



Chairperson's message



That's a rap on the 2021/22 Disability Bowls England Season and what a year we have had to showcase our ability not disability on the U.K. and World stage.

The future looks bright for us all, if we stay strong and continue to build on our success and speak as one voice. It's better to be the leader of the pack than a lone wolf!

We are all monitoring the impact of the energy crisis and hope we can get through the indoor season in tacked and hopefully will once again be able to feature our events at the EIBA National Finals and the para home nations next April.

Once again 2023 is another big year starting with IBBA world Championships in March and ending hopefully with the World Bowls championships in August both in Australia and lots of other events, competitions in between.

It's time for me to recharge the batteries and I look forward to seeing you again very soon

We are stronger together

Steve
Chairperson

Safeguarding Review

Over the course of the summer we have been undertaking a review of our procedures to ensure they are fully up to date.

As a consequence of this review we now need to record your actual date of birth. Our membership application forms have already been updated to show this information, but please email me at

judy.plater@disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk,

with your birth date if you have not already done so.

More information will follow over the next couple of months as I fine tune our procedures.

Judy

Presentation Afternoon at Solihull IBC on 8 October



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Just a few of the winners receiving their trophies from Commonwealth Games Gold Medallist Jamie Lee Winch

Plant Welding Triples

This is a 2 day event generously sponsored by Doug Carlin of Plant Welding Engineering, Colwick Nottingham.

Doug's father first started the sponsorship back in 1996. After he retired his son Doug continued, increasing sponsorship over the years. Doug and his wife Gill always come along and present the prizes.

It was a good weekend, 30 bowlers taking part from all parts of the country.

Teams were split into 2 groups playing a round robin followed by the winners of each group playing for 1st and 2nd prize and those finishing second in the groups played for 3rd and 4th prize.

The group winners were ;

John Greaves, Craig Bowler & Jonathan Stokes V Steve Angus, Mac Otton & Jeff Smith.

Steve's team winning 17 shots to 5



Report by Maggy Smith MBE

Ambassador team

Could you represent Disability Bowls England?

Over the last few months we have been carrying out a project to look at the work carried out by our current team of Ambassadors . We have decided to change the role slightly to make it more fit for purpose and to ensure everyone of the Ambassadors has the support they need to do the role and are kept updated with the latest DBE news and procedures.

To this end as well as the Ambassadors themselves we are looking to appoint a Lead Ambassador to give this regular support and work with Judy and the team , this position would sit on the Management Committee.

Judy and the lead Ambassador would hold regular meetings via Zoom which all Ambassadors would be expected to attend. They would also need to report what they have been up to by way of promotion for the DBE and act as a DBE representative in their area.

If you are interested in becoming one of our new Ambassadors please contact Judy at judy.plater@disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk for more information.

Upcoming events:

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| 10 November | Bromley IBC | Taster day and Friendly Fixture |
| 20 November | Harrogate IBC | Friendly Fixture |
| 3 December | Falcon IBC | Taster day and Friendly Fixture |
| 3 December | Gedling IBC | Maiden Singles |

Devon Taster Day at Plymouth Life Centre

On Sunday 23 October, Steve ran another successful taster session at the Plymouth Life Centre club. Ably supported by Gilly Ainslie and the local players and volunteers. At the same time Coach Bowls ran their Inclusivity course which was well attended.

These days are funded through sponsorship from Wheelpower and Sport England and are all about attracting new people to the game as well as demonstrating to clubs how to become more Disabled friendly. Visitors get a chance to try out some of the bowling aids available and find out a bit more about us.

In the afternoon Steven Hartley captained a team from the DBE against some of the home players. Steve Watson was also able to present Alison Yearling with her Special Award for the teams achievements at the Commonwealth Games in the summer



Our next taster day is at Bromley in Kent on 10 November. Please come along and show us your support or encourage others to attend.



Waddesdon Bowls Club Friendly Fixture

Our last fixture of the season took place at Waddesdon BC Buckinghamshire on 17 September. The game had to be reduced from 4 to 3 triples at the last minute due to unforeseen drop outs as a result of illness.

Never the less this didn't spoil an enjoyable afternoon, with some lovely late summer weather in the grounds of the National Trusts Waddesdon Manor.

Although we lost quite comprehensively as the Captain of the DBE team Lea Davis remarked 'everyone has a very enjoyable afternoon with great hospitality on the best bowls green I have played on all season.'



I have been contacted by a club which is closing and would like to sell their Wheelchair, pictured above. The asking price is £600.

If you are interested please contact me and I will put you in touch with them.

I have not seen the chair and the DBE can not accept responsibility for its condition, but I have been assured it has hardly been used.

Judy

Presentation Afternoon at Solihull IBC

What a great afternoon was had by everyone who attended the end of season celebration on the 8 October. Stuart had arranged a fun afternoon competition, Maggy, Steve and Stuart joined in as did our guest of honour Commonwealth Games Gold Medallist Jamie Lee Winch, and other guests including from Matt Wordingham from Bowls International.

As well as the prize giving, raffle and card game, we were entertained by a rendition from our very own Sister Act Jane Herbert, Sally Ann Lewis Wall, Jennie Sandford and Khalila Hussain led by mother superior Maggy Smith MBS, with Fynn, Helen, Johnathan and Craig as the judges. I don't think some of us have laughed so much in ages. Hopefully there is no truth in the rumour that the boys are planning their own party piece from the Full Monty next year!

Special thanks to Sue Davies for organising the event, and for Stuart Espie, for arranging the prizes and presentations.

After the prize giving a number of special awards were made;

Player of the Year— Sally Ann Lewis Wall.

Most Improved Player—Jack Pullin.

Special Award—Marie and David Nicholson.

Special Award— Team England Para Commonwealth Games Team.

2022/23 Prize winner are as follows:

| Competition | Winner | Runners Up |
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| Indoors | | |
| Maiden Singles Unclassified | Arthur Redfearn | Colin Wagstaff |
| Singles | Chris Gray | Colin Wagstaff |
| Classified Pairs | Sally Ann Lewis Wall and Helen Wood | Craig Bowler and Steve Ireland |
| Classified Pairs Plate | Joe Peplow and Gary Swift | Colin Milner and Stephen Smith |
| Classified Singles B6 | Steve Ireland | Joe Peplow |
| Classified Singles B7 | Fynn Kyser | Tim Swann |
| Classified Singles B8 Champion of | John Greaves | Kieran Rollings |
| Champion Singles | Chris Gray | John Greaves |
| Outdoor | | |
| Open Singles | Sally Ann Lewis Wall | Chris Gray |
| Open Pairs | Jack Pullin and Terry Boswell | Jonathan Stokes and Mike Robertson |
| Open Pairs Plate | Chris Gray and Adrian Mellows | |
| Ladies Pairs | Jennie Sandford and Khalila Hussain | Denise Rolland and Julie Deferville |
| Men's Pairs | Chris Gray and Adrian Mellows | Fynn Kyser and Mike Robertson |
| Mixed Ability 3's | Marjorie Convey, Tom Rigby, Chris Gray | John Hollowell Liam Tucker Arthur Redfearn |

