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To: All Club Secretaries

cc: G.P.C., N.B.C.A. and N.W.C.B.A.

Junior Vice President 2009/Senior Vice President 2010.

I am pleased to advise that Skene McInnes of St. Crispins BC had been appointed to this position, which is effective forthwith, and we look forward to his serving on the Executive during his term of office.

N.B.A. Year Book amendments:

Kettering Park BC: E mail address for Secretary Shelia Bailey has changed to shebai@talktalk.net
E-mail address for Fixture Secretary Steve Hill has changed to sgh43@talktalk.net

Northamptonshire Bowls Youth Development Scheme:

Thanks to all those Clubs who have supported the Under15 and Under 18 Outdoor Singles Competitions. However entries are approximately 25% down on the previous year. The Finals are due to be held at Abington BC on Sunday 6th September 2009.

At the recent A.G.M. Leah Purcell was elected Chairperson for the ensuing year taking over from Keith Howlett who reflected upon a most enjoyable year.

County Co-ordinator Irene Scoble reported that the National School of Excellence finals will be held on Sunday 13th September 2009 at Stoke BC Coventry and that Connor Cinato, Curtis Johnson and Jamie Walker have all qualified for this event.

Peter Boulden (Wellingborough BC) has agreed to work with Irene on all such events with a view to take over the position of County Co-ordinator at the appropriate time.

Northamptonshire u25's (outdoors):

The County Under 25's have made the best possible start in their efforts to win the Midland Counties Championship and the 'Ron Barston Trophy' for the third successive year, being undefeated in the games played so far this season.

Their next game is away on Sunday 5th July against Warwickshire at Grange BC.

With regards to Friendly matches two planned fixtures have unfortunately been cancelled at very short notice, which has caused some disappointment to players and the team management alike, and left very little time to make alternative arrangements. Can I urge Clubs hosting these matches to support the u25's by fielding a full team and if having any difficulties to Contact Team manager Martin Cinato on 07886 092889 **well in advance**.

County and National Competitions:

We are now approaching the latter stages of the competitions with the Finals days scheduled for Thursday 16th and Friday 17th July at Wellingborough BC. Please give your valued support to all competing players particularly where your Club is represented.

Membership:

Due to B.E. increasing Competition and Membership fees for 2010 we needed to review our Annual Fees with the following amendments approved for acceptance and implementing:

Singles:	£3.50
Pairs:	£7.00
Triples:	£10.50
Fours:	£14.00
U25 Singles	£2.50

Secretaries Cup, Mason Cup, £2.10 per player – Executive Triples £8.30

Manfield Cup and County League fees to remain the same.

N.B.A. Year Book - £2.25 with 1 free issue to Club Secretaries.

B.E. Year Book - £4.00

Laws of the Sport – remain at £1.50

Membership – N.B.A.	£2.10
B.E.	£5.00

Some of the increases are only minor taking into account an inflationary measure and it was generally felt that a small increase annually would serve and benefit the Association better as opposed to a larger increase say every 2/3 years.

With regards to Competitions the County Secretary advised that a number of Competitors were not purchasing Year Books and it was suggested to reiterate Rule 1 b of the Rules for Annual Championships and Competitions when issuing the forms for completion.

It was reported that Club Membership Returns would in future be issued to Club Secretaries with the Annual Payment Summary and any noticeable differences investigated by the Secretary and Treasurer.

Bowls England News:

Policy and Management:

Sub committee has been formed to produce guidance in respect of Child Protection and Vulnerable Adults and including the new government legislation scheduled for October 2009. A document entitled Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults – A Guide for Affiliated Clubs, Counties and Associations had been prepared and it was resolved to adopt the booklet which would be forwarded by hard copy to each affiliated Club when available.

BRITISH ISLES CHAMPIONSHIPS IN BELFAST 23-26TH June, 2009.

The 2008 National Men's Winning Triple from Kingsthorpe, Richard Mann, Roger Tansley, and Vernon Gearey, had the honour of representing England's men in the British Isles Championships at the Belmont BC, Belfast, Northern Ireland, this week in the Triples.

In the Quarter Final against Joe Young/John Bell/Mark McCallum, the Scottish Triples Champions from the Clackmannan BC the County Trio played brilliantly to win 23 shots to 7 shots.

This put them in the Semi-Final when they were up against the Ireland Triples winners of Darren McElroy/Gary McElroy/Clifford Dennison of the Dunbarton BC, and after a titanic struggle, the Irish triple just snatched victory by 1 shot, the final score being 20 – 19 to them.

Congratulations to the Kingsthorpe trio for a sterling performance.

LATEST NEWS OF INTEREST IN COUNTY.

Bowls England has issued a News Release highlighting a new website which has been set up to assist Captains and Fixture Secretaries of Bowls Clubs around the Country in filling vacant dates for matches in their calendar. The website is:

www.greenbowlinguk.com

The website has been set up by Alan Wase, of Banbury Chestnuts BC, Oxon. who explained: "The idea of www.greenbowlinguk.com is to allow Club Officials to broadcast spaces in their fixture lists or seek bowls matches in other locations. It is a medium to promote all bowls matches – male, female or mixed"

Users are advised that in order to avoid spam messages, they will need to log in with a password of 7 or more characters, and access to the site will be confirmed.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD.

Bowls England has introduced a new award to recognise the work of volunteers who support our sport at Club or County level, from Secretaries, Treasurers, Umpires, to Greenkeepers, and indeed to anyone who has made an 'outstanding contribution' of service to the sport. The criteria for the award of the Certificate of Merit is likely to be service of upwards of 25 years, although each case will be treated on its merits.

Nominations may be made by Clubs or Associations, and further details including nomination forms may be obtained from Alistair Hollis, Bowls England Development Officer on 07765050408 email alistair.hollis@bowlsengland.com

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Honorary Secretary

29th June 2009.



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