

# **BOWLS SURREY NEWSLETTER**

## **Issue 1/2021**

Hello Everyone and welcome to **a New Year**. I cannot believe that I have now been writing these Newsletters for a whole year. Lets all keep our fingers crossed that in 2021 I can bring news of Surreys bowling successes on the greens around the Country rather than 'what happened last year'!! One thing that I have learnt is that I cannot always squeeze everything onto one page in this newsletter so from now on we might have 2 pages and bigger words, no more magnifying glasses needed. I hope that is ok with you all. Charlotte xXx

Martin Morris, our long standing County Auditor has decided to stand down. We would like to thank him for his valued contribution to the County.

We are therefore looking for a **replacement Auditor** to look after the Bowls Surrey, SCBA & SCWBA accounts. The year ends 30th September therefore all checks need to be completed by end October at the latest.

- . Inspecting spreadsheets and bank accounts
- . Ensure compliance with laws and regulations
- . Communicate throughout the year with regular checks etc.

If you are interested and willing to assist the County, or would like more information, please contact Colin Homes County Administrator.

### **County Uniform**

We are still looking for someone to hold and distribute the County Uniform. If you think you can help with this or have any questions please contact either Colin, Sheron or John.

Last month I told you all about the **BE National Recruitment Weekend** being held in May. Several of you have tried to register. Please be aware I have contacted BE and they will not be ready for clubs to register until Mid March. Please start planning and as soon as they let me know I will let you know.

### **Surrey County Competitions**

Just a quick reminder that if you would like to enter any County Comps this year you **MUST** do this via your Secretary who has to do the entries on the Affiliation System on or before 31st January. No competition entries can be received after this date as the system will be closed down and the draws done. This includes the new mixed pairs & fours comps. Note for Secretaries - **All affiliations must be completed by 31st Jan** - if you need help please contact either Sheron or John, the County Secretaries

Last November we held the first ever virtual County AGM. There were understandable reservations about an untried method of decision making, but given the circumstances it was that or nothing. In the end 59 clubs attended. Clubs had all the information beforehand and were able to have their questions answered during the meeting. In the end the meeting went smoothly and the business was completed in 46 minutes. I have received nothing but positive feedback with some realising the time they had saved travelling and asked if we could always hold AGM's virtually, it would be interesting to hear your views. Please stay safe - Best Regards Colin - BS Administrator

### **National Competitions - A note from BE's Lee Rowland**

'Bowls England are in the early stages of preparing a contingency plan for consideration by the Board in February across all of our operations including competitions up to and including national finals. Whilst at this stage our baseline position is 'business as usual' we shall be considering a number of potential scenarios from minimal to significant disruption.'

#### **Bowls Englands National Competition Portal**

In the next few weeks we (BE) will be emailing all competitors with news about competitions and how to work the portal. As to using the portal for entry the link below which is on the portal under 'How to Enter', this explains how to create an account and how to enter, along with editing the entries into someone else's name. That link is below:

[https://bowlsenglandcomps.com/files/pages\\_documents/6a09ad0c-4890-4af4-b3be-1a6c8d58ead6.pdf](https://bowlsenglandcomps.com/files/pages_documents/6a09ad0c-4890-4af4-b3be-1a6c8d58ead6.pdf)

#### **Entries for National Competitions close on 1st March.**

##### **UMPIRES CORNER**

Last Months Question - What is the minimum distance that a bowl must be delivered from the mat line? **Answer - 14 metres**

This Months Question - **A player when measuring, accidentally displaces the bowl. What should happen now?**

##### **Emails from Bowls England**

If you would like a copy please just let me know  
22nd Jan - New Funding Opportunities Available for Bowls Clubs - this was sent to all Secretaries and Treasurers

27th Jan - Annual Report - reminder last date for ordering is 1st Feb

Please note that any emails you have received from the Bowls Surrey Match System are not from Charlotte. If you click on the email address that they have been sent from you will see that it is [noreply@scbamatch.co.uk](mailto:noreply@scbamatch.co.uk) If you have any queries with regards to the Matches or the Match system please contact the Match Secretaries Dorothy Roberts or Tony Bourne.