

# Surrey County Bowling Association

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Centenary Season Opening Newsletter March 2011

*Your County, Your Club, Your Officers....keeping YOU in the loop*

**S**o... here we are entering your County's Centenary Season. By now those of you who attended the Gala event will have recovered and be ready for the coming competitive rivalry that is to some of you the essence of your seasons bowling experience. However please do not forget that for many players of our game the same enjoyment is achieved through involvement in friendly matches.

The most important aspect of our taking part is to ensure that ...in whatever way we wish to enjoy and play our game, we respect the way in which our fellow players wish to play theirs.

*Have a happy season*

**C**an there be anything in this Centenary Season for me? You may well ask!

Some of you may think that this is a season when the Club Bowler is ignored; that only the Officers and supposed elite will get anything from the occasion.

Well...let's put that to bed straightaway!! Over the past 5 years a group of individuals has been hard at work compiling a booklet on the history of Surrey County BA since it's creation. There will be a copy for every member of each Club in the Association..and it's free! A commemorative badge has been produced... again one for every member. Matches have been arranged with Clubs who are also celebrating their Centenaries, an achievement in today's sadly shrinking overall number of Clubs in the County. Bowls England will be bringing a side to the County and this will be an opportunity for Club bowlers to apply to play. The match will be a President's Game and will not be limited to 'badged' players or to members of the Executive, so please take the opportunity to apply. Ask your Secretary for a copy of the 'D Form'; this sets out the President's Matches during the season. While you're at it why not apply for other President's games? As a 'badged' player take the opportunity during this special season to support your President and your County. It's your Season!

**B**y the way! The County Year Book has throughout the history of the Association been central to the communication aspect of County business. Changes have been made over the years from a notebook style, a diary and latterly an A5 format. 2011 sees a change to the size, now pocket size, with details of past, present and future items relevant to every member of the Association retained. The history pages have now been transferred to the Web Site. Some may not like the revised format; if you are one of them, don't moan to your colleagues...let us know what you think.

Further advances in communication, to ensure that members are kept informed about their County and it's affairs will be available via the 'Twitter Button' and 'Vertical Response' options on the site.

Please use them. The latest 'news' is available on the News Page. County Competition results kept up to date by your Area Competition Secretaries round by round, can be viewed on the Area/Comps. page.

**A**nd finally..Unification—The time will soon be upon us when following the Bowls England directive our two Associations must unify. Many rumours circulate as to what this will mean to the club bowler both male and female. In an effort to ensure that you are all aware of the implications and to bring the Working Groups recommendations to you, we will achieve this with a series of 'Road Shows' to be put on during September. The venues chosen Croydon (Area 1), Imber Court (Area 2), Sutton & Donyngs IBC (Area 3) and Wey Valley IBC (Area 4) have been assessed as locations that allow members of both Associations access to a 'Road Show' close to them. The meetings will allow you to put questions you may have directly to County Officers, who will, hopefully be able to provide satisfactory answers to any concerns you may have. **WATCH OUT FOR FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING DATES AND TIMES OF THE 'ROAD SHOWS' IN YOUR AREA**