



And Stuart
who doesn't
do photos!

Happy Christmas and a Peaceful and successful 2023 to all our members from your DBE team



Chairperson's message

Well, what an emotional & rollercoaster ride 2022 was, I asked at the end of last year that we showcase our "Ability and Not Disability" and by jolly you have done that across England, on the International & world stage in bucket loads.

Our team of Trustees & volunteers who work behind the scenes to pull this all together are very proud of each and everyone of you so a massive THANK YOU.

2023/24 are two more massive years for us and we have set ourselves a full calendar of events, fixtures & taster days and I will be launching an very **ambitious** Crowdfunder fundraising package early in January, which I hope you will all support so we can continue to deliver the friendly and inclusive nature of our sport which helps to improve wellbeing, mental & general health and is often seen as a lifeline to our growing disability bowls family.

I wish you a very merry Christmas with your family & friends and I look forward to seeing you all, batteries recharge for a very exciting 2023 for our DBE Bowls Family

Steve
Chairperson

Maiden Singles—Gedling IBC on 3 December



Members gathered at Gedling for the Maiden Singles at the beginning of December., this competition is open to anyone who has not won a DBE singles competition. It was good to see some new faces amongst those taking part. Originally there were 9 entries but 1 withdraw due to illness which left 2 groups of four, playing each other in a round robin format with the winner either reaching 15 shots of be in the lead at the end of a timed session.

The leagues were made up of

Colin Wagstaff – Lisa Devlin – Sue Taylor - Craig Bowler

Michael Cox – Barry French – Colin Smith – John Hollowell

There were some good games during the day and some close fought battles no more so than the final, the battle of the Colin's.

Colin Smith and Colin Wagstaff played a great close game , both had won all their three previous games in the round robin ,so it was only to be expected that this one would be close and it was, with scores even at 11 ends with the score 11 all and then 13 all at 14 ends before Colin Smith went onto score the 2 shots he needed for a win.

As usual Gedling proved exceptional hosts and provided a very warm welcome , a big thank you to them ,the volunteers and supporters who all go to making these days special.

Nomad Triples

28 January 2023

Taunton Dean IBC

Have you entered the Nomad Triples?

If not please contact Stuart ASAP.

Competitions@disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk

More entries are needed for it to go ahead, come along and join in the fun with a bit of Competition for good measure. Maybe you could start the New Year as a winner!

UK National Technical Classifiers appointed

We are pleased to confirm that following assessment by the IBD (International Bowls for the Disabled) three new National Technical Classifiers for the UK have been appointed.

Congratulations go to Sue Davies, Chris McGready and John Neal. Details of future classification dates/venues will be published in the Newsletter and will also be listed on the calendar of events.

For further information or any queries please contact Sue via email: sue.davies@disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk

Falcon IBC, Essex Information and Taster Day



On 3rd December, I held an information and taster session at Falcon IBC Essex, assisted by John Wrenn, Peter Cave, Ray Clark, Romney Denning and Lea Davis who had come along to play in the afternoon match.

We had a group from Essex Coaches who are working hard to support bowlers with a disability and were keen to find out more about what we do and try some of the bowling aids for themselves. It was great to meet people from clubs in the area with disabled members and those looking to attract them.

One young man Noah who already plays at Falcon came along with his dad and brother and his Nan, who had had to stop playing due to mobility issues tried the Hacksaw bowling arm and as her son said 'that's you Christmas present sorted', she was delighted to be able to play again and is going to join Noah at our events in the future.

In the afternoon Lea Captained a team against the host club, we didn't win the triples of John Wrenn, Peter Cave and Colin Milner producing our only successful rink.

Thank you to Falcon, who have also joined DBE as a member club and all of those who took part in the day. Judy



Upcoming events:

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
4 February	Rugby Thornfield	DBE Classified Pairs
5 February	Avon Valley	DEB Unclassified pairs

Ambassadors Team

The new Ambassadors team have met on line to talk about the relaunching of the important work they do. Under the guidance and support of Lead Ambassador Colin Wagstaff they discussed the way forward and how they are going to get out and about promoting the DBE.

The new team are as follows:

Richard Ball—Wiltshire

Paul Baker—North Lincolnshire

Juli Crowe—South Lincolnshire

Peter Ring—Sussex

Lea Davis—Essex

Terry Boswell—Oxfordshire

Anthony Page—Somerset

Paula Watts—Lancashire and North West

If you have any events in your area that you think a member of the team should attend please contact Colin at the following email address.

Ambassador@disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk.

We hope to include articles showing what they have been up to in future newsletters.

We are on the look out for more Ambassadors to cover the rest of the country, if you are interested please contact Colin or Judy for a chat. With the DBE growing the more help we can get promoting our work the better.



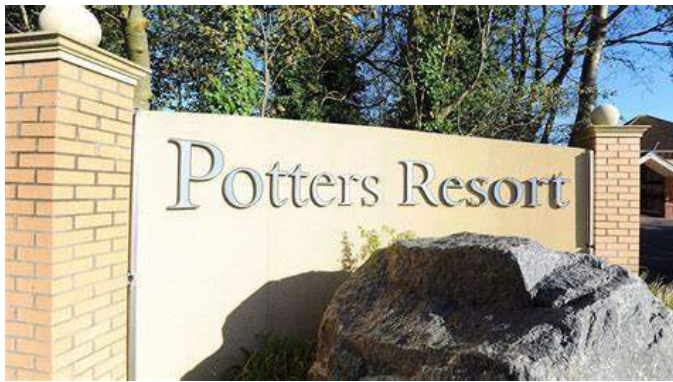
Bush Hill Bowls reports that over 100 Bowls Royce wheelchairs are now in use across the UK. The two most recent deliveries, Nos. 114 and 115, were to Cornish Clubs Mylor Bridge and Camelford & District on the 12 December.

Awareness of the benefits of specially adapted wheelchairs to keep bowlers bowling is higher than ever, thanks to DBE's Taster Days, Disability Awareness roadshows supported by funding from [Sport England](#) & [WheelPower](#) and the medal-winning visibility of the Bowls Royce at the Commonwealth Games ([Team England](#) - Bronze, and [Bowls Australia](#) Silver).



Well done
Jerry and your
team





DBE Members Enjoy Success at Potters Resort

The Potters Bowls Holiday is a privately organised annual event comprising members of the DBE, their families and Gedling IBC Helpers and has been running for about 20 years, it is always popular and enjoyed by those who attend.

This year there were 12 teams of rinks competing under the Disability Bowls umbrella. From around the UK 76 teams in total entered the competition with some clubs represented by more than one team. Each played a minimum of 4 games, competing on a round robin basis with the ones with the highest points going forward to the knock out stages.

Our teams did very well getting 5 teams into the last 16 unfortunately the two that reached the semi finals then had to play each other.

The team of Jonathan Stokes, Steve Angus, Dave Fisher and Chris Grey were pipped at the post by Khalila Hussain, John Rogers, Tim Swann and Arthur Redfearn who then went onto win the final convincingly 11 shots to 1 against Mayfield Park's Sharon Smith, Christopher Cummins, Christine Cummins and Alan Cummins



Each year one player is selected to play in a celebrity match with Greg Harlow and Andy Thompson and this year that lucky person was Khalila.

As well as the bowls it's a chance for friends to enjoy all the facilities Potters has to offer.

Certainly looks like everyone had a great time.



