

Bowls Devon Newsletter No. 18

April 2017

Another outdoor season is underway and I am starting this Newsletter with a plea to all the men in our county. For the first time in many years we have no male Junior Vice President. Any gentleman, from any Section, can apply for the position. This year's Bowls Devon presidential team of Ruth Voysey and Colin Healy (presidents), Vicky Hingston and Mike Birch (S.V. presidents) and Ciss Jones (J.V. president) look forward to welcoming someone to make up the full team. Is there anyone in your Club who might be interested, if so please ask them to contact me.

Many of you will know that Ruth, our Lady President, has not been well for some time. She has been fighting a battle with cancer for over eleven years now. Unfortunately, Ruth has just been told by her doctor and the hospital that there is no further treatment available to her. She is a very courageous and brave person and would dearly love to undertake all her presidential duties this year but knows this will not be possible. Ruth is determined, however, to continue in office and hopes to be able to make an appearance at some of the games.

Our web Site Several comments have been made that our web site is very dated and your Officers have taken this on board. With the help of our Web Site Manager Bob Smith we are looking into ways of improving the site. Updates are being made to the list of badged players where we hope to add player's full name not just surnames. All Clubs are being sent a form to complete to update these which should be returned to Carol. We would be pleased to hear from Clubs with news or updates for the site. Please also check your Club's details on the web site as some may be out of date. It has been agreed that all competition entries for every section will now also be on the web site and Bob has designed a template for each Section to enter the draws and results for all their county competitions. Section Competition Secretaries, or the person designated by the Section for this task, need to contact Bob who will be pleased to issue the template (designed especially for the section if the number of entries per competition are given to him) along with a password which will make updating easy for everyone. Bob can be contacted at bob-smith@blueyonder.co.uk

Club's Constitutions At the Bowls England AGM this year we were reminded that everyone should have the Bowls England Regulation 9 which deals with Disciplinary matters in their Club Constitution. Please will all Clubs check they have wording, under Disciplinary matters, something like "all affiliated members will accept and abide by Bowls England Regulation 9". There is no need for any other wording under this heading.

Annual County Luncheon. This will again be a joint Luncheon with presentation of prizes for all and will be held at The Langstone Cliff Hotel, Dawlish Warren on Sunday 29 October 2017. There is an excellent menu with plenty of choice for each course and a poster advertising the Luncheon Menu is attached along with a booking form to put on notice boards. Tickets will be £ 24.50 each.

Level 1 Coaching Course There are already two Level 1 Coaching Courses arranged for this year, the first will be held at Dawlish and District Indoor Bowling Club on the 7 May and 4 June and the second at the same venue from 8 May to 5 June. These are nationally recognised courses held over

two days and roughly a month apart between the two sessions. The course costs £ 130.00, 50% of which may be claimed as a bursary from Bowls England. Anyone wishing to join a course should contact our Coach Co-ordinator, John Ward, whose email address is terri.ward38@gmail.com for further details.

Markers Courses As we know the County and indeed the whole Country are very short of qualified Umpires. To help with this problem the English Bowls Umpires Association are organising courses to train bowlers to become Markers, the first step to being an Umpire. Sue Trott will be running the first of these courses for Devon bowlers at Sidmouth Bowling Club on Friday 12 May 2017. Details if this course have been circulated but should anyone wish to learn more they should get in contact with Sue on 01823 421591 or email tsue421@gmail.com

Safeguarding Courses Bowls Devon hope to organise further Safeguarding in Bowls – Time to Listen Courses for Club Welfare Officers. The course, lasting four hours costs £35, 50% of which may be claimed as a bursary from Bowls England. Please send names of any member interested in attending a course to me so that a date and venue can be organised.

County Players Web Site Update Can all Clubs please ensure they return the form sent out recently on which to update the full names of members affiliated who are badged by 1 May please?

Order of Merit Award Any Club wishing to nominate a member for this award should do so in writing, giving a full explanation why the Club feels this member should be considered for the award, by the end of the season.

County Diaries Copies are still available.

Changes in Club Officers details for 2017 since the Diary was published

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PHEAR PARK B.C. – New email address for John Robins johnrobins31@gmail.com

NEWTON ABBOT B.C. –New email address for Rose Howard rose.howard2650@gmail.com

ROCK PARK B.C. – Arthur Prosser has been appointed 'shadow' Secretary to help Michael Steele with Club work. Arthur's telephone number is 01271 342781 Email arthurprosser@hotmail.co.uk

Others

Section 8 Men's Selector – Richard Catchpole

B.D. Assistant Treasurer Rosemarie Mayne is moving to 18, Hammett Road, Cullompton EX15 1JP on the 10 May 2017

Carol

