

Newsletter December 2020

The Board, Committee and Development Officers at Disability Bowls England wish all Members a happy Christmas & enjoyable 2021.

Stay safe and well everyone, and enjoy this special Xmas Newsletter



Message from the Chairperson:

As we come to the end of which has been a very difficult year for everyone, I just wanted to reassure all our member and member clubs that the DBE Board & Committee are working very hard behind the scenes to ensure we are ready for when we are finally allowed to return to bowls and I would like to thank everyone for their full support over the past 8 months. Most of you by now would have completed the members survey either by return the form or online to the membership secretary and if you haven't done so already, please do so as this information is **vital for the future of the DBE next year**. We have nearly finished the web site updates and I hope you will take some time to have a look and finally, I wish you and your families as very Happy Christmas (if aloud) and let's hope we can all meet up in the New Year

Steve Watson



Message from Maggy Smith MBE

Hi everyone!

I truly hope that you are all safe and well in these worrying times and keeping yourselves occupied. If you are like me, you will be missing your friends, families and each other. Let's hope that we can at least get together with our closest ones at Christmas. I would like to say a real big 'THANKYOU' to everyone for the good wishes and congratulations on my receiving an MBE. I'll have to go out to buy a hat now! I was so surprised, but what made it so special was that it came from DBE bowlers. To add to that being made Life President of DBE was the 'icing on the cake'. It's 30 years since I first got involved in disability bowls and I have made so many friends it's been wonderful and continues to be so.

Stay safe and well everyone and let's look forward to the time when we can meet on the green together again.

President Maggy MBE .

Committee changes.....

Members will be aware that long standing Secretary Maggy Smith MBE has decided to retire, so please meet Sue Davies, the new DBE secretary:



Three years ago when I mentioned to Mo at Leamington that I would be keen to become involved with DBE, little did I imagine that I would be taking on the role of Secretary! I have a lot to learn and a very hard act to follow, but will do my best. Maggy has done a fantastic job for many years and I am very relieved that she will still be involved so I can call on her wealth of knowledge.

I have worked as a secretary for many years including as a legal secretary and currently as a medical secretary at Cheltenham Hospital. I have also been club secretary at Broadway Bowling Club, where I have been a member since 1996 when I started bowling.

I am still a very keen and competitive bowler. I have qualified for and played at the National Championships every year since 2000. I was an England International for nine years and was proud to represent England in the European Championships in Cyprus in 2009 (along with Mo) and in the Hong Kong Classic in 2013. I am also a Level 1 coach.

I very much look forward to meeting everyone as soon as we are able to get back to some form of normality, and I plan to come and support you all whenever possible at the various events and competitions throughout the year.

Until then, stay safe. Sue

DBE Zoom into 2021

Members of the PD, VI, LD & Ambassadors Teams met up during November for a "Chat & Catch Up" using Zoom. The meetings went well, bringing members together and DBE is pleased to announce that these will be extended for more DBE Members to "Get Together" in 2021. Dates and details of how to join the meetings will be published on the web site and social media pages.



CHRISTMAS CRACKER JOKES

- Q1: Who hides in the Bakery at Christmas?
Q2: What does Santa do with fat elves?
Q3: Why was the Turkey in the pop group?
(answers at the end of the newsletter)



FIXTURES/EVENTS/COMPETITIONS

Publication of an annual fixture list has been delayed due to the uncertainties with Covid. However, we intend to bounce into 2021 with the following events, scheduled between January-April. Enter the competitions and register names for matches & events to secure a place. More details can be found on the web site.

Jan-21

- 3rd DBE Unclassified Singles
- 16th/17th Gedling IBC Ann Trotman Singles
- 22nd/24th VIBE: Open Comp
- 31st DBE The Nomads Shield Comp

Feb-21

- 6th DBE National Pairs Comp
- 13th DBE HP PD Coaching & Test Match
- 13th/14th VIBE UK Indoor Pairs
- 27th VIBE match v Herga IBC
- 27th/28th DBE Nat PD Classified Singles

Mar-21

- 6th DBE Inter Club Triples – 5 venues
- 6th EALABA Training and Match
- 13th DBE Friendly Match v St Andrews

Apr-21

- 3rd DBE Inter Region Challenge
- 3rd EALABA Training and Match
- 9th/11th Para Home Nations Champs
- 24th DBE LD Challenge Shield
- 24th Broadway BC Open Day

PARA HANDY BOWLS WHEELCHAIR

DBE has 3 Para handy Wheelchairs to loan out to Member Clubs in 2021.

Register your interest by emailing:
info@disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk



Don't miss any emails.
Check your spam box from time to time!



NEW MEMBERS ADDED TO THE AMBASSADOR TEAM

DBE is delighted to welcome Colin Wagstaff, Juli Crowe, Paula Watts and David Masterman to the team of Ambassadors. They will play an important role to help raise awareness of the Charity and represent DBE at events in their area.

The Full Team includes:-

- Bob Henstridge, Sussex
- Karen Stokes, Bedfordshire
- Sue White, Northamptonshire
- Stuart Read, Hampshire
- Mark Wherry, Cornwall
- Richard Ball, Wiltshire
- Jeanette Maisey, Wiltshire
- Colin Wagstaff, Lincolnshire
- David Masterman, Lancashire
- Juli Crowe, Yorkshire
- Paula Watts, Lancashire

WEB SITE CHANGES

Have you looked at the web site lately?
DBE Honours Board has been added – take a look!
www.disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk



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Happy, Happy New Year!
We wish you all the best,
Hard work to reach your greatest goals
and when you're done, sweet rest.

We hope for your fulfilment,
contentment, peace & more,
a brighter better New Year than
you've ever had before.

CRACKER JOKE ANSWERS:

- 1: a Mince Spy 2: he sends them to an Elf Farm
3: he was the only one with Drum Stick