

## Chairperson's Message

Welcome to 2023!

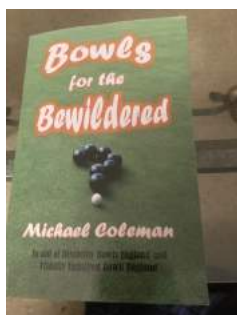
Once again, the senior management team have put together a full year of fixtures and events for all DBE members from the casual social player through to our international players.

I would like to remind all members and the keyboard warriors that we are all volunteers and human beings and do what we do for the love of our sport and the DBE bowls family. If you have a complaint about the way, we are running the organisation I would be grateful if you would put it in writing to the DBE secretary and it will be investigated by the Trustees of DBE Charity Trust.

For that reason, we have delayed the Para Home Nations Indoor Team announcement until the week commencing Monday 6 Feb.

2023 could be a good year if we stick together, demonstrate a positive attitude between members and promote the image we are one bowls family !!!

Steve Watson



This book is a light-hearted look at the game we love and is being sold with some of the profits going to the DBE.

It tries to answer questions like;

Why does anyone take the game up ?

Why for such a simple game is it so hard to master?

With chapters such as

Does my bum look big in these and In praise of Ham salads it is an entertaining read.

Thank you to the author Michael Coleman for supporting DBE.

## Mo retires as

### DBE High Performance manager

We would like to thank Mo Monkton for the past 7 years of her dedication and huge amount of time she has put into developing and delivering the very successful DBE High Performance program and leading from the front making peoples dreams come true. Mo handed over the role to Sue Davies on the 1<sup>st</sup> January and we welcome Sue into her new role and wish her well as she builds on our success, she brings a wealth of experience with her from her own successful bowling career.

Although, Mo has now stepped down from all her roles within DBE management team she has agreed to remain a volunteer and will help out when she can as we move the sport forward to be "Truly Inclusive"



## Dan Todner and the Great North Run

Dan is a long time friend and team mate of our own Stevie Angus and this year he is taking part in the Great North Run and raising funds for the DBE in the process.

Dan is a keen runner and a member of his local running club, this will be the 10th time he has taken part. He is also hoping to run the London Marathon Backwards and take part in the Leeds Marathon. If you would like to sponsor him or take part in the other fundraising activities he does for us he can be found on facebook or his crowd fundraising page at <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/dbe-bowls-buddies-great-north-run-2023>

Dan made a guest appearance in the DBE v North game at Stanley and hopes to play again next year.

## Unclassified singles

### At Gedling on 8th January

Sadly there were only 6 entries in this years competition and two have them had travelled a considerable distance from Kent and Somerset. They played each other in a round robin format the winner was Chris Gray with Rhys Taylor as this years runner up.

Our usual thanks must go to all those Gedling members who helped on the day.



## Riverside IBC

### Swans Tournament

18th March 2023

10am till 5pm

If you would be interested in entering the Swan's tournament or want more details please contact Carol Asher at [carolasher150@gmail.com](mailto:carolasher150@gmail.com)

## Ashford IBC

### Disability Triples Tournament

11th March 2023

10am till 5pm

£200 prize money

If you want more information or to enter please contact Gill Howard at [gehoward47@outlook.com](mailto:gehoward47@outlook.com)

## Bromsgrove IBC Taster day and Friendly Fixture



Sunday 8th January saw Sue Davies and Judy Plater ably assisted by Richard Ball run the first taster session of the new year at Bromsgrove IBC. The club itself is very disabled friendly and a number of their own coaches joined us on the day to lend a hand and bring some support. The club has its own extensive range of Disability aids for its members to use.

A good number of people came along for the morning not just from the host club but also from other clubs in the area, one, John has played bowls for years but sadly had had to stop playing due to mobility issues, his son had encouraged him to come along. After a couple of ends using a bowling arm he was back playing the game he loved again and hopes to return to his old outdoor club and be bowling regularly soon.

One young lady who came along with her husband was having problems with her delivery as she was struggling to keep her arm straight, after a bit of trial and error, she found using the pusher helped no end and is now looking to buy one herself. Bob who has dementia came along at the suggestion of his coach Brain with his wife. He found playing with the Hacksaw bowling arm very useful and is again looking to buy one himself.

These were just a few of the people who came along and enjoyed the experience, as well as the players a number of club coaches came and tried the aids for themselves and are taking back their experiences to their own clubs.

In the afternoon Rick Sippitts the club Secretary had arranged a team for a friendly match against some of the DBE members. With the two rinks of Russell Mckie, Fynn Kyser and skip Chris Venn and Captain Joe Peplow, Sue Davies and Jack Pullin producing good wins, they were able to cover the losing rink of Beth Lacey Romney Denning and Richard Ball, who unluckily lost to a strong Bromsgrove team. Everyone enjoyed themselves and we could not have had better hosts,



4 February	DBE Classified Pairs	Rugby Thornfield IBC
18/19 February	VIBE Pairs	Nottingham IBC
18 February	DBE Taster day and Friendly game	York IBC
19 February	DBE Friendly against Yorkshire County Ladies	New Earswick IBC
24 February till 19 March	IBBA world Championships	Tweeds Head BC NSW
25/26 February	DBE Classified Singles	Gedling IBC
13th May	Combined PD/VI Outdoor High	TBA—Possibly Victoria Park

## Last Friendly of 2022

The last match of 2023 was a close affair played at Preston park IBC Brighton on 18th December.

Ambassador Peter Ring was captain for the day and took a strong side to compete against the home club.

The area was covered in Snow and ice but luckily everyone managed to get Preston Park club ,

Stu Read from Portsmouth took 3 hours to do the journey after accident , that's dedication for you!

The DBE team consisted of:-

rink3 , John Wren, Brian Troth, John Drury .

rink4 Keith Nethercott, Tracey Nethercott, Gill Platt.

rink5 , Fred Hughes, Stu Read , Peter Ring.

The games were close but the Preston captain had picked himself a strong team and despite our rink playing well they lost.

It was nip and tuck all the way through, the DBE team nearly pulled back level but as Rink4 played their last end it was a measure, sadly they scored 2 not 3 which would have given us the win.

The result was as follows;

rink 3 score DBE 22 V 18 PRESTON,

rink4 score DBE 23 V14 PRESTON

rink 5 score DBE 12 V 26 PRESTON

TOTAL SCORE DBE 57 TO 58 PRESTON PARK.

After the game the players had a fish and chip supper and all agreed it had been a great afternoon and very enjoyable , thank you to Preston Park for being such lovely hosts.



## DBE Para and VI

### High Performance Team Trials



It was an early start to 2023 , with the High Performance team trials taking place over the weekend of 14th and 15th January. It was a busy weekend for Sue Davies the team manager and her selection team, with the Para trial taking place on the Saturday at Desborough Northampton and the VI trial on the Sunday at Gedling.

Before the games started Chairperson Steve reiterated that there was no pre selection, and that selection would be based on an agreed formula and it was a blank sheet for everyone. Sue welcomed the new players who took part for the first time and wished everybody good luck and good bowling.

There were some stand out performances from new and established DBE Members and things look positive for the forthcoming series in Wales.



## DBE PD Classification Clinic

Do you want to get classified?

Please contact Sue Davies for details of the next classification clinic:

[sue.davies@disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk](mailto:sue.davies@disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk)

## Selection for the High Performance Team

There have been the usual rumblings about how the selection process works for the High Performance team, so here is a brief explanation:

The selectors have to consider the requirements for the upcoming international events program including classification and gender requirements.

Players will be selected from different classification groups as competitions are based on combinations of these groups, eg B6, B7, B8 etc.

The markers use a points system based on how close each bowl is to the jack; 1 point within 3 feet, 2 points within 2 feet and 3 points within a foot..

Leads are also marked on delivery of the jack and skips on the effectiveness of all their bowls.

The same system is used for the VI players. Performance of the VI directors is also taken into account - including communication skills, head reading skills, shot selection and overall support of their VI bowler.

The selectors then look at the overall scores and previous competition performance to make their final selections. There is no preselection, it is a level playing field; everyone has their own opinion as to who should or should not be selected but it is just that, an opinion, and it is the selectors who make the final choice. The selectors are volunteers and do the best they can; if you have a genuine concern (based on fact not fiction or hearsay) please raise it in a constructive manner with them.

**A BIG THANK YOU to all our Volunteers**



## OUNDLE BOWLING CLUB

.Peterborough

28 May

Are hosting a charity triples tournament and I have been asked if we could send a team/s. Please contact me for more information., if you would like to enter a team.

Judy

## DBE v the North

Over the weekend of 21st and 22 January a team of 16 DBE members gathered in the North East to play against some clubs in the North. This highly successful event is organised annually by Stevie Angus, and is available to view on the Wrong Bias Podcast.

The event was well supported by both massive thank you must go to them and successful. There were some great bowls for the DBE this year as they were

This event is all about team work and Disabled bowls to a wider audience , the The teams play 1 singles game, 3 pairs played over two sets of 7ends with a one

The DBE team came from far and wide to Lincolnshire and all agreed it had been a and raised over £450 a huge achieve-



Stanley IBC and West Denton IBC and a their members for making the event so played over both day , sadly it was not to be soundly beaten by the North.

enjoying yourself as well as promoting standard of play on the whole was very high. games and 3 triples games , each game is end shoot out if there is a draw.

take part , from as far south as great weekend. West Denton held a raffle ment thank you very much.

David Bolt and Judy presented trophies similar event next indoor season in the available to play if you can.

South of the country please keep a look out for details and make yourself to all those who took part . We hope to run a

