

# **BOWLS SURREY NEWSLETTER**

## **Issue 3/2021**

Hello Everyone and Happy Easter. Please ask your club to consider taking part in the Bowls Big Weekend. The more clubs that take part the more people we can recruit and the more likely we are to survive as a sport. Also don't forget to let me know about your Recruitment Days and I will add them to the Facebook Page.

Please also ensure that you have all read and understand the rules regarding how many people you will be allowed on your green and at your club throughout the season but especially for your Club Opening Days in April. I know the news was not quite what we all hoped for but it is what it is and we must all adjust. Please take care of yourselves and your fellow members and help them to stay safe.

Charlotte BS Communications.

Taking place over the Spring Bank Holiday of the 2021 season (Friday 28th to Monday 31st May), **Bowls' Big Weekend** is a national initiative offering clubs the opportunity to promote our welcoming and socially-distanced sport and attract new members. We know that 20% of new bowlers join our sport on the back of open weekends, that our clubs want support to help recruit new players and that there are plenty of people out there who would love to have a go at bowls.

**Bowls' Big Weekend** is open to clubs affiliated to Bowls England and is being run alongside the Bowls Development Alliance and Disability Bowls England. It takes place over the four-day period allowing clubs to organise activity that best fits within their club's calendar and complies with Return to Play guidance.

Affiliated clubs who sign up will be able to access **FREE resources**, including bowls-specific workshops to help run a great event and grow your club. In addition, publicity material and creative resources for social media channels, websites and within your local community will be made available. It will be supported by a national marketing campaign to help raise awareness of the events across the country, and some clubs will get a visit from an England Commonwealth Games Squad bowler.

To ensure that you are the first to receive notification when new material is available, as well as being on our exclusive mailing list for workshops where numbers are strictly limited.

This a fantastic opportunity for us to **get people back out on to the greens** this summer and we hope as many clubs as possible will get involved. Some of our most frequently asked questions can be found at <https://www.bowlsengland.com/bowls-big-weekend>

Emails Received from Bowls England this Month - If you would like a copy please just ask and I will forward it to you.

5th Mar - Bowls England - Return to Play

9th Mar - Bowls' Big Weekend to showcase 'Sport for All'

11th Mar - Applications sought for new Bowls Inclusion Advisory Group

23rd Mar - Bowls England Competition: WIN TICKETS to the 2022 Commonwealth Games

24th Mar - Bowls England News: Rob Short to join as Head of Communications

25th Mar - **Competitive Events: Update** - this was forwarded to Secretaries & Delegates and should have been forwarded to all Competition bowlers

26th Mar - Bowls England - **Return to Play Guidance** (Step One) - this was forwarded to Secretaries and Delegates.

### **IMPORTANT INFO**

for County & National Competition Bowlers. This **only applies** to Comps **leading to Leamington**. Your club does not have to change its own competitions and this does not affect Leagues or Matches.

2 Bowl Singles - 2 Bowls - 21 ends

Singles - 4 bowls - 21 shots

Pairs - 3 bowls - 18 ends

Triples - 2 bowls - 18 ends

Fours - 2 bowls - 15 ends

Senior Fours - 2 bowls - 15 ends

Junior/Senior Singles - 4 bowls - 21 shots

Junior/Senior Pairs - 3 bowls - 18 ends

Please see attached sheet for full details of all comps

**Please print the Attached SCBA Benevolent Fund Poster and ensure your members know that the Fund is there to HELP Members in times of need. They are not asking for money. Quite the opposite!**

**Umpires Corner**

Last months question - When does an unmarked 'toucher' cease to be a 'toucher'?

**Answer - Not chalked or nominated before the next bowl comes to rest or 30 seconds after last bowl comes to rest.**

This months question - You are the last player of the end and are concerned that your bowl may be too risky. Do you have to play the bowl?



