



Hertfordshire Bowsls

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Executive Secretary's Report

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BE AGM: Women & Men's Prize-giving Dinner will be reinstated as a joint event in November to follow the Counties meeting. Before the Proposal by Hampshire that both Events be re-instated in November & February was put to the AGM, the Board offered a compromise and this was accepted by Hampshire. The Awards Ceremony will follow the AGM in February. I thought the Awards Ceremony was very well organised and was an excellent evening. I'm sure there are clubs and people in Hertfordshire who are equally as good as the winners we saw, so let's have something to cheer about next year.

Two other results from the AGM and also proposals by Hampshire is that the Johns & Middleton Cup Inter County team events will return to a Round Robin event. I know this is not to everyone's liking and this was reflected in the close voting – 37 For and 30 Against. However both Hertfordshire Team managers saw value in having more competitive matches in which to team built and try new players and rinks. The other was that the Badge Presentations will resume at the Nationals.

I reported on our players' results at the **National Championships** at the Council meeting so I'll just mention that Rachel Tremlett's successes at the Nationals resulted in her being one of 4 nominated in the category Rising Junior Star. At the County Lunch earlier in March BE SVP Deepak Tanna presented the Amy Rose runner's up Salver to Team Manager Roger Evans. We saw excellent bowling and team spirit from them all last year.

Bowsls England are now sending a lot of information directly out to the clubs and are extensively reported on their website and media sites so I won't report on their Strategies etc but the Bowsls Big Weekend at the end of May is getting a lot of publicity and those Clubs who confirmed their interest by 31st March should be receiving posters, banners, balloons and other items to encourage people to try our sport. At the other end of the scale for some reason Bowsls England and the Scottish equivalent have voted to reduce the scale of the Home Internationals so less chance for aspiring players to represent their country – there is a gathering protest being orchestrated by Irish & Welsh players, Bowsls International magazine and others who see the top of the pyramid getting smaller and more elitist.

County Vacancies

Since my Report to Council we have gained a Women's Secretary in Natalie Chalcraft from Sawbridgeworth and have also gained a Men's Team Captain with Roger Evans taking the Men's Team Managers role, as well as being the Amy Rose team manager. My thanks in particular go to Mich. who was so helpful to me when I started with the County and is now hanging up her secretarial pen. However we very much need a Match Secretary to take over from Phil Clewes-Garner. If any man or woman would consider taking on the role for their gender to divide up the work load then that would be very acceptable. Please consider this and have a look at the role description or talk to Phil today.

Affiliation

I will be sending the Affiliation forms this month for return by 8th May along with your remittance and membership lists as at 1st May. Your club membership subscriptions should contain the affiliation fees for County & Bowls England – this money totalling £8.50, about the cost of a bottle of wine, will ensure that both organisations can progress and finance your sport. **If you play you pay** so please don't hide players saying that he or she only plays in a roll-up once a week. If anyone would like to understand more about the benefits of affiliation I can send information.

Sponsorship

We would like to encourage more sponsorship from companies in Hertfordshire. Even simple things like Hertfordshire scorecards can be imprinted on the back with company logos and information so that your company name is seen at every match by the players. Flags & banners to display at matches, advertisements on our website and other ideas welcome. If you know of any captains of industry - large or small (companies not the captains!) then we would be delighted to hear from you.

Competitions

With my other hat on I have seen an overall improvement with competition entries. Bowls England haven't issued the individual places compared with other counties yet. Whether or not we have 2 qualifiers at the Nationals will be determined by these totals.

Championship Event	Men 2021	Place	Men 2022	Place	Women 2021	Place	Women 2022	Place
Singles	143	7	146		66	10	73	
2 Wd Singles	87	9	88		40	16	40	
Pairs	154	8	144		83	6	93	
Triples	96	8	94		60	7	69	
Fours	63	7	60		36	8	40	
Junior Singles	6	24	8		5	9	4	
Senior Fours*	50	6	50		30	8	35	
Junior Pairs*	3	15	3		3	3	2	
Total	602	8	593		323	8	356	

*Traditionally only 1 Qualifier : Place in National Table

Lastly can I say thank you, or can you pass on my thanks to your secretaries for distributing the information I send to you onwards your players. I know some are better than others but most of you are pretty good. Thanks

Marcia Dunstone
Honorary Executive Secretary.