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SURREY COUNTY BOWLING ASSOCIATION

End of Season Newsletter

The close of the season draws near, and goodness me what a season it has been for us outdoor bowlers! Probably the wettest summer that most of us have seen and certainly not conducive to players enjoying their game or indeed Clubs getting new members through the gates of their premises. My hope is that established players as well as possible new recruits will not be put off by what has been by anyone's standards a once in a lifetime summer.

It always amazes me that players are so reluctant to let other players in the County know of their exploits in outside competitions. It is true that to a certain extent these competitions have a major effect upon both Club and County in ensuring that both have enough support when needed. However, players are of course entitled to enter whatever competitions they wish, but let us not forget that the Club match is the basis of all bowls throughout the County, and not just Surrey, all Counties are similarly affected.

That being said if players are successful in outside competitions then let your colleagues know. Just drop an email to the County Secretary and the news will be included in the Year Book.



The President took his tour party to Irvine in Scotland during the first week of September. The experience was one that certainly changed some players attitude to playing bowls. Games usually consisted of a maximum of 16 ends with breaks for 'a wee dram' every 4 ends or so. No measuring, at some matches, no scoreboards at others, and sometimes a toss of a coin to decide who had shot.. That being said the party was entertained with genuine Scottish hospitality at the 8 clubs visited. The Men played 5 and won 5 and the Ladies played 3 and won 3, a great result all round.

My opening remarks could be taken as implying the season has been a disaster, but whilst it is true that things could have been better, bowls has still been going on. The County Championships saw some new names appearing and mention must be made of the impressive advances made by members of Wandilea BC this season. Their representation in the Championships and at the Nationals at Worthing putting them up there as a club of note. Cheam BC also achieving a semi-final spot at Worthing was also a highlight. Individually Ron Southwood from Temple was crowned County Singles Champion, proving that bowlers over 50 can still cut the mustard; well done Ron!! A full list of County and National results can be viewed on the website.

Tickets for the County Dinner are going very quickly. Make sure you do not miss out. Contact your Club Secretary or the County Secretary for an application form. Remember its first come first served.

President Tony Bourne, SVP Peter Duncan and JVP Robin Taylor thank you all for your support during this season and wish you well in whatever you pursue during the winter months, until the sun shines again on our outdoor game in 2013.

Diary Dates: Sept 16th. Home Counties Finals @ Croydon 10.00am

Nov 3rd County Dinner @ Tyrrells Wood Golf Club 6.00pm

Nov 10th County AGM @ Tyrrells Wood Golf Club 10.00am

Dec 1st AGM of the Surrey Bowling Association @ Southey 10.30am

My closing remarks must be directed to all members who have been in touch with good wishes following my spell in hospital. It's very encouraging to know that so many people have me in their thoughts. The help and assistance I have received has been really appreciated and I thank you all for your kindness.

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