

### Message from the Chairperson

I am having lots of sleepless nights at the moment concerned that “We have become a Victim of our own Success”

Every day, I am being told that we are having to cancel friendly fixtures or competitions because we don't have enough support from our members, and I just don't understand why??

In the past two and half years we have established the DBE financials issues, we have increased membership, added more fixtures & competitions, increased communications with our membership via social media, web site and month newsletter, travelled England doing Taster Days and supporting inclusion courses and are recognised on the UK and World Stage as a great Disability Sports Organisation.

So, my question to our membership is a simple one this month – Please tell us what we have done wrong ???

Steve

Please send your comments to [info@disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk](mailto:info@disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk) and we will answer them all in next month's newsletter



### Good Luck Team England



### Is Jamie Pugsley the next Steven Spielberg?

As part of his final project for his Media course which Jamie is taking at Wiltshire College, he made a brilliant short video about bowls and mental health.

The 'stars' of the film are Liam Tucker and his friend Kieran Parkes, along with members of the DBE and Church Stretton Bowls Club.

Its well worth a look and can be found on You tube just enter the following link—<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=62hRJoL3-Xk>. There is a form to complete after the link where you can let Jamie know what you thought.



Here are Liam and Jamie competing against one and other in the DBE Singles qualifier.

Jamie has qualified for the final stages at Stoke BC Coventry on 17 July, what a talented young man he is!

## DISABILITY BOWLS ENGLAND TAKE ON SCOTLAND AT LEAMINGTON

Over the weekend of 10th to 12th June, a team of DBE players took part in the British Isles International series played at Victoria Park, Leamington Spa ,against the Scottish Para Commonwealth game team.

We were only asked a matter of days before if we could find a team , but as usual the wonderful DBE members were up to the task and a full team of players took part in games of singles, pairs and triples over the three day.



DBE High Performance Manager Mo Monkton , thanked all of those who took part, travelling from all parts of the country to take play.

She said 'This was a huge effort by our DBE members and I was so proud to see you all on the green, competing and enjoying the challenge of playing International Bowls. '

She went onto thank Chris Venn, Sue Davies , Imogen Cracknell, Steve Watson and Judy Plater for helping organise the team.

When I received the email telling me I had the chance to play for England against Scotland I think my heart skipped 3 or 4 beats as I really thought my chance had gone with the Kenya match, it took me about half a second to say yes & I felt so excited & a little nervous but I didn't have to long to think about it as it was only 5 days away.

When we arrived at Leamington in the car park & I saw the other England, Scotland & Jersey players I must admit I had a moment's doubt that was I good enough to be playing but when I met up with the rest of the guys I got excited & couldn't wait to start. On the Friday I was playing in the triples & 4s & Sunday was the singles & pairs.

So it was time to start & I had an awful 4 or 5 ends & I said to myself come on you idiot you have dreamt of this moment just play your game relax & enjoy yourself & although we were beaten I felt so good to be there & the next game in the 4s was such a great game & the Scots ladies had a laugh with us, we won the game by 1 shot, the drive home was a blur I was buzzing & I know I'm old but I couldn't help smiling to myself & thinking I'm an international bowls player.

After a detour to Griffin BC on Saturday to play the DBE friendly it was back to Leamington on Sunday & England the game I was most nervous about the singles, I really hoped I played well & gave the other guy a good fight which I think I did, each end were close but I started to slowly & left myself to much to get back but wow what a buzz. After lunch it was the pairs, although Janet & I did our best we come up against a very good pair, but it was an amazing weekend I loved nearly every second & I now believe dreams do come true

A big thank you for all the team of guys that made my dream a very memorable time & Mo & the team for giving me the opportunity to be an England player lol. [Colin Wagstaff](#)



## Here are the thoughts of some of those players who took part...



I thoroughly enjoyed the weekend. It was a great experience playing against Scotland. It gave me a great insight into international bowls.

I really enjoyed the competitive edge and the games were played in the right spirit. I would like to thank all at DBE for putting on the event and I hope there will be more events like this in the future. [Jack Pullin](#)

As a DBE player I was proud to take part in a game against Scotland at Leamington. All greens look fantastic and D green in which we played out games bowled very well indeed. The thing that has always impressed me with DBE is the camaraderie we all have with each other both on and off the green, during games we all support each other and encourage our team members at all times. It's always an honour to represent DBE at international level and to represent England has to be a great achievement in the game of lawn bowls. [Anthony Page](#)

Bowling is my exciting world so as a differently-abled bowler, and active member of DBE, it was an honour to have been invited to make up numbers in England's Para Commonwealth Games Team to play against Team Scotland in the 3-day test match at Leamington Spa. My proudest moment was, with Anthony Page, holding the Scottish para CG ladies' pair to a draw - just annoying we couldn't hold our lead in the last end! Thank you DBE and



Bowls England for the efficient organisation and supportive environment provided to us Team England bowlers that weekend - I hope there'll be more opportunities like this.

[Julie Deferville](#)



Isaac Shieh said 'It was an incredible experience representing DBE and playing against some of the finest bowlers, but I enjoyed facing every challenge during that week with the DBE family.

Isaac was just over excited by his Bowls England Stickers! As well as bowling he even found time for a little musical practise.



It was a great weekend and gave many of our players to step up and play on the international stage.

A big thank you for agreeing to play at such short notice and doing yourselves and Disability Bowls England proud, you all proved you are not Disabled bowlers but Bowlers with ability.

## Upcoming events:

3rd July	DBE Ladies pairs	Charlbury BC
10th July	DBE Men's Pairs	
10th—15th July	Hastings Visually impaired Open	
16th July	DBE National Pairs Play off	Stoke Coventry
17th July	DBE National Singles Play off	Stoke Coventry
18th July	Inclusivity taster day	Heaton Park Manchester
28th July	Commonwealth Games Begins	Victoria Park Leamington

## VIBE National Finals Success for DBE Members.

The VIBE National championships recently took place at Weston Super Mare and there was considerable success for our members.

The results were as follows;

B4 Pairs Winners: Sally-Ann Lewis-Wall & Alan Lyne

B3 Pairs Winners: Khanmuzaffarul Gause & Chris Price

B2 Pairs Winners: Bob Booth & Chris Turnbull

B1 Pairs Winners: Richard Carey & Keith Brenton

Combined B1/2 Ladies' Winner: Sarah Marshall

Mixed B3 Winner: Alison Yearling

Mixed B4 Winner: Gareth Harwood

B4 Ladies Singles Gold Medal: Sally-Ann Lewis-Wall

B4 Men's Singles Gold Medal: Gareth Harwood

B3 Ladies' Singles Gold Medal: Alison Yearling

B3 Men's Singles Gold Medal: John Hollowell

B2 Ladies Singles Gold Medal: Sarah Marshall

B2 Men's Gold Medal: Tony Phillips

B1 Ladies' Gold Medal: Margaret Cusker

B1 Men's Gold Medal: Keith Brenton



## Classification

Are you looking to get a PD Classification or be reclassified?

Maggy and her team are looking to hold a Classification event in the south of the country over the next few months, she already has 5 people to see, but if you want to get classified please get in touch with her .

Maggy's email is ; [maggynet2@yahoo.com](mailto:maggynet2@yahoo.com)

## DNB Hacksaw Bowling Arm

A new bowling arm from Australia has recently been released onto the market in this country. Although similar to the present bowling arm the main difference is in the grip . Rather than press down to release the bowl, you just close your fingers on the handle, many people have said they do not have the strength to use the present arm and these new ones should make that easier.

Players in the Australian Commonwealth games team will be using them at the games, so it will be a good chance to see them in action. At the moment they are only available through the following website [www.hunterbowls.co.uk](http://www.hunterbowls.co.uk) but we will keep you informed of developments,



Keep Active, Keep Moving, Keep Bowling



## National Championships 2022

As the summer is rapidly progressing it won't be long until August and the finals of the National Competitions.

If you have qualified please let us and good luck to all of you.

## DBE Friendly Fixtures

11 June at Griffin Bowls Club Essex— Team DBE captained by Stu Read travelled to Griffin BC to play in a friendly game and meet some of the bowlers coached by DBE Ambassador Daniel Adams. What a fantastic job Daniel and his club members are doing encouraging and inspiring new young people into the game, some of whom want to join the DBE. The match in the afternoon was great fun and DBE won, thank you to all of those who took part. Griffin are holding a gala day on Wednesday 7th September and Daniel, Colin Wagstaff and Denise Rolland are taking part however they need another lady, so if you are free that day please let Judy know and she will put you in touch with the others.



23rd June at Eastbourne Bowls Club Sussex.— Captain Steve Ireland was in charge of five DBE triples playing on a lovely sunny afternoon at Eastbourne. There were plenty of first timers playing for the DBE and a special welcome to Peter Fathers and the three other members of the MS Swale group .

Although we only won on 1 rink everyone seemed to enjoy the afternoon and Eastbourne are keen to host a match again in the future.



As part of the afternoon Judy met with members of the Eastbourne Indoor Bowls Club who are keen to set up their own Disability Bowls Section and are actively making the necessary changes to their club to make this possible. They hope to be able to run regular Disability sessions with the intention that those players that want to, progress into playing in the club leagues, matches and competitions. Judy also met a group of people from Defiant Disability which is a local group encouraging Disabled people to join in a number of sports ,after seeing the possibilities for their members, organiser Joel was keen to make more people aware of the sport and get involved.

A big thank you to all those who took part, if you know of a club in your area, particularly the midlands or the north who would like a game against us please let me know. Judy

## Addlestone Victory Park Bowls Club Open Day

Gill Platt and Judy attended an open day as part of Bowls England's Big Bowls weekend.

The club, which had previously been a Bowls England club of the year, when it had declined to only five members has managed through the hard work of some new and old members to resurrect itself into the thriving hub it is now.

Over 200 people attended the day and enjoyed the free cream tea on offer as well as the bowls. The club held another open day for the Jubilee and a similar number of people took part, their membership, as you can imagine has grown significantly.

Although not completely Disabled friendly, they are actively putting this right with the help of Surrey Disability Alliance and ourselves.

Gill was their celeb for the day and had a wonderful time meeting new players old and young. In particular promising 13 year old Izzy Mason-Khan.

