

# Bowls Devon Newsletter No. 19

September 2017

Another outdoor season is rapidly coming to an end. Such a lot has happened this season. We sadly lost our Lady President, Ruth, in June and I am sure all miss her very much. We will remember her bubbling personality and determination to carry on in office for as long as she could.

We welcomed Tony Howle of Madeira and Margaret Jones of Abbrook Park as Junior Vice Presidents in July. President Colin, with the help of SVP's Vicky and Mike, has been a shining example to us all undertaking so many presidential duties on behalf of Bowls Devon.

**National Success** Once again Devon shone at the Nationals and came home with many trophies. We won the Middleton Cup, White Rose and Amy Rose and were finalists in the Balcomb, a wonderful achievement. We also had a wealth of players in finals and semi finals many of whom lost by that single shot. Well done everyone, Bowls Devon are proud of you all.

**Annual General Meeting** This year our AGM will be held at Exeter Golf & Country Club, Countess Wear, Exeter, EX2 7AE at 10.00 a.m on Saturday 2 December. Vicky and Mike will be proposed as Presidents for 2018 with Margaret and Tony as SVP's. We are still looking for nominations for a Man and Lady Junior Vice President and I urge every Club to encourage their members to consider taking on these roles.

**County Luncheon** The County Luncheon this year is on Sunday 29 October and once again will be held at The Langstone Cliff Hotel, Dawlish Warren, where trophies will be presented to the winners of all competitions. Requests for tickets for the luncheon should be sent to Administrator, Carol, as soon as possible, so table plans can be arranged. The Luncheon is extremely good value for money with several choices on the menu for each course and tickets are priced at £24.50 each.

**County Luncheon Draw** Clubs are asked to donate a draw prize which should be brought along on the day or sent to the Administrator. Your support would be appreciated.

**Order of Merit Award 2017** - This award is given to grass root bowlers, our unsung heroes of Clubs who work, year after year for little or no reward, to help keep their Club running. It may be with admin work or in the kitchen or the bar, the cleaning, redecorating, general maintenance or on the green. In fact when a hand is needed this member is always around. Clubs are asked to send their nominations, in writing, to Administrator Carol as soon as possible. Awards, if made, are presented at the A.G.M.

**Christmas Gifts** Bowls Devon once again wishes to prepare a list of members from Clubs to whom we can send a gift at Christmas. It is intended that gifts of a cheque - will be sent to past and present members and dependants of members whom Clubs consider would appreciate being remembered at this special time by their fellow bowlers. All nominations for Christmas gifts will be considered sympathetically and should be sent in writing to the County Assistant Treasurer, Rosemarie Mayne at 18, Hammett Road, Cullompton EX15 1HP or by email to [rosmayne@supanet.com](mailto:rosmayne@supanet.com) to include name and address of the person nominated.

Carol