

BOWLS DEVON PATRONS

NEWSLETTER

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

At the start of the 2015 season it was with sadness that we learnt of the death of our long standing chairman Derek Viles. Derek worked tirelessly for the Patrons and will be very much missed.

Throughout the season Bowls Devon Patrons played in matches against clubs right across the county which had invited them to play. These matches were played in an enjoyable atmosphere, whilst also being very competitive. At the end of the game many new friendships were formed and cemented over a glass or two in the bar. Thank you to all the clubs who invited us to play.

The fixtures for 2016 have now been completed and the renewal forms, fixture cards and match availability forms will be sent out in the coming weeks. We are pleased to announce that we have 3 ladies Patrons games this season. We do hope that these will be well supported.

We are very pleased that Margaret Shillabeer has taken over as chairperson of the Bowls Devon Patrons. Tony Howle has agreed to be the match co-ordinator for the men and John Hogger has taken over as the fixture secretary for the men. Jeanette Symons who has worked extremely hard for the Patrons over the years has decided to stand down from the committee. We would like to thank her for all her hard work.

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 £20 for life membership or £3 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.

If any club wishes to invite the Patrons for a match in 2017 we will be pleased to hear from you.

We hope that you have found this newsletter informative and wish you all a very successful and happy 2016 bowling season.