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## July 2021 Newsletter

### Message from the Chairperson

What a great month June has been for DBE with our new competitions taking place which were all well supported. The Commonwealth Games trials are in full swing and the future of disability bowls looking secured across England. Next week we have the inaugural Ladies Pairs competition and "Ladies Day" proudly supported by a Donation given by Friends of English Bowling. This is quickly followed by the Men's singles & pairs national championships and finally 29 July – 1 Aug our Commonwealth Games trialist will be joining "Team England" for the 4 Nations Test match at Royal Leamington Spa. We hope to be able share more information shortly about the Bowls England National Championships 2021.

"We are Stronger Together"  
Steve Watson

### New Pairs Competition for players with a Learning Disability Pairs proved to be a great success.

Stoke Bowling Club in Coventry played host to the inaugural Learning Disability Pairs Competition. 8 players enjoyed the event that was played in a Round Robin with each pair playing 3 matches throughout the day. There was some incredibly good bowling and close matches. Chris Gray and Daniel Adams won all 3 games to pick up the winner's trophy, with Gemma Broadhead and Georgia Tucker Runners Up. DBE thank Stoke Bowling Club for hosting the event, to all their members who assisted during the day, and to Secretary Val Hawkes for presenting the trophies.



### Don't miss our emails

Occasionally check your "SPAM BOX" for DBE emails and add [info@disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk](mailto:info@disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk) to your address book to ensure you don't miss anything.



We have entered 5 runners into the virtual 2021 Virgin Money London Marathon taking place on Sunday 3 October <https://www.virginmoneylondonmarathon.com/.../virtual...> but due to a clash with the National Indoor Championships, 3 of our runners have had to pull out. If you fancy a new challenge for 2021 and help raise much needed funds for Disability Bowls England Charity Trust contact Sue Davies [info@disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk](mailto:info@disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk) for information

### What's on in July 2021

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Match -v- Clevedon Prom BC
- 4<sup>th</sup> DBE Ladies Pairs & "Ladies Day" at Charlbury BC
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Match -v- Paddock Wood BC
- 24<sup>th</sup> DBE Nat Singles
- 25<sup>th</sup> DBE Nat Pairs
- 29<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> Aug Home Nations Test Match (incl Para CWG Trial)

Supporters are now allowed. Enjoy a day out and support your fellow members at these events. Full details on the web site.

Like to chat with people?

Passionate about para bowls?

Live in the Leamington Spa area?

Have a have a day or 2 to spare?

DBE hope to have a marquee during the Bowls England National Championships 19<sup>th</sup> Aug – 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021

and ask DBE Members to register their interest in volunteering by emailing: [mo.monkton@disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk](mailto:mo.monkton@disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk)

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## “CLUB OF THE MONTH”

### Waddesdon Bowls Club Secretary Peter Smith tells DBE how they feel about “Creating Opportunities”.

I would have liked to say that we had a structured plan to integrate the disabled community into Waddesdon Bowls Club but in reality it evolved. Over the years we have improved our clubhouse and facilities with significant changes in 2018. Our playing membership is 51 and have a wide mix of ages with 30% under 30 which is unusual for many bowls clubs.

#### But how did we get involved with Disabled Bowls England?

I mentioned that we had major improvements in 2018 and one of the additions was a Disabled Toilet. To stop this becoming an expensive storeroom we then thought about what was needed to attract members with a disability to our club. The key issue was access to the green. We therefore purchased wheelchair ramps, a bowls green wheelchair and access steps.

So, we had the facilities and equipment but how to attract disabled members. At about the time we completed our purchases one of our members, Trevor Room, joined DBE as a helper and DBE was looking for a centrally located Bowls Green. Trevor offered ours and in September 2020 we held our first event with DBE with a further event in June this year. Since Trevor joined, the ‘web’ has spun wider with another of our members Judy Plater becoming DBE membership secretary.

#### What has membership of DBE given us?

Well, it gave us our first disabled member. With guidance from DBE we changed our website and added a ‘Sport for All’ tab which provides details of our facilities and equipment and how everyone can enjoy our game. Google analytics shows this is the third most popular hit, so we are attracting a wider audience.

The events we have run for DBE has also inspired us with the ‘can do’ attitude of its playing members, and this has also helped our member with MS, to see what can be achieved.

We have a long way to go and will continue to promote ‘Sport for All’ to gain more disabled members.

So, if any Bowls Club has any doubts, then don’t. From our perspective as a club and as individuals we have gained so much from our membership.



*DBE would like to thank Waddesdon Bowls Club for their support.*

If your club would like to feature in the Newsletter, email: [mo.monkton@disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk](mailto:mo.monkton@disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk)

## DBE VI PAIRS COMPETITION BASINGSTOKE TOWN B.C. 6th JUNE 2021

10 players of varying degrees of sight loss but with a combined maximum of B5, came together for the inaugural DBE VI Pairs Competition, hosted by Basingstoke Town B.C. The five pairs played a full, round-robin competition, with matches contested over 7 ends or 1 hour.

After four rounds out of the five had been completed, one pair (Jeanette Maisey and Stephen Hartley) had finished their games. The 'crunch' match in Session 5 was between Eric Gallacher (B1) and Gareth Harwood (B4) versus Alison Yearling (B3) and Geoff Wherry (B2). Eric and Gareth scored a resounding victory to take the title with 6 points and a shot difference of +20, runners up were Jeanette Maisey & Stephen Hartley with Alison & Geoff finishing in 'joint' third place with Maurice Williams and Sam Dickson

Many thanks to President Margaret at Basingstoke – and to all her team for their wonderful support. A fantastic day!!

David Stott, DBE VI Coach and Board Member



It's a countdown to the **BIRMINGHAM 2022** Commonwealth Games, and as part of the trial process Team England trialists, including the Para Squad, will compete against the Home Nations at Victoria Park, Royal Leamington Spa between 29<sup>th</sup> Aug – 1<sup>st</sup> Sept.

It should be a great Test Match and supporters will enjoy a feast of bowling.



### DBE players enjoy a fabulous day at Didcott BC

Captain of the day Colin Wagstaff reflects on the match. "I had a great day and really proud to have captained such a great bunch. Really proud to captain the DBE team v Didcot B C and the welcome from the home team members was as warm as the weather, with tea, coffee and biscuits ready on our arrival. As always, the bowls matches were very competitive but played in a very friendly atmosphere and we had a good laugh on our rink. After 15 ends of very friendly yet extremely competitive bowls match, it finished 2 - 2 . We won't worry about the points but an exciting finish with both DBE wins coming on the last end. After the match there was filled rolls and cake served and lots more laughs between the players before we thanked Didcot members and headed home".

*Colin Wagstaff*

### The DBE team results as follows

#### **Rink 1**

1. Thomas Martin/Liam Tucker  
2. Fynn Kyser  
Skip. Khalila Hussain  
Result DBE 8 Didcot 11

#### **Rink 3**

1. Jason Page  
2. Kris Rose  
Skip. Colin Wagstaff (Capt)  
Result DBE 12 Didcot 11

#### **Rink 5**

1. Richard Carey  
2. Jeanette Maisey  
Skip. Richard ball  
Result DBE 12 Didcott 18

#### **Rink 7**

1. Jamie Pugsley  
2. Denise Rolland  
Skip. Jerry Sanders  
Result DBE 12 Didcott 11

**To put your name down to play in one of the many friendly matches, email: [fixtures@disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk](mailto:fixtures@disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk)  
There is a list of matches can be found on the DBE web site calendar of events.**