

Message from our Chairperson ...

The sun is out, and Judy and I will be taking the DBE roadshow around the counties over the next 8 months with a mix of taster days, inclusive coaching & VIs Directors course and social inclusive fixtures. You the members asked us to visit your county and that's what we are doing do please support us and join in the fun days and help us to showcase what a great organisation Disability Bowls England is on and off the greens.

I hope like me, you are looking forward to our first invitation to take part in the EIBA national championships and wish all our players both DBE and Club the best of luck in this prestige event

'we are stronger together'

Best Wishes
Steve Watson Chairperson



Thank you

A heartfelt thank you to all the families that have made a donation to Disability Bowls England over the last two years in memory of a loved one who has passed away. Be assured this money will go towards ensuring that all bowlers, whatever their disability are able to play and enjoy the game they love



EIBA National Finals April



Congratulations to all our members who have qualified for the EIBA National finals at Nottingham. Simon Wright is through in the fours which is played on 4 April.

Helen Wood is also through in the fours on the same day, but she is having a busy week as she is also there in the triples later in the week and the pairs the following Monday, what a brilliant achievement!

John Greaves & Mike Robertson have qualified in the O50 triples on 5 April.

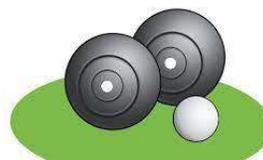
All of you are proving how inclusive bowls is very well done I am sure they would be delighted to have some support from their friends in the DBE.

We have our own pairs final between Helen and Sally Lewis-Wall against Craig Bowler and Steve Ireland, as well as the pairs plate final with Joe Peplow, Gary Swift, Colin Milner and Steve Smith competing. Also we are for the first time having a Champion of Champions event with the three winners of the classified singles and Chris Grey the winner of the Unclassified singles battling it out to be the overall champion.

As well as our North v South challenge match. For more information on times etc check the DBE or EIBA websites.

If you are planning to go along and support the players there is a limit on the number of tickets on sale each day, so you will need to check availability with the EIBA.

This is a great opportunity for us to showcase our sport and show how inclusive it is.



Dates for your diary

26 March -14	EIBC National Finals	Nottingham
April		
26 March	Eden IBC, Penrith	Taster day
27 March	Lincoln and District IBC	Friendly
3 April	Barwell IBC	Friendly
9 April	EALABA Training & Match	Tamworth
12 April	Oxford City and County IBC	Taster Day
22- 24 April	Para Home Internationals	Solihull
26 -28 April	Munro LD International Series	Cardiff

Classified Singles 26/27 February At Gedling IBC



**B6 winner
Steve Ireland**



**B7 Winner
Fynn Kyser**



**B8 Winner
John Greaves**

There was some great bowling at Gedling over the weekend of the Classified singles. Sadly, a couple of players dropped out at the last minute but Maggy and her team managed to organise a fantastic event, with players coming from all over the country to play.

There were some good games but a special mention must go to Fynn, who played brilliantly, the B7 had to play off in two divisions, it was very close in the other one, going into the last game four of the players were on 6 points, but Tim Swann came out the winner, when Helen Wood and Jonathan Stokes drew their last game and Tim had a win in his. In the final, Fynn carried on his devastating form to win. The three winners and the unclassified singles winner Chris Grey will now play off at Nottingham during the EIBA National Championships for an overall Champion of Champions.

A huge thanks as always to Maggy and all the volunteers at Gedling for all their hard work and for raising £200 for association funds from the raffle.





Para Home International Squad 22 to 24 April Solihull



Congratulations to everyone selected for the forthcoming Home Internationals in Solihull. The team is as follows:

B6	Joe Peplow *	Malvern Hills BC	Worcestershire
B6	Steve Ireland	Preston IBC	Sussex
B7	Bob Love	Tamworth IBC	Staffordshire
B7	Fynn Kyser *	Barwell IBC	Leicestershire
B7	Helen Wood	York & District IBC	Yorkshire
B7	Jonathan Stokes	Riverain IBC	Hertfordshire
B8	Jennie Sandford	Wealdon IBC	Sussex
B8	Mike Robertson	Spalding IBC	Lincolnshire
B2	Stephen Hartley *	Plymouth Life Centre BC	Devon
Director	Chris Venn	Lillington BC	Warwickshire
B2	Sue Taylor*	Taunton Deane IBC	Somerset
Director	Don Taylor*	Taunton Deane IBC	Somerset
B4	Gareth Harwood	Leeds & District IBC	Yorkshire
Director	TBC		
B4	Sally-Ann Lewis-Wall*	Barwell IBC	Leicestershire
Director	Jane Herbert*	Barwell IBC	Leicestershire

- New Caps

Team Manager Helen Wall

Support staff Mo Monkton, David Stott, Maggy Smith MBE, Sue Davies

Good Luck to all the team all support very welcome.

Don't forget our Lottery draw and your chance to win £25,000 and contribute towards Disability Bowls England's funding.

Just go to the website www.onelottery.co.uk/support/disability-bowls-england and register for your chance to be a winner. We receive 50% of the value of the total tickets sold, so we can all be winners!



Riverside IBC Disability Pairs event

On 19th March Riverside hosted their annual pairs competition for the first time in 2 years. The DBE was well represented by local players, Jennie Sandford and Steve Ireland and Steve Stockley and Stu Read.



As well as players from the clubs own Swans Group there were representatives from Aylesbury Disabled Sports Club and Mencap Windsor. Jennie and Steve flew the flag for the DBE and won the competition, Steve gave a lovely speech encouraging those present to join the DBE and get more involved in Bowls outside of their organisations.

A huge thank you to Carol and Mike for organising the day and the members of Riverside for their help. Next year I hope to be able to let you all know when they are playing so that more of you can enter. It was a good day and lots of fun as you can see!



Judy

Go Joe!



Congratulations to Joe Peplow and his team mates on winning the Worcestershire Indoor County Fours.

The Screwfix Foundation, Capital Funding.

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for all kinds of projects including repairing buildings and improving facilities in deprived areas.

The next closing date for applications is the **10 May 2022**.

Is this something r your club might benefit from ?

More information is available at;

www.screwfix.com/help/screwfixfoundation/



A warm welcome to our new members this month we look forward to meeting up at future events.

- Terry Boswell
- John Thompson
- The Princes Centre
- Northampton & District IBC
- MS Swale Para-bowls group
- Patrick Warren-Gash
- Beth Lacey
- Linda Richards
- David Pengelly



Our friends at Wheelpower are giving away free Resistance band kits you can apply for one on their website www.wheelpower.org.uk. There is also a video showing how to use them.

Also on their website are links to regular exercise and yoga groups which are free to take part in.

Its all part of their campaign to keep people active and well worth a look.

As its Easter soon here is a little word search to keep you occupied during the holiday. All the words are connected to Easter and they are all in the grid apart from one, can you work out what it is.



Have fun!

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| crucifixion | parade |
| daffodils | rise |
| ducks | tomb |
| Easter egg | tulips |