



# SURREY COUNTY BOWLING ASSOCIATION

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## SPRING 2013 NEWSLETTER

A new outdoor season approaches; in China this year is recognised as the 'Year of the Snake'. It's symbolism is fire and water. Let's hope that here in England last season we had the water and that 2013 will see us receive the 'fire' in the shape of the sun!! No doubt you and your fellow club members have been busy with the pre-season work on the green and premises and looking forward to a more settled outlook for the next few months.

President Peter Duncan, SVP Robin Taylor, JVP John Tucker together with all Officers of the Association wish you and your clubs a most enjoyable and successful season.

At a **Special General Meeting** of the Surrey Bowls Association on 9th February the Constitution for the Unified Association was adopted by delegates from both the SCWBA and SCBA. There were 80 attendees at the meeting representing 48 clubs. It is to be regretted that so many clubs feel that the administration of the County is of little interest to their club or to their members.

### **SENSATIONAL NEWS!! MEMBERSHIP INCREASES FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 20 YEARS!!**

I can almost hear you saying this must be a misprint. Believe me it is not! Through the combined efforts of 48 clubs assisted by County Development Officer Erling Hansen over 400 members new to bowls were recruited last season. Tell me your club would not want to be involved in this type of success this season. Erling will be pleased to assist your club, so please make use of his services, he can be contacted on 07905 921769 Email: [erling@gmx.com](mailto:erling@gmx.com)

#### **Important SCBA Date for your Diary**

**Sunday 4th August SCBA Finals Day @ Croydon BC**

**New Venue for Dinner & AGM:** This season both these occasions will be held at the **REIGATE MANOR HOTEL, REIGATE HILL, REDHILL RH2 9PF Tel: 01737 240125**

**Sport England Grants:** From 3rd March the 'Inspired Facilities' fund reopened for applications. These are grants not loans, and are available for things such as building modernisation, outdoor lighting etc. There is also a linked scheme with 'SAFEA' which is solely for equipment. Details are available on the Sport England web site [www.sportengland.org](http://www.sportengland.org)

**Cranleigh BC** put in an application for funds to replace their changing rooms. The building (pictured right) which provides male & female changing areas, a reception area and tackle shed was opened by the local MP on the 6th April. Rod Warriner 2012 Captain and main mover in the application process commented that the new facilities which are shared with the Petanque Club and have replaced the previous 'portacabins' have greatly improved the facilities for members of both clubs. If your club is interested in this grant scheme, I am sure Rod would be pleased to tell you about it. He can be contacted on 01483 274987 or email: [rod030.warriner@o2.co.uk](mailto:rod030.warriner@o2.co.uk)



**Focus Sponsorship:** All clubs should have or will soon have received the 'Focus' Raffle pack. There has been some scepticism that there is a catch to this offer. I can assure you there is not. It's a straight forward raffle draw which you enter by filling your details on a form and dropping it in the box provided at your club. You will not be contacted by Focus UNLESS you have asked to be. There's a £500 prize for the winner and £500 for the club. Not to be sniffed at in the present climate. Go on have a go!!

**Coaching: Clubs are advised that with immediate effect, when seeking advice on coaching matters they should deal directly with the Secretary of the ASBC in a similar fashion as they deal with the Umpires Association (EBUA) co-ordinator.**

A sad loss to Croydon BC occurred recently with the passing of Andy Hawes. Andy's playing career was crowned in 2004 when with Norman and Graham Vigor and Dave Clark he won the EBA Fours title and went on to win the British Isles Championship. A well respected County and Club competitor Andy will be sorely missed. We send our condolences to Andy's family.

**APOLOGY:** I must apologise to Mr. Ken Bickley International Umpire & ITO for downgrading him in the Year Book to a National Umpire. I must get it right next time!