

My mum was told 63 years ago on Easter Monday that best things happen in April, & how true that has been this year for our DBE Members!

First we had the excitement & very warm welcome at the EIBA National Championships with outstanding bowling at the DBE Champion of Champions, National Pairs & finally the Maggy Smith MBE North v South Challenge Shield which once again showcased our ability on & off the green, closely followed by a great second day fight back by our Para Indoor Home Nations Team England squad to be crowned Champions 2023.

Then the announcement by Bowls England that “One Team England” will compete at the World Bowls Championships 2023 in Gold Coast, Australia & continue the great legacy which we started in 2022 to give everyone the opportunity to achieve their goals in the sport of bowls on the World Stage; & I head North to York & District IBC to witness our Team England Learning Disabilities squad take part in the Learning Disabilities Indoor Bowls International Series before returning home to move house!!!!

May is extremely busy as well, but I wasn't born in May!!!!!! Steve Watson DBE Chairperson

We are Stronger together—Proving bowls is for everyone

England win the Para Home Nations



New caps, John Greaves, Elizabeth Shipley & John Hollowell



A very proud manager & captain

Team Manager Sue Davies and new captain Helen Wood could not have been prouder of their players at the Home Nations in Newport recently. It was a shaky start on the Friday in the PD triples & Singles & VI pairs, which England lost 6 points to 8 against a strong Welsh team, sadly one of their players hurt his arm & had to concede his VI singles. By Saturday England had regrouped and showed their dominance against Scotland in the morning winning the session 8 points to 6, with good wins for Kieran Rollings in his singles 21 –16 and with Captain Helen and her triple of Fynn Kyser and Jennie Sandford leading from the front to win their match. The Saturday afternoon session of all pairs saw England get back in their stride against Wales, showing determination they won 10 points to 2. There was a tense evening waiting to hear how Scotland & Wales had got on in their session and when the results came through, they had drawn 3 all; this left England knowing they needed to win 3 of the 6 games the following day in the pairs against Scotland.



The first pair to record a win were Stephen Hartley & Sally Ann Lewis Wall, together with their directors Isaac Shieh & Jane Herbert who won their VI pairs with two ends to spare 28—4. They were closely followed by Joe Peplow & new cap John Greaves winning 20 –8, and David Fisher & Steve Angus who both had two wins in their pairs events. Helen Wood and teammate Jennie Sandford again led by example to beat a strong Scottish pair. Alison Yearling & new cap John Hollowell with their directors, new cap Elizabeth Shipley & Chris Venn, also won. A great team performance and thank you to our hosts at Newport IBC and Bowls Wales





What a treat of bowls we had !

The day started with the finals of the Open Pairs & Plate competitions, and what close events they both were, with a superb display of bowling by all the players. Both games were highly competitive but played with the usual excellent spirit we have come to expect from the DBE players.

In the Open Pairs final, Daniel Adams & Chris Gray raced into a strong early lead leaving Colin Wagstaff & John Greaves in their wake. Going into the last end they were four shots in front and looked to have it in the bag, until John produced a wonder bowl to make a count of 5 to win.

In the Plate competition Craig Bowler & Steve Ireland built up a big lead against Kieran Rollings & Jack Pullin; again, it was a highly competitive game, Kieran & Jack hung in there and went into the last end 1 down on the score board, but after a brilliant last end by both players Steve was left with an almost impossible task to get the shot. So, like the Open Pairs Kieran & Jack snuck the win on the last end.

All these guys showcased the best in Para bowls and nobody can have failed to be impressed by the standard of the play.



In the afternoon we were treated to the Maggy Smith MBE North v South grudge match. John Greaves (a Londoner living in the Midlands!) was co-opted into the North team (we don't know who paid the transfer fee). The game was again competitive and played with good humour and there was plenty of banter across the rinks. It was good to see some new faces taking part.

Despite the South's best efforts, the North retained their title and won again. Better luck next year Team South!



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1	B Love 20	18	8	K Rollings	1
2	J Greaves 14	18	22	J Pullin	2
3	C Wagstaff 18	18	11	J Sandford	3
4	G Swift 17	18	14	S Ireland	4
5					5
6	Homsea 14	14	17	Swale	6
7	Nottingham 6	10	22	Homsea	7
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Date	Event	Venue	Time
4-7 May	Vibe Singles	Weston Super Mare	All Day
13 May	DBE Friendly Match	Peacehaven BC—Sussex	2pm
13 May	DBE International Trial	Victoria Park, Leamington Spa	All Day
20 or 21 May	DBE Open Singles	Taunton Deane, Egham, St Neots or Selby	All Day
3 June	DBE Friendly Match	Market Overton BC—Rutland	2pm
4 June	DBE VI Pairs	Basingstoke BC	All Day

New Milton BC , Hampshire



Mix Pairs Competition

The Mitchell's Shield

Sunday 25 June

Cash Prizes to paid down to Semi finalists

Lunch & refreshments are available all day.

Entry fee £10

Please contact Captain Tony Prince on 01425 617660 for more information

Big Bowls

Weekend



Is your club taking part in the Bowls England Big Bowls weekend?

On 27th,28th or 29th May

If so let Judy have the details & she can let our members know.

Drakes Bowling arms for Sale

We have two bowling arms for sale they are in perfect condition & hardly been used. The blue one is a short size & the red a medium.

Asking price £100 each , please contact me if you interested Judy.

At Judy.plater@disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk



8th September

New Indoor fixture

I have been asked if our members would like an Indoor fixture during the summer season, I know a growing number of you only play indoors now so hopefully this is something you will support. If it is successful perhaps we can have another one next outdoor season at another club in a different part of the country.

Please let me have your thoughts on holding for example 2 indoor fixtures during the summer season? Thanks Judy

Selection for the World Bowls

Gold Coast ,Australia



We know many of you have been asking how the Para team is being selected. Here is the official line.

On the 13 May the trials for the DBE High performance team will take place. Everyone who has been invited to attend will be scored by experienced personnel following the guidelines set down by the DBE Management team and under the guidance of Team Manager Sue Davies.

There is NO prescoring, EVERYONE will be starting from the same point with a blank score sheet.

Once the High-Performance team has been selected by the DBE selectors, the Bowls England Management team will then pick the Team England para squad for World bowls 2023.

The Laws of Bowls Chrystal Mark edition four

Are you aware of the change to the laws of the game which came into force on 1st April?

In brief here they are;

Law 13.3 No player should be on the mat or bowl until the previous played bowl has come to rest. Penalty - loss of bowl after a warning.

Law 26.3 No further play should take place if you can't win in a knockout competition

Law 29.1.4 If both players bowl out of turn , the order of play shall continue in the new order.

Law 37 Two major changes in this law 37.1.3 if you deliberately stop or displace your own teams bowl in it's original course - Penalty - loss of game

Law 37.1.5.3 if you deliberately lift a bowl at rest on your own rink to allow your teams bowl to pass - Penalty - loss of game

Player Profile—Chris Turnbull



Chris is a true Yorkshireman, born in a mining village called Upton 1948. He now lives in Sawdon ,Yorkshire with his wife Mandy.

He has represented the DBE at International level since 2019, taking part in several International test matches and last year he reached the pinnacle of success as part of Team England , winning a bronze medal in the B2/B3

VI Pairs with his partner Alison Yearling and their directors Sue and Mark Wherry at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, an amazing experience.

He plays outdoors at Thornton le Dale, where he plays regularly in club and county competitions. Indoors he plays at Scarborough IBC and again regularly represents the club; he started bowling there in the year 2000 and has gone from strength to strength.

Chris first began to have problems with his eyesight as a child and was teased at school for wearing thick bottle lens glasses. However, he was always into sport playing cricket and football and went onto become a teacher. It was whilst working in Oldbury Leicestershire in 1996 that he took up bowls. He had to give up the football and cricket as it was becoming too dangerous, but he still had that competitive nature and wanted to find a sport he could become involved in; bowls was lucky to be the one he chose.

He has represented his country at the International Blind Bowlers Championships in South Africa in 2005, Australia in 2009 and at Worthing in 2013. He had won numerous national titles with the VI bowlers, but after Worthing he decided to join the DBE and is just as committed to his bowls as ever. He loves the team events, in particular the camaraderie between teammates and the competition. As well as the DBE competitions he plays in the abled bodied events indoors and outdoors and has reached the last 32 nationally in the over 55 pairs.

He has just been presented with the Senior Player of the Year award by Bowls Yorkshire.

Over the years his eyesight deteriorated, and he now has no central vision and is classified as a B2 player.

With his wife Mandy and guide dog James, he is regularly seen at events around the country and although he jokes that James has the bigger fan club, no one who has met Chris or seen him play can fail to be impressed by not only his bowling ability but commitment and enthusiasm for the game.

