

# BOWLS DEVON PATRONS

## NEWSLETTER

Welcome to this first newsletter of the Bowls Devon Patrons. Here we hope that you will find this not only interesting but informative.

The Bowls Devon Patrons Association is open to any bowler from Devon who is affiliated to a club in Bowls Devon. The fee for joining the Patrons is £15 for life membership or £2 for an annual membership. The aim of the Bowls Devon Patrons is to foster goodwill and fellowship amongst bowlers of Bowls Devon, and also to provide financial support to promote Bowls Devon juniors and the Amenities Fund of Bowls Devon.

Throughout the season Bowls Devon Patrons play in matches against clubs which have invited them to play. These matches are played in an enjoyable atmosphere, whilst also being very competitive. At the end of the game many new friendships have been formed and cemented over a glass or two in the bar.

At the present time the lady members of the Patrons only play in mixed games, there are more games for the male members. This we feel needs to be addressed. There are several ideas we are thinking about and ladies your feedback would be very much appreciated. Firstly the reinstating of Patrons Day for ladies, and secondly a ladies match against the Lady President team. If you have any thoughts about these two proposals or any other way we could get ladies matches please let us know.

All of you should by now have had your renewal forms, fixture cards and match availability forms. If you haven't received them please let us know.

The fixtures for 2015 have now been completed, but if any club wishes to invite the Patrons for 2016 we will only be too pleased to hear from you.

We hope that you have found this newsletter informative and wish you all a very successful and happy 2015 bowling season.

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