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Newsletter April 2008

To All Club Secretaries

NBYDS under 15 and Under18 Outdoor Singles Competitions:

Please find enclosed entry forms for the above and encourage as many youngsters from your club to enter. These competitions are becoming very popular and the standard of bowling being achieved to a high level is most apparent.

The competitions will be played as shown on the enclosed entry form and will be open to both girls and boys, and played to 21 shots up.

Please distribute forms to your youngsters and ensure completed forms are returned to Sec B L Sherwood by the **closing date 1st June 2008**

Please take extra copies of the forms if required.

These younger players are the future of bowling within the County and should have every encouragement and opportunity to progress.

EBYDS School of Excellence:

The Regional School of Excellence took place at Rushcliffe IBC Nottingham on Sunday 30th March 2008.

Eight young players represented Northamptonshire in this event which is organised by the English Bowls Youth Development Scheme and included the qualifiers from the County event held in January.

The event has two sections being a Junior for under 15's and a Senior for under 18's and consisted of a number of skills exercises along with a round robin Singles competition. At the conclusion of the day our County was successful in having the Top Boy in the Junior Section (Connor Cinato) and the Top male in the Senior Section (Jamie Walker). Congratulations to them both and we look forward to them both hopefully being invited to the Annual National School of Excellence which is scheduled for the 23rd November 2008 at Northampton & District IBC.

Honorary Treasurer: IMPORTANT NOTICE

It is the intention of Stuart Lake who has served the Association in the capacity of Treasurer since 1991 to tender his resignation from the position at the 2008 AGM in December.

Would anyone interested in taking up this very important position please contact either Stuart or myself at the earliest possible convenience.

Junior Vice President 2008/9:

Although the closing date for nominations is some way ahead it is worthwhile to remind members of the Association that this position needs to be confirmed at the 2008 AGM in December. By being nominated the successful candidate will be committing their services for a period of 4 years to which profiles of the duties concerned are readily available.

Would anyone interested in taking up this most prestigious position please contact me at the earliest possible convenience.

Postal Rates – Royal Mail:

Further increases between 3%-12% affecting all classes came in to force on the 7th April 2008. Sending out by E-mail is the most effective method of communication for organisations such as our selves.

Following previous requests if you do not have access the E-mail address of a Club member to act as a contact would be most helpful. To date we have 45 Clubs out of a total of 56 currently on electronic mail.

Please help us to keep down the costs to your members.

Swanspool BC:

You may or may not have been aware that Swanspool BC have recently had an issue with their local Council regarding parking facilities at Swanspool Gardens Recreation Ground. Due to the many letters of support from many local clubs, County Associations (Men & Women) and Bowls England to overturn the Councils original proposal I am pleased to report that parking will continue as present for the time being whilst a review by the council to provide extra parking facilities is being considered.

Gordon Dring Secretary of Swanspool BC would like to place on record his sincere and grateful thanks to all Clubs, Associations and Governing Bodies for their valued support on gaining a 'political victory' on this occasion.

Child Protection Officers. (CPO)

Please be aware that your CPO must have a CRB certificate specifically relating to bowls. The CRB do not endorse "portability" i.e. accepting a CRB certificate issued for example by a school as being acceptable for a bowls CPO.

This may result in an individual having more than one CRB certificate.

Application forms for CRB checks are available from the Bowls England through Mrs Pat Ostler, 19 Milton Road, Bloxham, Oxfordshire OX15 4HD Tel: 01295 720531. E-mail: patnrod19@aol.com

To obtain up to date information for Child Protection visit the website on www.bowlschildprotect.co.uk

As a forward notice an Independent Safeguarding Policy is to be introduced by the Government towards the end of 2009 and relates to volunteers and staff on premises who are responsible and liable for overseeing youngsters under 18 years old. This is **in addition** to the present CRB policy and comes at an extra cost of £68.00 per person.

N.B.A. Year Book amendments:

Earls Barton BC: Fixture Secretary B.Bailey has resigned forthwith and all matters relating to fixtures should be relayed to the Club Secretary James Sewell until further notice.

Chris Bland (Executive – Handbook Editor) has a new E-mail address as follows chris.bland13@ntlworld.com

Club Letterheads:

Please be reminded that any reference to Bowls England on your letterheads should read "Associate Member of Bowls England" (Previously any reference to the previous regime read "Member of the E.B.A.")

Under the formation of Bowls England the County is the "Member", the Clubs are "Associate Members" and the individual bowlers are "Affiliated Members"

Please check your letterheads and amend where necessary.

Jackson Grundy Estate Agents:

Our sponsors currently have a total of ten branches operating within the Northampton area and full details of their branches are shown in the Year Book.

If you hear of any of your members discussing moving home or buying property please help our efforts with sponsorship by mentioning the name Jackson Grundy.

Chantrey Vellacott DFK: Manfield Cup Rules, Stickers and Scorecards.

Thanks to all those clubs who have offered their facilities to host this competition.

After the Draw takes place during early May all the above are being sent to the Clubs **hosting the matches**. Please inform your teams to collect their sets when reporting for the competition.

Bowls England News:

Civil Liability Insurance: A presentation by David Fieldhouse of Perkins Slade Insurers was given at the recent BE Annual Conference held at Worthing on the 2nd of April 2008. One of the main issues highlighted was that cover is not provided for a playing visitor or for Open Tournaments. Voluntary Staff also need adequate cover.

If you are playing against a person that is not insured and that person causes you an injury then you are not covered. For all the update information on Insurance please contact **Barbara Bruce** at Bowls England by E-mail: barbara.bruce@bowlsengland.com or by Tel: 01903 820222.

Greens Maintenance Advisory Service: The principal aim of the scheme is to offer practical assistance to the club whose green needs attention in the quickest and simplest manner possible. A system of Regional Co-ordinators and County advisors has been set up with the following personnel available:

County Advisory Rep: Ken Marshall E-mail: ken.marshall@virgin.net Tel: 01327 877497

East Midlands Co-ordinator: Carl Haines Tel: 01858 575496

Please contact these representatives should you require any help.

Please note that Loan Schemes are available for both Greens and Club Development and further information is available from Bowls England Finance Committee. **E-mail** howard@pryce.co.uk

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