



BOWLS DEVON

Affiliated to Bowls England

Executive Officers: Christine Marshall and Bob Dowdell (Presidents), Alan Mann (Chair), Harry Riley (Administrator), David Tucker (Treasurer), Ray Stringer (Asst. Treasurer), Ciss Jones and Kevin Phillips (Ladies and Men's Administrators), Sue Trott and Edgar Melluish (Ladies and Men's Match Secretaries) and Sue Silcox (Development Officer)

Distribution:

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1st November 2020

Annual General Meeting of Bowls Devon 2020

Given Government guidance on social distancing it is not possible to hold a physical face-to-face meeting this year. In its place there will be an electronic meeting which will enable the Executive Committee to obtain the acceptance of recommendations put forward by the Committee.

The purpose of the Annual General Meeting is to receive reports from officers of Bowls Devon and to elect Executive Officers, Life Members and Honorary Members, and other officers and appointments for the forthcoming year.

AGENDA

1 Obituaries:

It is with deep sadness that we record the following deaths:

Barnstaple BC	John Greaves, Past President DCBA and Honorary Member
Bitton Park BC	Doris Furphy - Peter Gourd - Andy Davies
Bovey Tracey BC	Peter Martin - Colin Wright
Buckfastleigh BC	Tim Steemson
Chudleigh BC	June Whiteman
City of Plymouth BC	John Henning
Dawlish BC	Paul Carpenter
Den BC	Connie Heales - Frank Ralph
Heavitree BC	David Joslin
Honiton BC	Carole Pidgeon - Ken Clarke
Ipplepen BC	Dorella Berrett - Ken Day - Tony Greenaway
Kings BC	David Artz - Michael Birch - President of Bowls Devon 2018 and Honorary Member
Kingsteignton BC	John Edgecombe
Marina BC	Liz Potts - Michael Sweeney
Newton Abbot BC	Doreen Ramsenius - Tony Ellis - Jim Taylor
Ottery St. Mary BC	Michael Smith
Peverell Park BC	Charles Radford
Plymstock BC	Margaret Blampey
Rock Park BC	Chris Smith
Tiverton West End BC	Eileen Smith - Tony Burton
Torquay BC	Malcolm Williams

If you wish any additional names to be recorded, please let me have the details and I will add the names to the Roll of Honour.

2 Bows Devon Order of Merit:

The Bows Devon Merit Award is awarded to members who have given exceptional services to fellow bowlers at club level. Nominations were invited from Sections and one nomination - on behalf of Neil Hobbs - was received by the closing date, 30th September.

Having considered the nomination, the Life Membership Committee recommended that Neil Hobbs, of the Lynton and Lynmouth Bowling Club, should be awarded the Order of Merit. This was supported by the Executive Committee and the Award will be presented at the earliest opportunity.

3 Life Membership:

Following a recommendation by the Life Membership Committee, the Executive Committee has agreed that retiring Chair, Alan Mann, should be awarded Life Membership of Bows Devon in recognition of all past services to the game of bows in the County. The Award will be presented at the earliest opportunity.

4 Annual Report of the County Administrator - copy attached

5 Treasurer's Annual Report and Examined Accounts – to be forwarded

6 Appointment of Account Examiners:

The Executive Committee has agreed to the appointment of Haines Watts Chartered Accountants as Account Examiners.

7 Officers Allowances:

The Finance and General Purposes Committee, and subsequently the Executive Committee, have accepted the Treasurer's recommendation that the full amount be paid to the Administrator, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Diary Secretary and Web Site Manager. The remaining officers to receive 50% of the 2019 allowance. No percentage increase will be added this year.

8 Changes to Constitution and Rules:

Executive Officers, Section Secretaries, two Delegates from each mixed club – one lady and one man, two delegates from each single gender club have the power to vote.

Those entitled to vote are asked to register any vote against a particular proposal by email, to me - at harryriley@btinternet.com by the 30th November. It is not necessary for votes in favour of the proposals to be registered.

Should no objections be received by the 30th November it will be assumed that no vote is a yes vote.

a) As a result of Bows England decisions dated 6th August 2020, the Executive Committee **RECOMMENDS** that the following changes are made to the Constitution and Rules -

Rule 5.3 DELETE

Rule 5.3 INSERT All full playing members of member clubs shall pay affiliation fees to Bows Devon and Bows England. Affiliation fees and a list of all bowling members (name and gender only) shall be returned by clubs and based on playing members at 1st May annually.

Rule 5.4 DELETE

Rule 5.4 INSERT Sections should then forward the fees collected along with the list of bowling members to the County Treasurer not later than 15th May annually.

Rule 5.6 AMEND 1 October to read 1 May.

DELETE second sentence.

Rule 5.7 Existing Rule to become Rule 5.8

Rule 5.7 INSERT Competition entry forms and fees shall be forwarded by clubs to Sections by 1st October annually. Sections should then forward the fees collected to the County Treasurer not later than 17th November.

b) The following proposal has been put forward by the Competition Committee and has been approved by the Executive Committee:

Rule 7.14 Competition Committee

The rationale of this recommendation is to ensure that all queries regarding ladies' competitions go to the Assistant Ladies' Administrator (Competitions) rather than the Ladies' Administrator.

RECOMMENDATION That Ladies' Administrator be amended to read Assistant Ladies' Administrator (Competitions).

9 Appointment of Officers nominated by the Executive Committee

The following officers are nominated by the Executive Committee for approval at the Annual General Meeting.

RECOMMENDED that the following are appointed for 2021:

Chair	David Mercer
Administrator	Harry Riley
Treasurer	Ray Stringer
Ladies' Administrator	Vicky Hingston
Men's Administrator	Kevin Phillips
Ladies' Match Secretary	Sue Trott
Men's Match Secretary	Edgar Melliush
Bowls Development Officer	Sue Silcox

Thanks are recorded to retiring officers Alan Mann, David Tucker and Ciss Jones.

10 Officials and officials appointed by the Executive Committee

The following officers and officials have been appointed for 2021:

Assistant Ladies' Administrator (Competitions)	Ruth Rogers
Safeguarding Officer	Bill Smith
Diary Secretary	**Brian Baker
County Coach Co-ordinator	Gillie Ainsley
Web Site Co-ordinator	David Mercer
Web Site Manager	Bob Smith
Co-ordinator of Ladies' President's matches	Charlotte Sliney
Co-ordinator of Men's President's matches	Edgar Melliush
Co-ordinator of Mixed President's matches	Vicky Hingston

** Brian Baker has agreed to carry on as Diary Secretary although, with a view to succession planning, we are looking to find a replacement for Brian.

11 Membership of Committees/Selectors appointed by the Executive Committee

The following officers and officials have been appointed for 2021:

Life Membership Committee

The two Immediate Past Presidents, Chair, Administrator and one Life or Honorary member - David Tucker

Constitution & Rules Committee

Chair, Administrator, Treasurer and other members - Tony Broom, Kay Page and Sue Silcox

Competition Committee

Men's Administrators, Assistant Ladies' Administrator (Competitions), Men's and Ladies' Match Secretaries and two other members – David Counter and Vicky Hingston

Men's and Ladies' General Selection Committees

Men's or Ladies' President as appropriate (Chair - non-voting), Men's or Ladies' Administrator (non-voting) as appropriate together with the Men's or Ladies' Selector as appropriate appointed by the Sections.

Johns Trophy Selection

Three members to hold office for three years - one to retire each year - together with the Ladies' Administrator (non-voting). Current members in retiring order are Liz Healy (2021), Sue Silcox (2022) and Kay Page (2023)

Middleton Cup Selection

Three members to hold office for three years - one to retire each year - together with the Men's Administrator (non-voting). Current members in retiring order are Alan Horwell (2021), David Tucker (2022) and Alan Mann (2023)

Ladies' Junior Side Selection

Three members to hold office for three years - one to retire each year - together with the Ladies' Administrator (non-voting). Current members are Sue Trott (2021), Carol Horgan (2022) and Natalie Chestney (2023)

Men's Junior Side Selection

Three members to hold office for three years - one to retire each year - together with the Men's Administrator (non-voting). Current members are Peter Churchman (2021), Kevin Phillips (2022) and John Berry (2023)

12 Presidential Team:

The Executive Committee has agreed that the Presidential team should be rolled over to 2021, namely:

Ladies' President	Christine Marshall – Crediton BC
Ladies' Senior Vice President	Aileen Rowden – Bitton Park BC
Ladies' Junior Vice President	Sandra Andrews – South Molton BC
Men's President	Bob Dowdell – Buckfastleigh BC
Men's Senior Vice President	John Abbott – North Tawton BC
Men's Junior Vice President	Paul Debnam – Bideford BC

Harry Riley
County Administrator