

Chairperson's message

Another month has passed, and things are still very busy at the coalface of DBE, we had a fabulous Taster Day at Bromley IBC, the High-Performance review working Group has reported back to the Board of Trustees and we have accepted their recommendations and I would like to thank them all for a great & honest job, the Web site has been updated with the latest information.

Colin Wagstaff has been appointed in the DBE Lead Ambassador and will join the Management Committee and I sure like me; think he is the right person for this new role and help Judy continue and push forward on the success we have had in 2022 to showcase DBE across all 35 Counties.

I attended the Bowls England County Conference in Coventry and DBE was well received by all 35 Counties and congratulated on the work we are doing to make our spot truly inclusive. Helen Lewis-Wall was at the BE Dinner on Saturday night and joined in the Commonwealth Games Q&A panel and spoke very well about DBE & CWG para squad. I also attend on Sunday, the IBD General assembly and the BE Performance Summit with others to discuss a number of key areas that would influence the High Performance Programme.

One is for certain; all the hard work has paid off and "We are on the World Stage for Good"

Steve
Chairperson

GDPR

Just a gentle reminder

Under GDPR regulations you cannot share a members personal data with any third party, this included their email address, phone number, postal address etc.

The information held by the DBE is only used for DBE purposes and is not given to anyone else.

If you do share another persons information without their permission **you** could be liable to a fine.



Champions Dinner and Presentation Night



Helen Lewis-Wall took part in a Question and Answer session, together with Sophie Tolchard and Nicki Brett at the recent Bowls England Dinner to talk about Disability Bowls England and the Commonwealth Games para squad.

As well as collecting the triples runners up trophy with team mates, Sally Ann Lewis Wall, Jane Herbert and Jamie Lee Marshall.

From all her friends at the DBE congratulation to Jamie Lee on her recent wedding.



Do you know your players representatives ?

There are three positions for players reps, with in the DBE and they are currently held by Daniel Adams representing the LD members, Dave Fisher representing the PD members and we currently have a vacancy for a players rep for the VI members.

Their role is to act as a liaison between you, the members, and the management team. They report directly to Bob Love who is a DBE Charity Trust Trustee and sits on the management committee. If you have a concern , a query , a suggestion or even a complaint, please speak to or email your players rep and we will do our best to answer you.

Bob Love

DBE Charity Trust Trustee



Daniel Adams

LDRep



Dave Fisher

PDRep



Vacant

VI Rep

If you would like to be the VI rep and for more information please contact Steve at

info@disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk

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IBD General Assembly

Steve Watson attended the IBD General Assembly online recently and here is a brief summary of the key points which were discussed :

- 1.The IBD world Championships will take place 18-31 May 2024 in Gauteng region, (near Johannesburg) South Africa
2. There will be played Men's & Women's Singles & Pairs in B1, B2, B3, B4, B6, B7, B8 and each player playing within their own classification group.
3. There may be a B5 group if there are enough entries from around the world .
4. As many **competitive players** as you wish can take part in each Classification Group.

Letters of Intent to Enter will be sent to DBE in January 2023.

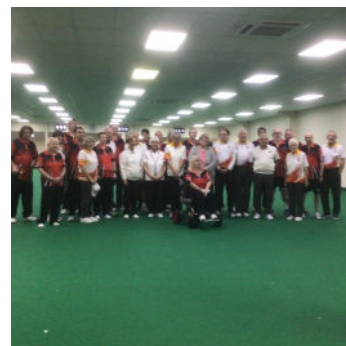
Please Note: At the moment It will be DBE Policy that this event will be Self-Funded – We will look at putting in place a selection criteria to ensure we send a Competitive England team in all classifications to attend this event, once full entry information has been received early in the New Year.

Also mentioned ;

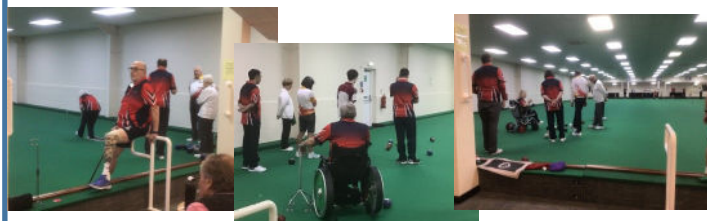
1. Visual Impaired Classification is under full review for all sports by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC), and this could take up to 2 years to sort – IPC only recognise B1, B2 & B3 Not B4
2. Commonwealth Games/World Bowls para bowls formats/ Scheduling/country selection Criteria are under full review.

More information will follow once it is received.

Harrogate Friendly on 20 November



On Sunday 20th November a team from DBE was welcomed at Harrogate indoor bowls club to play a friendly match against the clubs, the teams played 3 full rinks and 1 triples. The games were played over 21 ends and after some very good competitive bowling, the DBE team was narrowly beaten .



After the game the teams enjoyed buffet , which was very kindly prepared by some of the members and Captain Gary Swift thanked the club for their wonderful hospitality before he announced he was retiring from the high performance and England squads There was then a raffle before the players said their goodbyes .A big thank you to Harrogate IBC for the great afternoon and the DBE team for travelling to the game and playing so well it was great to have the fixture so well supported.

Upcoming events:

3 December	Falcon IBC	Taster day and Friendly Fixture
3 December	Gedling IBC	Maiden Singles
18 December	Preston Park IBC (Brighton)	DBE Friendly
8 January	Gedling IBC	DBE Unclassified Singles
8 January	Bromsgrove IBC	Taster day and Friendly Fixture
14 January	Desborough IBC (Northants)	DBE PD International Trial
15 January	Gedling IBC	DBE VI and VI directors International Trial
21 /22 January	Stanley IBC	DBE v Northern Clubs
28 January	Taunton Dean IBC	Nomad Shield
28/29 January	Gedling IBC	Ann Trotman Singles

Northampton and District IBC and their partnership with JH Community Support.

I was recently invited to meet a group of bowlers with learning difficulties who play once a week at Northampton and District IBC.

The group is organised through JH Community Support, who work in the Bedford/Northampton area provided support to people with learning disabilities to become more independent and lead fulfilling and rewarding lives. They use sport as one means of achieving this, they have a group that meet every Thursday morning at Northampton and District to play a game of bowls and they love it. They are already planning on getting their own bowls, (that's Christmas sorted) and equipment. When I was there they were playing a match with some players from the club and looked like they were having a great time and demonstrating some great skills.

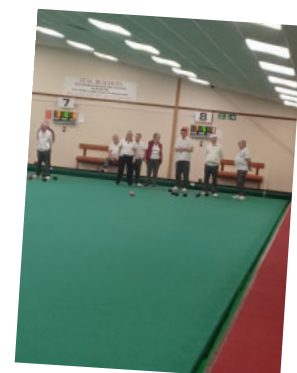
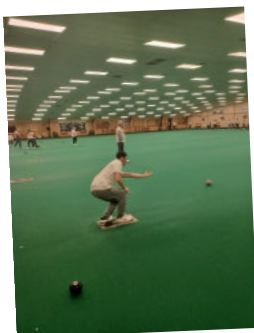
The club and JH Community Support are keen to offer the opportunity to play to a wider audience of people with a disability and are hoping to start another regular session on a Tuesday afternoon. The club itself already has some disabled players and recently purchased a second electric wheelchair for them to use.

One thing the group would like to do is to arrange matches with other clubs, if you know of a club that runs a regular disabled group please let me have their details and if they are willing perhaps we can link them up with other groups in their area to arrange some friendly games.

As well as bowls JH Community Support enable their clients to find some work experience, and one of the most popular is at Northampton Rugby club where they man the turnstiles for the clubs home games. They also play snooker and attend respite breaks at an outward bounds centre. Josh, who organises the team is thrilled they are being given the chance to try bowls, new sport and keen is to involve more people. This is a great community project and is working equally well for the club.

Good luck Northampton and District and JH Community Support!

Judy



Bromley IBC Taster Day

On 11th November, Steve and Judy ran a successful taster day and information session at Bromley IBC, we were joined on the day by Rory from the Bowls Development Alliance and DBE members John Wrenn and Peter Cave, as well as a other club members.

The event was well attended and we were joined by six residents from our sponsor Avery, residential home in Sevenoaks. Three of them were very taken with the game, one Sid had played before but given up as he had broken his hip, he is hopeful he will be able to take the game up again, as he has proved to himself he can still play.

Two of the other people who attended were experienced bowlers who due to illness now found themselves as wheelchair users. Both tried the bowling wheelchairs and enjoyed themselves.

In the afternoon the DBE played a match against three triples from the club, and it was great to see some new players taking part. A big thank you to the club and its members for their support with this event, they are hoping to set up their own disabled group and we look forward to hearing more about it.

