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**To All Club Secretaries
cc: G.P.C.**

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Chantrey Vellacott DFK Manfield Cup:

The Draw has taken place and all Clubs hosting Matches should have received a copy of the Rules along with the scorecards and stickers.

Please inform your own teams to collect their sets from the respective host Club when reporting for the competition.

Junior Vice President 2009/Senior Vice President 2010

The vacancy for this position has still to be filled and to enable the continuity of the Association to be maintained we need to resolve at the earliest possible time. As a matter of urgency please bring this matter to the notice of your committee.

Although election to this office is the commencement of serving the Association for the Presidential cycle of 4 years if any one interested has any questions or reservations that require answering or clarifying would they please contact me as soon as possible.

N.B.A. Year Book amendments:

Daventry Town BC: New Fixture Secretary - Mr Peter Brabrook, 25 Ashmore, Long Buckby, Northants NN6 7RT Tel: 01327 843842

County Competitions:

These are now well under way. Can I remind ALL competitors that results MUST be telephoned to the Competition Area Co-ordinators by 10.00 PM ON THE NIGHT OF THE GAME and that completed and signed scorecards are forwarded to the co-ordinators A.S.A.P.

Under 25's (Outdoors):

Diary dates: An error occurred in the April Newsletter regarding the National Two Rink Competition. The Preliminary round was played against Hertfordshire on the 3rd of May and after being successful the next round is due to be played on Sunday the 24th May at Northampton West End BC at 2.00pm.

The match against Essex on the 17th of May was a 4 rink Friendly.

Press Liaison:

Please find the following details for Press and Publicity Officer John Church who has recently moved home.
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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE UNDER 25'S versus ESSEX UNDER 25'S 17.5.09. – RESULT

The Northamptonshire under 25's took a 4 rink team to Elm Park BC, Hornchurch, Essex to take on their counterparts from that County, and as Essex are the current holders of the National County Double Rink title, it was expected that a tough game would ensue. As it turned out on a very grey day with a strong wind, all the brightness came from the County's young bowlers who completely dominated their opponents, winning on all four rinks by a massive margin of 46 shots.

The final score was Northants 102 shots – Essex 56 shots

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN versus WARWICKSHIRE MIDLAND COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP

The men of Jackson Grundy sponsored Northamptonshire Bowling Association commenced their campaign in the Midland Counties Bowling Association Championship with a match against Warwickshire played on Saturday, 16th May, 2009, at the Entaco BC, Studley, Warwickshire. On a day of high winds, and driving rain interspersed with periods of bright sunshine, the game was played on an excellent surface, and after a very tight match the result of which came right down to the last bowl of the last end, the County managed a very good win by 2 shots, despite having just 2 winning rinks.

Final score was Northamptonshire 121 shots – Warwickshire 119 shots

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN TOP TWO FOUR TEAM versus NORFOLK 17.5.09.

Jackson Grundy sponsored Northamptonshire Bowling Association visited Downham Market Ex-Servicemen's BC on Sunday, 17th May, 2009, to play Norfolk in the National Inter County Top Two Four Competition, in the first round for the Balcomb Trophy.

On a very windy and stormy day, with rain often quite heavy, the game was played on a very good green which provided the surface for an excellent match, particularly considering the weather conditions. The two rinks were very evenly matched for the first few ends with just 2 shots separating them at the 5 end mark. However during the remainder of the game Norfolk improved upon their performance and ran out eventual winners by just 3 shots.

A very fine performance by all the Northamptonshire players who could be justly proud of their efforts, being just shaded by a very good Norfolk team. Final score was Northamptonshire 32 shots – Norfolk 35 shots.

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Recruitment:

Increased participation at both National and County level. On a localised basis suggestions were put forward of leaflet drops, knocking on doors, the introduction of 'short mat' at schools, approaching local industry, providing a number of open days over a six week period. It was further suggested that a relaxation of the dress code and reduced Club subscriptions be applied over a designated period to encourage those who show an interest in taking up the game of Bowls but are undecided whether to commit themselves over the longer term.

Membership:

It was again reiterated of the importance of Clubs submitting ALL names of playing members when paying their annual affiliation fees and where members belong to more than one Club they will have to pay a subscription to each of those Clubs who in turn should list that member when submitting their annual affiliation returns. In the past a County Secretary noticed the name of competitors in County Competitions whose names did NOT appear on the submitted list for payment of affiliation fees and consequently the individuals were removed from the County and National Competitions and referred to their Club Secretary.,

DISCOUNTED PRIVATE MEDICAL INSURANCE TO BOWLS ENGLAND MEMBERS THROUGH NORWICH UNION HEALTHCARE.

"Bowls England is delighted to be able to offer this new product from Norwich Union Healthcare (soon to be Aviva Health and Wellness) to our members at a substantially discounted rate. In return, for each policy taken out by a Bowls England member, Norwich Union will make a donation to Bowls England – money which will be used to support our sport and help us to meet the escalating costs of providing services to members."

Steve Heale, Norwich Union's Senior Regional Sales Manager, said: "By now all clubs should have received a poster detailing what Norwich Union has to offer.

For more information call 0800 42 42 42 and quote reference DSF BUK and one of Norwich Union's health advisers will be able to give you a personalised quote straight away.

If your club would like to arrange for your club to receive a non-obligation free visit then please either call Jean Bertram on 0114 208 7237 or e-mail jean.bertram@aviva.co.uk

NEW-LOOK FOR ST.IVES B.C.

ST. IVES BC in Huntingdonshire will have a new-look this summer after a £25,000 revamp supported by Bowls England. Bowls England provided the club with a Development Loan of £10,000 to help the club to meet the costs of the improvements.

Bowls England offers an interest-free Development Loan of up to £15,000 to Affiliated Clubs, which enables clubs to improve and develop your facilities for the benefit of its members and the sport as a whole.

Loans can be repaid over a maximum of eight years with the only additional charge being a one-off administration fee - there are no extra charges for the duration of the loan. This means clubs can budget with the security of 'no added charges'.

In 2008 Bowls England provided loans totalling more than £80,000 to clubs - money that was used to fund major projects such as clubhouse extensions and car park re-surfacing to smaller requirements such as new kitchens facilities and improved security systems.

For more information about how to apply for a Development Loan please contact Penny Maguire on 01903 820222 or e-mail: penny.maguire@bowlsengland.com

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