



Honours Awards Policy (Revised November 2016)

The award of Honours other than those for County Colours will be considered, in confidence, by a Committee - the Awards Committee - elected by Council. It will comprise the County President and six experienced and knowledgeable Council-elected Officers and/or Councillors. Two Committee members will retire by rotation each year but may seek re-election. The President will have a casting vote on all matters.

Nominations will be considered successful providing not more than one dissenting voice is recorded.

Decisions on Life Membership, Honorary Vice Presidency and Certificates of Merit will remain confidential until the following AGM. Decisions on the Leopard Award will remain confidential until each Award is presented at an appropriate ceremony arranged by the Club during the relevant season. The Secretary will attend all Committee meetings in an *ex officio* capacity.

Nominations for the awards of **Life Membership**, **Honorary Vice President** and **Certificate of Merit** may be from any source within the County. They should be in writing through the County Secretary no later than 31st August.

Nominations for the Surrey Leopard Award should be made through club committees and on a form provided by the County Secretary and returned to him no later than 31st March. They should be signed by the Club President, Secretary or other Senior Official.

Submissions for all Awards

- a. should be sufficiently comprehensive to support the proposal
- b. should not be confined to *retiring* County officials
- c. will be considered successful providing not more than one dissenting vote is recorded.

1. 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. Should a Life Member move out of County, his Bowls England affiliation fees will be paid by the County.

**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**

2. 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 Blazer flash
both inscribed "Honorary Vice President" and a Certificate describing the award.**

3. Certificate of Merit acknowledges service to **Surrey County Bowling Association**. *Such service will have been valued and respected, and will have contributed positively, and added, to the objectives, development and image of the County. The extent to which the County's reputation has been enhanced, whilst, perhaps over a shorter period than that required for other awards, will be taken into account.*

Successful nominees will receive, at the next AGM, a Certificate of Merit describing the award.

4. Surrey Leopard Award aims to encourage, foster, promote and maintain a sense of pride and enthusiasm by members of outdoor clubs affiliated to the County. It recognises outstanding and distinguished services in administration and other duties **at Club level** which may have been given over a number of years or, depending on the quality, range and depth of the contributions, may have been over a shorter period. The extent to which they have directly or indirectly assisted the County Association in achieving its objectives will also be taken into account. *The award is **not** extended to recognition of playing skills and/or services to management at Association level which are sufficiently recognised through other honours outlined in the Award of Honours Policy.*

Successful nominees will receive the Surrey Leopard Award, Blazer flash and a Certificate describing the award.

5. County Colours

The Council will award County Badges and Ties in accordance with the various competitions, as set out hereunder, to any player who in the:-

- i. *Open County Singles* - reaches the last eight
- ii. *2 Wood Singles*- reaches the Semi-Final
- iii. *Pairs* - reaches the last eight *pairs*
- iv. *Triples* - reaches the last four *triples*
- v. *Fours* - reaches the last four *fours*
- vi. *Senior Fours* – reaches the Final

NB- To qualify for a County Badge in the County Pairs, Triples and Fours Competitions, a player must play in at least six winning rounds which may include byes and walk-overs. Should there be insufficient entries to ensure six winning rounds including byes and walkovers the player must reach the Final”.

- vii. *Secretaries competition - reaches the final*
- viii. *Unbadged Singles competition - reaches the last eight*
- ix. *Middleton Cup* - shall be selected, and plays in, the County team and, after he has played five such matches. Such player, however, shall be awarded, and entitled to wear, a County tie immediately before his first game. Should the player still be involved in the Unbadged Singles Competition at the time he qualifies for his badge in this manner, he shall be entitled to continue in that competition in accordance with Bye-Law XI (1)
- x. *Champion of Champions* - reaches the *final*
- xi. *Bowls England Under 25s Double Rink* competition - plays in at least four rounds, *including the National Final*
- xii. *Bowls England National Junior Singles* competition - reaches the *final*
- xiii. *Bowls England 55 and over National Singles* competition - reaches the *final*
- xiv. *Bowls England 55 and over National Pairs* competition - reaches the *final*
- xv. *Bowls England Double Fours Championship* competition - reaches the *final*
- xvi. *Bowls England Champion of Champions* competition - reaches the *final*
- xvii. *Bowls England Mixed Pairs* competition - reaches the *final after playing in at least four rounds*
- xviii. *Bowls England Mixed Fours* competition - reaches the *final after playing in at least four rounds*
- xix. *Bowls England Family Pairs* competition – reaches the *final after playing at least four rounds.*
- xx. *Bowls England Junior Champion of Champions* competition - reaches the *final after playing in at least four rounds*
- xxi. *Bowls England Top Club Competition* reaches the *Final after playing in at least four rounds*
- xxii. *Bowls England Tony Allcock National Mixed Club O60 Competition* reaches the *final after playing in at least four rounds.*
- xxiii. *To attain the Under 25 County Blazer badge, the recipient has to play in a minimum of 3 County or Association matches at Under 25 level.*

A player who plays for the County who has not been selected to play by the County Selection Committee, nor received an official notice from the Secretary or Hon Match Secretary, shall not receive a County Badge as a result of his having participated in a County Match.

A player who is unbadged and who is selected for, and plays in, a Home Counties League match will NOT receive a County Badge, but he will be entitled to wear the County Tie while he plays in such matches.

Upon election to the office of Junior Vice President, should the Officer be “unbadged”, he shall be entitled to wear the crest of the County with a flash “JV President”, to be replaced by a “SV President” flash the following year upon election to the Office, and by a “President” flash the following year on election to the Office.

Upon appointment to the offices of Secretary and Hon Match Secretary respectively, should the Officer be “unbadged”, he shall be entitled to wear the crest of the County with, in the case of the Secretary, a flash “Secretary” attached thereto plus a medallion so inscribed; in the case of the Hon Match Secretary, a medallion so inscribed.

All Councillors and Officers shall be entitled to wear the County Tie.

In order that Surrey representatives in the national finals can wear the County Blazer Badge and County Tie, provided they have qualified, these will be presented to them by the County President on Finals Day. Third place qualifiers will receive their County Badge and Tie at the completion of the play-offs. Other players who have qualified for a County Badge will be presented with it, together with a County Tie, when they play in their first County match.

6. Bannerettes

Bannerettes will be awarded to the clubs of the winners of the Singles, Pairs, Triples, Fours, Unbadged Singles, 2 Wood Singles, Secretaries Singles, Champion of Champions competitions, Under 25s Singles and the Inter-Area Top Four competitions.

7. Commemorative Blazer Badges and/or Flashes will be awarded

- i.* to the Middleton Cup Team Manager, on appointment
- ii.* to players who have played in three or more Middleton Cup matches. Application for flashes should be made to the County Secretary. Those players unbadged will not receive their flash till the fifth game when they will be awarded their Badge and flash.
- iii.* to a Middleton Cup Winning Team Manager, Players and up to four Reserves who must have played or been Reserve in at least four current year Middleton Cup matches
- iv.* for Middleton Cup "50" and "100" appearances. 100 games will be recognised additionally through a suitable gift
- v.* after 10 Home Counties games
- vi.* after 100 Home Counties games, a certificate and "100" tie
- vii.* to Past Presidents and Past County Officers on retirement

NB - Qualification for Home Counties flashes as above commenced from the 2008 season.

