

# Bowls Devon Newsletter No. 20

April 2018

Another outdoor season is starting and hopefully so will the warm weather!

During the closed season we welcomed Bob Dowdell of Buckfastleigh as our Male Junior Vice President. There is still a vacancy for a Lady Junior Vice President and I would ask all Clubs to encourage a lady to consider and take up the post to complete the Bowls Devon presidential team.

**County Diary** There are still some 2018 Bowls Devon Diaries available. Apart from useful bowling information, the diary runs from 26th March 2018 to 21st April 2019. £2.50 without a cover and £3.50 with one. Please contact Brian Baker at [bowlsdevondiary@aol.co.uk](mailto:bowlsdevondiary@aol.co.uk) if you would like to purchase a copy.

**Safeguarding Course** A half day Safeguarding course for Club Welfare Officers and Coaches will be held at South Molton Bowling Club on Thursday 31 May at 12.30 p.m. The cost is £35 per person. Anyone interested in attending should contact Carol as soon as possible for a booking form.

**Marker's Course** We hope to be able to run a marker's course in the not too distant future. The cost will be £10 per course and further details will be sent to everyone when arrangements have been made.

**County Luncheon** The County Luncheon this year is on Sunday 28 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. The Menu and Booking form is attached with this Newsletter. Please put Luncheon Poster and Newsletter on your notice board.

**Data Protection** New regulations need to be considered, and guidance will be produced shortly on how GDPR applies to the administration and management of Bowls

**Web Site** Over the past months Bob Smith, our Web Site Manager, has been hard at work with Rokk media updating our web site. When the update is complete hopefully it will be easier to navigate and certainly look more attractive. David Mercer has agreed to keep the website updated with the latest news items, so, if you have news or perhaps an up-coming event you think would be good to have on the web site, contact David at [tinkerboy1@sky.com](mailto:tinkerboy1@sky.com)

**Loans to Clubs** Should you be thinking of a capital expenditure at your Club please do not forget the County has interest free loans available, the only cost being an admin fee of £25 per £1,000 borrowed. Applications for loans should be sent to the Assistant Treasurer, Rosemarie Mayne at 18, Hammett Road, Cullompton EX15 1HP or emailed to [rosmayne@supanet.com](mailto:rosmayne@supanet.com)

**Amenities Fund** The County has a very healthy Amenities Fund which was set up for bowlers who may need a helping hand. At the moment the only regular payments made out of this account are the Christmas gifts. Clubs may apply for Christmas gifts to be sent to members who they feel would appreciate being remembered at this time of the year by their bowling colleagues, a Club may nominate two members each year. Rosemarie administers this fund and all applications should be sent to her.

Carol