

BOWLS SURREY NEWSLETTER

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Hello Everyone. Only one day late this month and that wasn't my fault! I was asked to delay sending this one out until after the Area AGM's and the Management Committee meeting last night. Well that's that for the 2024 outdoor season and given the weather we have had today I would say ... Just in time! Time for me to hibernate Charlotte
(Bowls Surrey Communications Officer)

SCWBA Christmas Gifts from the Benevolent Fund

Please nominate someone from your club that you think might be worthy of a Christmas gift from the County. They could be a stalwart of the club always turning out for games or generally helping with the general running of the club. They could be someone who has given their time for the club but now due to poor health is unable to do so. Please send your nominations to Caroline Duarte (Benevolent Fund Manager) using carolineduarte48@gmail.com listing the persons name and address and must be in by 31st October 2024.

All clubs and our own county suffer from the same malaise. Volunteers, or lack of! All clubs need their members to volunteer for roles; the same people cannot keep on doing all the jobs. Without volunteers clubs will not survive - they need an active workforce whether it is getting out and putting away equipment after a match, helping with recruitment and retention, secretary, match secretary. Support your club by becoming a "club member" not just "a member of the club". The County is the same! We need help too. We are all getting older and new blood is needed. It is not onerous to take on a job and it is very worthwhile. We have vacancies, not least my own position as Administrator but also a Development Officer and Competition Co-ordinator. We have 6000 bowlers so come on and give me a ring or email me and at least ask what is entailed; you will not be alone; I will be there to help and guide as will other members of the team.

YOUR COUNTY NEEDS YOU. Sheron

The County has struggled with the County matches this year and with finding enough players. If you have got any ideas or suggestions for the matches please contact an Area Secretary or Match Sec or myself (Charlotte) so that your ideas can be discussed at the next Management Committee meeting.

Asking again ... Please ensure that if you are over 55 or under 31 that you ensure that your Date of Birth is put into the match system.

Getting ready for next year
Bowls' Big Weekend dates for 2025 are 23rd - 26th May. Start your recruitment planning NOW!

New Bowls England Competitions

Bowls England have introduced 2 new competitions for 2025. An Inter County Cup for Over 60s (mixed). This will be a 6 rink comp played on Tuesdays. Also beginning next year will be a Novice Pairs. At the moment the definitions for 'Novice' are changing but as soon as BE make up their mind for certain I will let you all know.