

Message from the DBE Chairperson.

It has been a very busy month for the DBE Management team that included two excellent Pre-Commonwealth Trials for the High-Performance Squads held in Covid Safe environments at Waddesden & Clarence Bowls Clubs. Filming has begun for our new recruitment video "One Day in my Life" and a lot of work undertaken on the re-write of the DBE Web Site. Maggy Smith has decided to step down as the Secretary of the DBE but will remain a Trustee of the DBE Charity Trust & Sue Davies has kindly stepped up to take on the role of Secretary (with Maggy's guidance). Helen Wall's role has increased to add Assistant Performance Manager to her existing International Selector Role which will assist Mo Monkton with her increasing workload in the build up to the 2022 Commonwealth Games. Stuart Espie from Leighton Buzzard BC has been appointed as the New Competition Secretary with Dan Bluett to assist Stuart as we grow both the Indoor & outdoor competitions for all. So, as you can see, the DBE Management Team is getting stronger every day as we prepare for the "New Normal Bowls World"

With Covid-19 escalating, and some indoor clubs unsure about opening, we have delayed publishing our 2021 fixture list until the situation settles. If playing Indoors please abide by the recent EIBA guidelines and follow all Covid safety measures at your club. *Stay safe everyone.*

VACANCIES – URGENT

Membership Secretary:

Do you have a couple of hours a month spare to update the membership database & email the "New Members Pack"? We need some help with this.....



Meet Daniel Adams:

Appointed DBE Representative for players with a learning disability.



A regular player in DBE events and 2019 Harlow Sports Personality of The Year Award, Daniel tells us a little about himself. "I have Aspergers Syndrome and have always found communicating with people very difficult. When I was 18, and after attempting various other sports, I found Indoor Bowls at our local club. In 2010, I joined The Griffin Bowls Club as well, to play out in the fresh air. I have since gone from strength to strength. The club has given me endless support both personally and with my bowling. My confidence, my ability to deal with people and my communication skills have improved beyond recognition. I am now a qualified coach. I have been able to take on the role of Men's Captain for two years & Short Mat Captain. I represent the club in competitions, I have my county badge and played for England in the first Tri-nations International tournament for people with learning disabilities. I can't imagine what my life would be like now without my bowls and my friends at The Griffin!"

To contact Daniel, email: daniel.adams@disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk

MYSTERY MEMBER

Last month's mystery member was Colin Wagstaff.

Who is it this month?



"Back to Bowls"

DBE player Khalila from Wiltshire is pleased to be out of Covid lockdown and tells us:

"At the beginning of lockdown all bowls ceased to be played. It has slowly started again but with strict conditions and guidelines. I am now able to bowl again at least once or twice a week. I really enjoy my bowls and it has helped improve my muscle tone and my quality of life, confidence, and happiness. Being a member of DBE has really helped me, it's like one big family and there's always advice, guidance, and a huge support network. Hope to see you all on the greens again soon.



Khalila

Darren

Darren Moon a visually impaired player from Plymouth tells us:

"I managed to get onto the greens at my new Club, Tothill BC for roll ups in June. The club had no special equipment or anyone able to help me, but kindly allowed my partner onto the green to assist, and to make it easier I bought my own mats and jack. Since joining, the club have helped in all sorts of ways including learning the "Clock" system which makes me feel very happy and very much at home. Bowls is a huge part of my life and I like to play about 6 times a week. I am pleased to be back playing as I enjoy the social side and competition. I am looking forward to playing Indoors which will be a challenge as my club at the Plymouth Life Centre is closed until April 2021. This will mean a 30 mile journey to play and practice, but I love it so much, I am happy to make that happen."

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