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November 2021 Newsletter

Message from the Chairperson

As we come to the end of another challenging year, I hope like me you can see that the future is bright for DBE and the other Disability Bowls groups. We have taken great steps to move the game forward together for **Bowlers with a Disability** across all codes of the game. We have put together a very packed events calendar and hope you will continue to support us in 2022. We look forward to being part of the EIBA National Championships in April; hosting the two Para Home Nations Championships (Apr & Sept); watching "Team England Bowls Squad" complete at the Home Commonwealth Games 2022 at Leamington (July/Aug); the LDIBIS (Cardiff) (Aug) and the BE National Championships (Aug/Sept). I look forward to seeing you all again in 2022
Steve Watson



"I can't believe when I offered to volunteer for the DBE just over a year ago, I would now be working for them! I am excited and nervous to take on this new role and know Mo has left me very big shoes to fill, and I have very small feet! I will do my best and look forward to this big new adventure, working with you all."
Judy.

Players are needed to fulfil these fixtures:
Sat 19th Dec @ Ilminster IBC 2pm start
Sat 19th Dec @ Preston IBC (Sussex) 2pm

These matches are great fun and a good way to meet other DBE Members in your area.

Kindly note that the fixture at Connaught BC is the club in the County of Essex, and NOT in Norfolk as listed in the last edition of the Newsletter. Apologies to Connaught BC. For details of all fixtures, events and competitions visit the web site and view the calendar.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

For all matters relating to Friendly Fixtures contact:
fixtures@disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk
For all matters relating to competitions contact:
competitions@disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk
For additional information or general enquires contact:
info@disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk

MATCH REPORT

BRIDGMAN'S IBC -v- DBE

DBE took a team comprising 3 triples to Bridgmans IBC for a friendly match and came out victorious by 64 shots to 20, winning in all 3 rinks. Boom...

Craig Bowler, Captain of the day, supported by Julie Deferville and DBE's youngest member Thomas, won by 14 shots to 7.

John Greaves, along with Chris Gray and new member Anne Biggs kept the game tight taking a narrow 3-2 lead at 5 ends, but then edged away winning by 21 shots to 8.

Colin Wagstaff skipped Larry Deferville and new member John Hollowell to a storming 29-5 win.

The game was played in good spirits with plenty of banter, laughter, and a great Ploughman's meal after the match. Many thanks to the Bridgmans IBC club and DBE Members.



Development Officers from Disability Bowls England & the Bowls Development Alliance, along with the Bowls England Clubs and Participation Officer, met up at Bristol IBC to consider future joint projects and look at ways to raise club awareness & help bowlers with a disability integrate and enjoy our wonderful sport. *“together we are stronger”*



DBA's David Bolt tries to bowl from a wheelchair, whilst BE's Alan Lane discovers how it feels to bowl with a visual Impairment



DBE player and Ambassador Colin Wagstaff is becoming quite a star in the Melton Mowbray area and has now taken on a prestigious role as an #ActiveTogether Champion. Although out of his comfort zone, Colin was brave to face the camera's and tell his story. See the narrative below. Well done Colin you are an inspiration.



Colin's Story | Melton

Colin is a disabled bowls player at Melton and District Indoor Bowls Club and with Disability Bowls England, as well as an ambassador for Disability Bowls England and MISPA (Melton Inclusive Sport and Physical Activity). Colin was born with a physical disability which means he has limitations with his mobility, and suffers with depression. Whilst he was never really into sport growing up, feeling like he couldn't compete at the same standard as non-disabled people, in 2010 he happened to be near the local outdoor bowls club when they were having a practice, and asked to have a try. Realising he was quite good at the sport, and really enjoyed playing, he joined the team. Using a wheelchair on the bowls green and a special stick for balance, it means he can play at the same level as anyone else. A couple of years later a visiting team member invited Colin to play indoor bowls, so he had a go and subsequently joined Melton Indoor Bowls Club. In 2016, after seeing a post on Facebook about disability bowls, he travelled to Nottingham to watch a match, demonstrated his skills, and became a member of Disability Bowls England. Colin believes that the sport of bowls is great for anyone to play and has found that playing has given him the focus that was needed to help his depression.



Whitehead Bowls, suppliers of the Chairiot Bowls Wheelchair will have one in stock very soon. If interested phone 01278 456966 or visit www.whiteheadbowls.co.uk



Christmas Song Anagrams. Answers in next issue.



TITLE	Number of words
JILLBEGLENS	2
DCOMSERVATISMHIGHFORNRI	4
SHINGLETINT	2
HAKINDERGARTENSHELLGASH	5
WITCHERHIMSATS	2
OBEHEMTHLETNEWTFOOTILL	5
SOATHYDRANTYEA	3
LIDLEEKNOTTY	2
LISTATCHARMS	2
FIREWORKANYTOLEAFY	4
GOTERM TREMENDSLYENERGEY	5
RIMHORSEHINDERS COUNTERATTACK	5
FARTHESTMYOWNSNO	2
SAYBANBAT	2
IBMFORECASTERSOHHMILL	5
ODDCONVERSANTLYIIICYA	5
MENATIONWIDELETS	2
MARTYRSBYHEMREDISCOVERY	3
DHYROSTATICSWETMONKISH	5
AREMAAYAWNING	4



CAN YOU HELP?

DBE is looking for a sponsor to provide stickers for our players to display on their bowls when playing in friendly or competitive events.

Email: info@disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk

December dates for your diary....

Gedling IBC in Nottingham will host the DBE "Maiden Singles" on Saturday 4th December. Drop in and give your support.

On Saturday 11th December, the England Learning Disability International Team will travel to Solihull IBC to be joined with other DBE players from the learning disability group for a "Get together" and coaching. The day will also include a training session for people interested in helping players with a visual impairment. A presentation will be followed by on green training. Visit the web site for more details or contact DBE's VI Coach: david.stott@disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk

CLUB NEWS

As we approach the end of 2021 we would like to thank the 167 clubs who have registered with Disability Bowls England and shown they are accessible and welcoming of players with disability. Details of these clubs can be found on our web site using the "Club Finder" tool.

Many of these clubs not only have good facilities but offer a regular disability session. This provides players the opportunity to get together, enjoy the sport and helps build players confidence to become more integrated in club activities.

This cannot happen without the vast numbers of helpers and volunteers, and we thank them for their time and dedication.

But let's spread the word, share ideas, and increase the number of people regularly playing bowls.

Each month we would like to feature a club – not only to showcase the good work being done, but to give other clubs some ideas of how they too can start a regular session or hold a competition.

If you or your club would like to add a feature in a future "Newsletter" email details and photo's to:
info@disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk

COVID UPDATE: for the foreseeable future, DBE ask attendees at all their events, matches and competitions to take a Covid Lateral Flow Test on the day of travel and not attend if experiencing any covid symptoms. Let's all be safe for ourselves and others.

DBE & VIBE's Alison Yearling features in a great audio article about her experience of being a bowler with a visual impairment.



The article came about when Alison was approached by Nigel Malka (selector/ marker) at the commonwealth games trial at Leamington spa earlier this year. Nigel was interested in writing a piece on her after seeing her bowl.

You can listen to the audio article about Alison Yearling by putting this link in your browser, or following the link on the Disability Bowls England web site.
www.disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk/bowlers/alison-yearling/

Get in touch if this inspires you or someone you know to take up the sport.



We wish all our members a happy and safe Christmastime.

For some it may be a lonely and sad time, so please take a few moments out of your day to pick up the phone or send a message to let them know you are thinking of them. A small act of kindness can go a long way.
"Think twice, be Nice"

FUNDRAISING

DBE is looking for people to help with fund raising. Do you have an idea that could raise some funds, or taking on a New Year challenge? Why not enlist your friends & clubmates to join in and make DBE the Charity to support.

For lots of information about the DBE Charity visit www.disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk

On there you will see the Facebook, Twitter & YouTube logo. Click the logo to go straight to the page.



Facebook is a great place to keep up with all news stories



Twitter is also a good place to see short snippets about the Charity.



Check out the videos posted on the DBE YouTube channel

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