



## Message from the Chairperson

Thankyou for everyone who replied to my last newsletter and its very clear what direction of travel the DBE needs to go over the next few years and I will raise all the points and our suggested solutions at the Combined Trustees & Board Members at our September meeting.

I am very pleased that the way the outdoor season has gone this year and its so good to hear about all our members who will be representing there clubs, counties and DBE at the Bowls England National Championships in August/September and I am looking forward to supporting you during the Championships and of course our great Maggy Smith MBE North v South Shield Challenger on Saturday 27 August.

This year you will see a different DBE type of stand and we will be in the Club Zone with Bowl England, Bowls Development Alliance, Coach Bowls and the Green keepers so please come along and say hello and support your fellow members and showcase how truly inclusive our sport is.

Last but not least I would like to wish Helen Wall and the Team England Para Team Squad all the best during the Commonwealth Games, and I am looking forward to 10 days of great bowling from everyone involved in this once in a lifetime home games.

If my heart can take it, I look forward to see you around Royal Leamington Spa greens sometime over the next two months!!!

*Steve*

We are stronger together!

## DBE Open Singles



On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July, the 8 qualifiers from the Regional Singles competitions were at Stoke B C in Coventry, with temperatures rising players were reminded to take on plenty of fluids to ensure that they stayed hydrated. The players were split into 2 groups of 4 players each player playing 3 matches to determine the group winners.

In the first session one of the matches in Group 2 was decided by a single shot at the end of the time limit and 2 of the matches were won by a player reaching 21 shots within the time.

The second session did not have any players reaching 21 shots and all matches were determined at the end of the time limit, one of the matches was decided on the final end after a spirited fightback from 16 – 9 down to win 18 – 17.

The group standings after the first two session meant it was all to play for in the final session after lunch, with 7 of the 8 players still with a chance of qualifying depending on results.

Three of the matches in the final session were won by players reaching 21 shots and the fourth match finished 17 – 19.

The results were collated and the final tables produced clear winners in both groups, with both players winning all their matches. The winner in Group 1 Chris Gray ,and in it was Group 2 Sally-Ann Lewis-Wall



The Final of the Disability Bowls England Singles will take place during the Bowls England National Championships on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August at Leamington Spa, there will be a new name on the trophy with this years final between Chris Gray and Sally-Ann Lewis-Wall (directed by Jane Herbert).

## DBE Open pairs

The day before, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July, 12 Pairs of players arrived in the brilliant sunshine at Stoke B C in Coventry to compete in the DBE Open Pairs competition. The draw was completed by DBE Chairman Steve Watson and with 8 pairs taking to the green in the first round and 4 pairs receiving a bye to the quarter finals.

With a high standard of play in the first round, the four matches completed with the winners progressing to the Quarter Finals and the opponents moving into the Plate Quarter Finals.

The Quarter Finals of both competitions were next on the green and the continuation of the high standard was noticed by the spectators from the home club, 2 of the matches were decided by a single shot and in the plate competition one of them was settled by 2 shots.

The Semi Finals of both competitions were keenly contested 3 of the matches were decided by a single shot one of those was on an extra end when the teams were tied after the time limit expired.

The Final of the Plate competition was played on the day with Adrian Mellows and Chris Gray playing against Mike McDonough and Tony Phillips, Adrian and Chris started the match at fast pace stretching out to a commanding 11 – 0 lead after 7 ends, after 9 ends the score was 12 – 1, Mike and Tony then staged a comeback and when the bell was rung for the end of the game the score was 12 – 8, with Mike and Tony holding 3 shots and a measure for the fourth, the umpire was called as neither team wanted to measure such an important shot, unfortunately for Mike and Tony the 4<sup>th</sup> shot belonged to Chris and Adrian and the final finished 12 – 11 with Adrian and Chris winning the Open Pairs Plate competition.

The Final of the Disability Bowls England Open Pairs will take place during the Bowls England National Finals at Leamington Spa on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August, the final players will be Terry Boswell and Jack Pullin who will play Jonathan Stokes and Mike Robertson.

Good luck both teams



### Upcoming events:

1st August till 8th August	Commonwealth Games Continues	Victoria Park Leamington Spa
11 August	DBE Friendly	Hurstpierpoint, Sussex
20th August	DBE Taster day	Norfolk BC Norwich
21st August	DBE Friendly	Wellington , Somerset
25 August till 10th September	Bowls England National Championships	Victoria Park Leamington Spa
26 August	Final DBE Pairs & Mixed Ability Triples	Victoria Park Leamington Spa
27t August	Final DBE Singles & North v South Shield	Victoria Park Leamington Spa

### Disability Bowls England Ladies Pairs Report

On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 4 pairs of Ladies arrived at Charlbury Bowls Club to compete for the title of Ladies Pairs Champions. Playing in a round robin format each team would play 3 matches throughout the day with the team topping the group declared the winners.

In the first session one of the matches was one sided on the score card with a result of 22 – 0 the other match finished 14 -4. The results in the second session were 10 - 4 and 8 – 6.

At the end of the first 2 sessions all teams had an equal number of points having won 1 match each. It was all to play for in the final session.

In the final session, a clear winner emerged from the group and they were crowned Ladies Pairs winners, congratulations to Khalila Hussain and Jenny Stanford seen here with Julie Deferville and Denise Rolland



It was a lovely day, just a shame we didn't have a few more entries, congratulations to Stuart for another great event and umpiring on the day a big thank you to the Friends of English Bowling for supporting this event , Kath and Adie Lloyd came along to present the prizes and Charlbury BC for their hospitality.

### Disability Bowls England Men's Pairs Report

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July saw 7 pairs of our Male members arrive at Rugby Railway B C for the Men's Pairs competition. The players were split into a group of 3 and a group of 4 teams for the round robin part of the competition, both groups produced clear winners winning all their matches, Mike Robertson and Fynn Kyser from Group 1 and Chris Gray and Adrian Mellows from Group 2.

The final was a close match throughout and when the final bell was rung the match was level at 12 – 12, the final end was so close that the umpire was called to measure the shot using callipers, the final shot of the match was claimed by Chris Gray and Adrian Mellows who were crowned Men's Pairs Champions 2022.

Stuart was again on hand to organise and umpire, and bravely decide the winning measure! Thank you to Rugby Railway BC for hosting.



# DBE Ambassadors

This Autumn we are going to relaunch our Ambassadors team, with some changes in the way they operate. Our current team have done wonderful work but as the Charity grows and expands we need to ask more and more of them and ensure we are all promoting the sport with the same message but in new and interesting ways.

The work they do is vital to ensure the game becomes more inclusive, appeals to a wider audience and help get the word about Bowlers with a Disability out there.

We are appointing a Lead Ambassador to hold regular meetings and discussions with the group (on line) and to keep Judy up to date with what is going on in the various regions around the country.

Our ambassadors will be distinguishable at events as they will be wearing the Navy blue DBE shirts. To be an Ambassador you need to be passionate about the game and able to attend events in your area to talk about the DBE. You would also need to support the work Steve and Judy do running taster days and the work of the Bowls Development Alliance in you area.

## Classification Sessions.

Maggy and her team are holding two classification sessions over the summer. The first is at Gedling IBC on 7 August and the second is at The Avenue BC Leamington Spa on 27 August.

Before you are able to get a classification you will need to get in touch with Maggy and she will be able to talk you through what you need to do.

Only bowlers who have submitted diagnosis forms prior to classification to Maggy and been given confirmation of being seen by the classification team are to turn up.



## Bowls England National Championships 2022

Huge Congratulations to all DBE Members who have qualified for the National Championships at Leamington in August, here are just a couple of the ones we know about, if you are at Victoria park during the Championships, please go along and given them your support.

Fresh from the Commonwealth Games Kieran Rollings will know the greens like the back of his hand, he has qualified in both the Under 25 pairs with his brother Connor and the County Triples .

Also through in the two events, Sally –Ann Lewis –Wall, Jane Herbert and Helen Lewis- Wall are in the triples and fours.



If you have qualified please let Judy know so we can let the members know through social media

