

## **PATRONS REPORT**

**OCTOBER 2017**

The Patrons have experienced a difficult season as far as cancellations of matches throughout this season. Weather conditions played a major part but unfortunately we were short of players for some games and in total fifteen matches were not played.

However of those played 24 were won 21 Lost and one draw.

Membership renewals 169 Annual members and 10 new life members.

I would request the County look at the number of Presidents games being played in the season as these type of matches are a direct competition to our games and my belief is that the players are having to choose between Patrons and Presidents thereby reducing the number available to each for selection purposes.

The Patrons are pleased to be able to transfer the sum of £2000 to the County Funds for the benefit of your Junior Teams and the Benevolent Fund as you see fit.

For the past two seasons we have used an email system wherever possible and will continue to expand our database . Our prime reason being we are somewhat nomadic and have no 'CLUB' noticeboard to post teams, therefore other than by telephone, email is our best means of communication.

A change for 2018 season , the Patrons committee have agreed that all matches will be open to men and ladies, but we will respect the wishes of the clubs inviting the Patrons to their green when selecting our side.

May I advertise the Social weekend to be held at Torquay Belgrave Sands Hotel February 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> – 3nights dinner bed and breakfast plus live evening entertainment. NO bowls matches. Enquiries to cutler.plymbowl @blueyonder.co.uk or to [gordon.thomas4@btinternet.com](mailto:gordon.thomas4@btinternet.com) Cost £135/£150 pp

We wish Vicky Hingston all the best for 2018 as the County President

Gordon Thomas

Administrator