



## Chairperson's message



I asked 12 months ago for our DBE members to help showcase Bowlers with a disability on the world stage and OMG have you done that.

We have attracted 60 new members and 20 new disability friendly member clubs, Won the Indoor & Outdoor Para Home Nations, Runners up in the Learning Disabilities Indoor International Series (LDIBIS), had a great introduction to the EIBA National Championships with Helen Woods leading from the front in many competitions.

As part of Team England Won 2 Para Bowls Bronze Medals at the Commonwealth Games 2022, have a new Title Sponsor Avery Healthcare for the High Performance Squad, have been nominated as the Bowls England Presidents chosen Charity for the next 2 years and Sally Ann Lewis Wall (B4) Directed by Jane Herbert not only Won the DBE National Open Singles Championships, they were joined by Helen Lewis Wall & Jamie Lea Winch (from Kingscroft BC, Leicestershire) and were Runner ups in the Bowls England National Women's Triples Championships 2022.

What a great 12 months, once again I am a very proud Chairperson of Disability Bowls England Charity Trust

Steve



1926 –2022

As we all know the Queen passed away on the 8th September. She was patron of Bowls England and she and the Duke of Edinburgh were often seen watching the bowls at the Royal House Hold Bowls club in the grounds of Windsor Castle.



Here she is meeting members of Brimfield and Little Hereford Bowls Club in 2013

Bowls has a long had an association with the royal family. Henry VIII was a keen player who once banned the game for the lower classes as being too much of a distraction for his 'bowyes, stringers, fletchers and arrow head makers', who were playing rather than doing their archery practise!

Bowls England commented that they were 'proud and privileged to have the queen as their patron and supporter of our sport'.

Many DBE members are ex service men and women and I am sure we all send the Royal Family our deepest Condolences at this sad time.

The nation owes her a great debt for her dedication and hard work over so many years, past an age when most people have retired. She was an example to us all.



# Bowls England National Finals 2022

What a treat of bowls we had during at Leamington Spa this summer.

It started with the DBE Open Pairs final where Jack Pullin and his partner , Terry Boswell who was a sub, beat Jon Stokes and Mike Robertson in a a highly competitive game . The afternoon it was the turn of the Mixed Ability Triples, a great time was had by all and what a great advert it was for our game.

The final of the DBE open singles had to be postponed as it clashed with the final of the BE National Triples competition and one of the competitors , Sally-Ann Lewis-Wall was involved in both, sadly after a fantastic effort against a strong Sussex team Sally- Ann, Jane Herbert (director) Helen Lewis Wall and their team mate Jamie-Lee Winch lost .

The singles was postponed until the following Wednesday which meant few of the competitors friends from DBE were there to see what was a superb game of bowls, between Sally- Ann and indoor Champion Chris Grey, this time it was success for the girls with Sally Ann coming out the winner.



Saturday saw the highly contested North v South match, the line for the north team seemed to have slipped somewhat! But still Stuart managed to make up a team and it was great to see so many of you playing . There was a good mix of new members and old and it was a very enjoyable afternoon, with the north coming out the winners this time. Captain Colin Wagstaff was delighted to receive the Maggy Smith Shield presented by Maggy and Bowls England President Terri Keen.

It was a busy afternoon for Maggy but more of that in a moment, After the game the friends of English Bowling made a bursary presentation of £500 to Daniel Adams to help support him with his level 2 coaching qualification. Steve Watson was also able to announce the news that we have an official sponsor, Avery Healthcare for the next Indoor and Outdoor home International series as well as the DBE Open Pairs. Also the senior Vice president Deepak Tana and Junior Vice President David King- Taylor have both pledged the DBE as their charities of the year when they become Bowls England President.

The afternoon was capped with a very special presentation to Maggy, as you probably know our very special President Maggy Smith was made a MBE but because of the pandemic she was never formally presented with the honour, with Terri Keen standing in for the Queen, this was put right and Maggy was presented with the award.

Well done Colin for sneaking it out of the house without Maggy knowing, afterwards Maggy commented ' I would rather have had the presentation here surrounded by my DBE friends any day' and we all loved sharing this special moment with you Maggy.



## Upcoming events:

8 October	DBE Presentation and Fun Day	Solihull IBC
1/2 October	Plant Welding Triples	Gedling IBC
15/16 October	EALABA pairs	Tamworth IBC
19 October	DBE Friendly match	New Denton IBC
23 October	DBE Taster day and friendly fixture	Plymouth Life Centre

## Indoor Season Awaits

With the nights drawing in it will soon be time for some of us to bowl indoors.

We have a program of friendly matches taking place all around the country between October and April, please put your name down to play in as many of them as you can. Not only are they lots of fun, they are a great way of showcasing our players and thanking clubs for their support. Our matches this season are as follows:

19th October New Denton IBC Sussex

23rd October Plymouth Life Centre Devon

10th November Bromley IBC Kent

20th November Harrogate IBC Yorkshire

3 December Falcon IBC Essex

18 December Preston Brighton IBC Sussex

8 January Bromsgrove IBC Worcestershire

5 February Donyngs IBC Surrey

18 February York IBC Yorkshire

19 March Barwell IBC Leicestershire

We are going all around the country so there is bound to be something in your area. Please contact Judy if you would like to play .

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For information about the upcoming indoor season, competition dates, friendly fixtures, international series it's all there!



## David Stott Retires

David joined DBE in 2016 to help promote and coach players with a visual impairment This role running alongside his Team Manager role at Visually Impaired Bowls England provided a valuable source of information for players, coaches, club, directors and helpers and became a Trustee of DBE Charity Trust in March 2017.

David has produced several documents and coaching guides specifically aim towards all aspects of playing with a visual Impairment and visited many clubs to guide helpers & officials when considering setting up a section for new players.

David leaves DBE to take up a fresh challenge as National Development Officer in April 2023 with Visually Impaired Bowls England.

We thank him for the work done at DBE and wish him every success in his new position. He was presented with a Salva at the end of the Home Internationals as a mark of our appreciation .

**Thank  
YOU!**

# England are Victorious at the Home Internationals



## At Clarence Park, Weston Super Mare

What a fantastic weekend of bowling we had at Clarence Park this year. The Wales and Scotland teams were dotted with players from the Commonwealth Games and competition was always going to be tough. But England's stars proved what strength in depth there is in the High Performance Squad as without their own CMG players they rose to the challenge before them.



They proudly wore the sponsor Avery Healthcare's log on their shirt and we must thank the sponsor for making this event such a success.

The team contained four new caps, Colin Milner, Isaac Shieh, Anthony Page and Jack Pullin, they all played exceptionally well making firm contributions to the team, Colin won the games he played, and Anthony was close behind him with 3 wins and a draw.

The first session against an improving Welsh team saw some very close games, notable the VI pairs with Gareth Harwood and Sarah Marshal winning by 1 shot and the triples of Fynn Keyser, Johnathan

Stokes and Captain Mike Robertson winning by the same margin. Dave Fisher was unlucky to lose his singles in a close battle with Paul Brown



Session 2 saw Wales play Scotland, the Scottish team ran out a 9 points to four winners.

Saturday saw the start of session 3 with England playing Scotland, with the home team producing a victory with 10 points to 4.

Session 4 proved very close with Wales and England sharing the points 6 all.



With Scotland beating Wales 8 4 in their final

game it all came down to Sunday morning and England v Scotland in the pairs. With England

needing to win on two rinks to retain the trophy, Captain Mike and Colin were the first to record a win. Fynn and Anthony managed a draw and the rest of the team raised their games to gain the overall victory. It was a fabulous team effort, Gareth and Colin didn't lose a game all weekend and the others all added to the overall points total.

A huge thank you to the members of Clarence Park bowls club who kept us all fed and watered so brilliantly and their green staff for their hard work. Also our thanks to the Umpires and Markers who gave up their time to help make this such a successful series. A extra special thanks to Diane and John Rogers for keeping the scores and supporting the team. A special presentation was made to David Stott as he is stepping down from DBE duties after this series, we are all grateful for his hard work and dedication to the DBE over the years and wish him every success with his new venture with VIBE.

Finally a massive thank you to the supporters and families who made the weekend such a special one, the players agreed the camaraderie and team spirit was second to none.

