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October 2021 Newsletter

Message from the Chairperson

I was told at my Chairperson interview that things slowdown in the winter, well, October resulted in 6 clubs visited, 4 trips up to Leamington and an inaugural opening of Hayling Island new green, so I am not 100% sure what they meant about slowing down!

But one thing is for certain – I still love the chairperson role and have so much pride every time I see our members on the greens playing our fantastic “Sport For All”

“We are Stronger Together”

Steve Watson

End of Season Celebration & Reflection Event

How fantastic for us to get together and enjoy such a happy event. The afternoon on the green included several “fun” challenges and almost everyone entered the “Killer Drawn Pairs Comp”. World Champion & Patron Greg Harlow pleased members by joining in & testing himself on all the challenges and entering the pairs, which he won with the help of Craig! Awards and presentations to competition winners got underway following a moment of reflection to remember those who had experienced difficult times, or passed away during the pandemic.

After Competition Stuart Espie announced and presented Salvagers to the competition winners, awards were presented:-

Player of the Year: Chris Gray

Most Improved Player: Fynn Kyser

DBE Special award: Daniel Adams.

Surprise presentations were made to:

Ellen Falkner MBE: DBE PD Coach about to emigrate to Australia.

Maggy Smith MBE: who during “lockdown” was awarded an MBE.

Mo Monkton: retiring from the DBE Development Officer Role in December.

Steve Watson: for his successful efforts to keep the charity afloat.

Solihull IBC were perfect hosts, the buffet superb and a great day was wound up with each table participating in a “Play your Cards” game.

“SAVE THE DATE” for next years event: Sat 8th Oct 2022 @ Solihull IBC.



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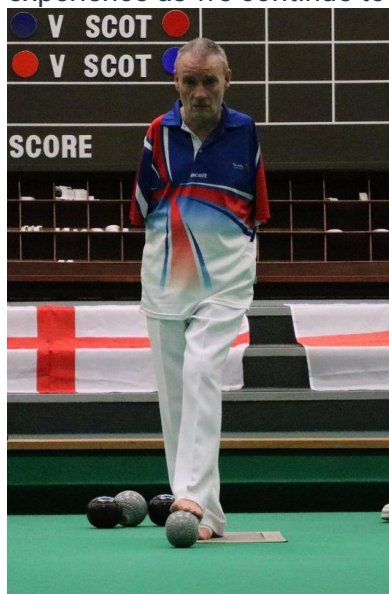


Comp Sec Stuart Espie with prizes



Killer Pairs finalists

DBE Charity Trust are very pleased to announce that Bob Love will join the Board of Trustees. We welcome Bob to the management team with his wealth of experience as we continue to grow our organisation.



Bob is one of the top para bowls players in the world. He has won medals at the Paralympics, the IBD World Championships, a prestigious bronze medal at the 2014 Commonwealth Games, along with numerous National Titles. Bob is a regular member and Captain of the Disability Bowls England Indoor International Squad.

DBE is very lucky to have Bob on board.



DBE wish Sian Honnor every success in her new job at the "Young Lives Vs Cancer" charity. Thanks, Sian, for the support you gave to the DBE charity & disability bowls.

FUND RAISING NEWS....

Congratulations to our DBE Buddies Emily Ferguson (Kent) & Robbie Barker (Cambridgeshire) for completing the Virtual London Marathon today and raising over £2000.00 for the Disability Bowls England Charity, and for being great ambassadors for Disability Bowls. They both have been stars and we can't thank them and our other "Buddies" enough for their support.



DBE Member encouraging others to take up the sport.....

DBE Playing Member and Coach Bowls Coach Pauline Shanley from Suttons IBC has been busy helping her club to attract new players, and tells us what she has been up to..

"The two taster mornings of fun bowl that I organised at my club were a great success. I attracted more than 30 bowlers over the two mornings. They all enjoyed my obstacle course so much that they went round the circuit several times. One trio of men did 24 ends- 4 complete circuits!

We have new members joining up now, so I am very busy coaching before the season begins. It was all worth the effort"

Great work Pauline, we are proud of your efforts and sure the club are pleased to sign up the new members.

Let DBE know what you have been doing to help promote the sport. Email: info@disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk



DBE enjoy an outdoor match in October due to the new artificial green and floodlights...

What a great afternoon for DBE, Bowls Dorset Youth Academy and Hayling Island Bowls Club for the inaugural match to celebrate the opening of the all-weather green by the Right Honourable Alan Mak MP.

Club President Brian Pullan said “We started our efforts to install the new facilities early 2018, with our aims to provide a surface which would enable our members to bowl into later life, as well as all year round. It is hoped that the new surface will encourage children and less physically able residents to try the sport we all love. With the expertise and financial support of Sport England, Havant Borough Council, Hampshire Country Council and Hayling Island Lions, we were able to secure the funding necessary to complete this project and buy junior and small adult size bowls and bowling aids for disabled bowlers.”



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DBE Chairperson Steve Watson said “We are so pleased to a part of this celebration and to witness all generations and abilities playing each other and once again showcasing that Bowls is truly a sport for All. We look forward on building on this great partnership for years to come”



Taster Session arranged at Kidlington Bowls Club was enjoyed by all.



DBE Chairperson Steve Watson attended and helped at a “Taster Session” arranged at Kidlington Bowls Club.

When Kiddlington Bowls Club registered their club at DBE, they expressed a wish to help promote bowls for people with disabilities. The same week as receiving their Club Registration form, DBE heard from Dimensions-uk, a local group who support people with learning disabilities asking where they could take their residents living in Kidlington to “Try Bowls”.

With the help of the DBE Development Officer, a date was agreed, a session planned, and the group enjoyed a lovely morning at the club. Club coaches provided guidance, and everyone enjoyed trying a new sport. After a well earned “Tea & Biscuits” and hearing the enthusiasm of the group, the club offered to arrange another session.

Great work Kidlington Bowls Club, your welcome and willingness to help others enjoy the sport is fantastic.

With the indoor season in full swing and cold winter nights approaching, we thought you might like a sneak preview of next summers calendar. Something to plan for and dream about those warm, lazy hazy days!

Sat 30th April	Friendly Match -v- Cove BC, Hampshire.
MAY	
TBC	Friendly v Friends of English Bowling
Sat 14 th	Friendly Match -v- Severalls Jubilee BC, Somerset.
Sat 14 th	Friendly Match -v- Market Overton BC, East Midlands.
Sun 15 th	Friendly Match -v- Callington, Cornwall.
Sun 15 th	Bowls Wilts Clubs - disability club hub day, Devizes BC, Wiltshire.
21 or 26 th	DBE National Singles, Regional Play Off's (venue TBC)
JUNE	
Sat 11 th	Friendly Match -v- Griffin BC, Essex.
Sun 19 th	DBE VI & LD Pairs (venue TBC)
Thurs 23 rd	Friendly Match -v- Eastbourne BC, East Sussex.
Sun 26 th	Mixed Ability Match with Club @ Clevedon Prom BC, Somerset.
JULY	
Sun 3 rd	DBE Ladies Pairs (venue TBC)
Sun 10 th	DBE Men's Pairs (venue TBC)
16-17 th	EALABA Comps
Sat 23 rd	DBE National Pairs Play Off (to final- venue TBC)
Sun 24 th	
AUGUST	DBE National Singles Play off (to final- venue TBC)
28 th July - 8 th Aug	Commonwealth Games
Thurs 11 th	Friendly Match -v- Hurstpierpoint BC, West Sussex.
Sun 21 st	Friendly Match -v- Wellington BC, South Somerset.
TBC	DBE Singles & Pairs Final, NvS, Mixed Ability Triples
SEPT	
2 nd -4 th	Para Home Nations Championships
Sat 17 th	Friendly Match -v- Waddesdon BC, Buckinghamshire.
Sat 17 th	Friendly Match -v- Connaught BC, Norfolk.

MORE MATCHES HAVE BEEN ARRANGED AT MEMBERS REQUEST - BUT WE NEED PEOPLE TO COME FORWARD AND PUT THEIR NAMES DOWN TO PLAY. (PLAYERS, VOLUNTEERS, OFFICERS, COACHES)
IF NUMBERS ARE LOW, MATCHES WILL HAVE TO BE CANCELLED, SO SUPPORT IF YOU CAN.

Players needed for matches on: November 26th v Swindon Manor IBC,
December 19th v Preston IBC, December 19th v Ilminster IBC

INDOOR COMPETITION DEADLINES ARE FAST APPROACHING. ENTER ASAP TO SECURE A PLACE.

Visit www.disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk/events/ for dates, details and entry forms.

DBE Club of the Month



In 2018 Basingstoke Town Bowling Club made the decision to improve the club by making it more inclusive and accessible to a new sector of the community. With the help of a grant from Basingstoke & Deane Council's Local Infrastructure Fund the club has developed facilities to enable those with a variety of disabilities, including wheelchair users, to access our green.

The builders started in October 2019 and by the beginning of the 2020 season the clubhouse, changing rooms and green were accessible via ramps and there is a dedicated disabled access toilet within the clubhouse. Since then the club has hosted games for Visually Impaired Bowls England and Deaf Bowls England organisations.

Following 18 months of hard work we have been presented with the Disability Bowls Mark by Merlin Gape-O'Donnell from the Bowls Development Alliance. The members of Basingstoke Town are proud to have achieved this award and are committed to providing a fully inclusive environment enabling all members of the community to participate in the game of bowls.

Maryann Chadwick
Secretary

The Disability Day DBE had arranged to help the club celebrate their new facilities had to be cancelled due to the pandemic, but we hope to meet up soon and wish the club every success.

If you or your club would like to add a feature in a future "Newsletter" email details and photo's to:
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