

BOWLS SURREY NEWSLETTER

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Hello Everyone. Well, we are already at the end of May and I am hoping that your Bowls' Big Weekend went well and that your clubs are now nearly bursting at the seams with members. Retention is now the name of the game and of course coaching! Keep your new members engaged and focused on learning not only how to play but the niceties of our sport as well. Setting up weekly roll ups where anyone can join in and play no matter their level. If you are one of our new members then Welcome to Surrey. If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to ask someone ... If no one can help then email me - BowlsSurrey@gmail.com - Charlotte

Note for the Ladies - All SCWBA Matches against other Counties start at 1.30pm ... the match system has been 'playing up' and changing the start times.

SUPPORTERS WANTED
Middleton Cup
18th June 10.00am
Iver Heath BC (Bucks)
Vs Middlesex Men

If you have ever wondered what it takes to play for the County, why not come along and see.

SUPPORTERS WANTED
Johns Trophy
18th June 1.30pm
Popes Mead BC (Sussex)
Vs Middlesex Ladies

EXTENDED UMPIRES CORNER

I have had several messages, calls or emails since the start of the season from people asking questions about the mat and the jack. So I am posting them here and giving you the answers too so that you can all ensure you are playing correctly as the County Competitions start.

- 1) We were playing away in a competition and they said we could chose from rink 1 or rink 4 (which they said was terrible!) a) Can they really offer us a 'terrible' rink and b) is what they did right? The answers are a) YES they can offer you any rinks they want. They dont have to offer their best rinks, and b) NO. Choosing the rinks for play Law 3.1 The skips, their representatives or the Controlling Body must make the draw for the rinks on which games are to be played. The main words to note here are ... representatives - can be anyone from the team but must be someone neutral just a bystander from the home club, and DRAW ... a DRAW must take place ... no one should be choosing a rink to play on.
- 2) Before the start of play a toss must be made to decide who gets the mat and jack on the first end - who does the tossing? You will hear a lot of people saying 'challenger calls'. I have said this before and I am sure I will say it again ... IT DOES NOT MATTER who is the tosser and who is the caller. Yes .. ther person who tosses the coin is called the Tossler! ;-)
- 3) Trial Ends - on the first trial end Team A or Player A (in singles) puts the mat down and casts the jack. On the second trial end Team B or Player B moves the mat up the rink and casts the jack. Is this allowed? YES the teams/players can put the mat where ever they want to on their trial ends and the opposition cannot move it, complain about it or decide to deliver their bowls from anywhere other than **that** mat. All bowls **MUST** be delivered from the mat where it is placed. Law 5.1.7 says - The team which starts the trial end must place the mat, deliver the jack and place the jack on the centre line of the rink at a distance they choose from the mat line (the distance must not be changed during the course of the trial end).
- 4) This was a phone call I hadOn the first end my opposition took the mat up the green. I told them that the rule has always been that the mat must be placed at the 2 metre line on the first end of any match and I made them move it. Its always been that hasn't it Can you tell them that I am right please.
NO I cant! You are wrong! About 30 years ago when I first started bowling that was the Law but this Law changed many many years ago. Law 6.1.1 Before the start of play in each end, the player to play first must place the centre line of the mat lengthwise along the centre line of the rink, with the mat line at least 2 metres from the rear ditch and at least 25 metres from the front ditch.
- 4) Team A put the mat down and put up the jack but it goes off the rink. Can Team B move the mat before they recast the jack? YES the position of the mat is down to the team or player that are delivering the jack. (It must of course be legally positioned!)
- 5) Singles game and Player A delivers the jack. The marker queries the length and says they think its short. Can they do this? YES - Law 42 states the markers duties. 42.2.2 make sure that the jack is at least 23 metres from the mat line after it has been centred;

If you have any questions you would like me to answer in next months newsletter please just send them through to me.