that former international Jayne Roylance (Norfolk) has sadly passed away on Saturday 3rd November at the age of 71.

Jayne, who represented Cromer Marrams, North Walsham and County Arts over the years, had an illustrious career within the sport of lawn bowls and represented her country at the highest level.

She won two silver medals at the 1988 World Bowls Championships in the Women's Triples (with Norma Shaw and Barbara Fuller) and the Women's Fours (with Norma Shaw, Mary Price and Barbara Fuller), in addition to securing the Team Taylor Trophy at the same event.

Jayne then represented England at both the 1990 and 1994 Commonwealth Games in Auckland and Victoria, Canada, partnering Mary Price to a bronze medal in the Women's Pairs in 1990.

She played for England at the British Isles Women's Bowls Council Internationals for more than 20 years, making over 60 appearances before her last Series in 2010.

Her record at National Championships was also admirable, winning the Women's Fours in 1985, Women's Two-Wood Singles in 1988 and Women's Triples in 1989, where she subsequently went on to claim the British Isles Triples title the following year, as well as being the runner-up in the Singles Championship in 1986.

Along with her brothers Chris and David Ward, who both also represented England at international level and medalled at the Commonwealth Games, Jayne enjoyed success in National Competitions with both.

Jayne reached the Mixed Pairs final with Chris in 1995, before winning the Mixed Fours title with David in 1998, alongside Christine and Trevor Webb. Jayne also reached the Mixed Fours final with a different team in 1991.

In 2006, Roylance partnered Margaret Hannant to the National Senior Pairs title, following this up with the Senior Singles crown in 2008.

Jayne played over 100 matches for Norfolk in the Johns Trophy and was part of their successful teams in 1985, 1987 and 1991, as well as finalist in 1996. She also played in excess of 50 Walker Cup games, again recording success in 1991.

Jayne's record at county level also speaks for itself, recording success no fewer than 40 times, including the Singles and Two-Wood Singles on five occasions each.

County Titles:

Singles: 1985, 1993, 1999, 2000, 2011 (Runner-up 1986, 2005, 2008, 2018)

Two-Wood Singles: 1988, 1990, 1992, 2009 (Runner-up 2010)

Pairs: 1981, 1999, 2001, 2007 (Runner-up 1985)

Triples: 1986, 1991, 1995, 2005, 2008 (Runner-up 1989)

Fours: 1985, 1986, 1999, 2003, 2005, 2006 (Runner-up 1984, 2012, 2013, 2018)

Champion of Champions: 1985, 1992, 2015

Senior Singles: 2008, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2018

Senior Pairs: 2006, 2007, 2013, 2014, 2015

Senior Fours: Runner-up 2017

Jayne was well respected within the sport of bowls and will be missed by all who know her.

Bowls England sends its condolences to Jayne's family.

Funeral details will be announced once received.