



**Surrey County Bowling Association
Honours Awards - Honorary Hon Vice President and Life Member
Guidelines as at 26th November 2015**

Life Membership is awarded for outstanding and significant active contributions to the work of the County over many years. It will, therefore, be awarded rarely, and will reflect the high standards of the conditions for receipt.

Successful nominees will receive, at the next AGM, a County Blazer Badge (if not previously held), a medal and blazer flash, both inscribed "Life Member", and a Certificate describing the award.

Honorary Vice Presidency is an accolade and honour second only to that of Life Membership. Nominees should have made such active and practical contributions to the work and development of the County which, while falling short of those for Life Membership, will still have been dedicated and, in all probability, continuous, and at a level that has demonstrated commitment and service.

Following tradition, at the end of his year in Office, the President will normally be awarded an Honorary Vice Presidency.

Successful nominees will receive, at the next AGM, a suitably modified County Blazer Badge (if not already badged), a medal and flash both inscribed "Honorary Vice President" and a Certificate describing the award.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSIONS

A decision on whether or not to award Life Membership or Hon Vice Presidency will reflect the County's assessment of the degree and extent of added value contributions and their impact on the County.

Submissions, therefore, must be focussed, comprehensive and detailed, and demonstrate outstanding and significant **SERVICE to the COUNTY**, not the Club; service to the Club may be recognised through the *Surrey Leopard Award*. Normally, though there will be exceptions, an indicative period of service could be in the region of 10 years and more.

There are many ways in which a member can serve the Surrey County Bowling Association – all, undoubtedly, much valued. Life Membership and Hon Vice Presidency are respectively the two most significant County awards and *will* acknowledge equally significant added value contributions. They will demonstrate, also, that the Association recognises a recipient as a worthy ambassador for bowls in Surrey.

Those nominating should

- provide explicit facts on how the nominee has moved the County forward and contributed to the enhancement and further development of the game of bowls, and the wider image of Surrey County Bowling Association
- detail specific areas in which contributions have been made, for example, directly in County Bowls Administration, Council and related Committees, Coaching, and Recruitment, and/or indirectly using bowls as a conduit for assisting Charitable organisations

Submissions will include details of contributions from several of the following areas -

- as **Officer(s) of the County**
 - what has he done beyond the call of duty
 - what positive and significant difference to the County have his spells in *office* made
 - the extent to which the County has moved forward as a result of his contributions
 - how has he actually helped bowls in the County, aided its development, and enhanced its image
- in **administration including on Committees, sub-committees and relevant external bodies**
 - taking initiatives that progresses County development and benefit Surrey bowls and bowlers
 - showing leadership and being proactive in committee and Council
 - demonstrating commitment to teamwork and collective responsibility
 - willingly volunteering even for menial tasks
- in **specialist roles at National and County level** taking into account the nature and depth of the contributions
 - recruitment, coaching and umpiring,
 - representation at wider Association levels such as National Governing Body, Home Counties, County Areas
 - the extent to which contributions have enhanced the functioning, development and image of bowls in the County
- in **social matters**
 - providing a personal touch that reflects a caring and supportive Association

The above is not an exhaustive list; other factors may be taken into consideration. These are *Guidelines* – and, as such, will suggest what those nominating should be thinking about. As in all aspects of Honours Awards, there are important words to take into account –

**OUTSTANDING – SIGNIFICANT – QUALITY – RANGE – DEPTH – DEVELOPMENT - SERVICE – OVER A PERIOD OF YEARS.
Surrey does have members who *fit the bill*, and the County wants to recognise and thank them.**