

Northamptonshire Bowling Association

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NEWSLETTER MAY/JUNE 2008

To All Club Secretaries

Chantrey Vellacott DFK Manfield Cup:

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

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

Honorary Treasurer: IMPORTANT NOTICE

As previously advised Stuart Lake is tending his resignation from the position at the 2008 AGM in December. However to date no applications have been received but I urge anyone who is remotely interested to contact myself or Stuart to allow the position to be filled so the continuity of the Association can be maintained with the minimum of disruption.

Honorary Junior Vice President 2008/9: IMPORTANT NOTICE

No nominations have been received to date. Any members of the Association who may be considering making an application but are a little uncertain what is entailed and require further information please contact me either direct or via a member of the Executive.

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 10.00PM ON THE NIGHT OF THE GAME and that completed and signed scorecards are forwarded to the co-ordinators ASAP.

N.B.A. Year Book Amendments:

Northants Police BC: Change of address for Fixture Secretary Greg Benton to be as follows:

309 Windmill Avenue, Kettering, Northants NN15 6PR. Tel: 01536 482336

Stanwick BC: Amendment to address for Fixture Secretary Mrs R Shannon to be as follows:

96 Windmill Lane (not Avenue) Raunds, Northants NN9 6SJ Telephone number remains the same.

Bowls England News:

Affiliated Members: The importance of Clubs registering the names of affiliated members with their County Association has been highlighted recently. A vigilant County Secretary noticed the names of three competitors in County Competitions whose names did NOT appear on the submitted list for which no affiliation fee had been paid and consequently the individuals were removed from the County and National Competitions and referred to their Club Secretary.

National Competitions and Championships: Clubs are reminded that if they propose to use 'movable ground sheets' (those with wooden battens on either side) these are NOT PERMITTED to be used in National Competitions and Championships as they contravene the Laws of the Sport (Law 19.1 Pt 5) – Placing the Mat. If such groundsheets are used for domestic play Club insurance policies should be checked as these may violate any accident liability claims due to tripping on these 'unauthorised ground sheets'. Acceptable ground sheets are those which are securely fastened in a permanent position and recognised by the Laws of the Sport.

Bowls England Equity Policy: Bowls England has a desire and duty to provide services fairly without discrimination and is fully committed to the principles of equality of access and opportunity. Full details are being posted to Club Secretaries in the near future.

Merchandise: Various Bowls England merchandise is now for sale and features on the web site. Visit www.bowksengland.com for further information.

Policy and Management: Bowls England has advised that it is their intention **to communicate with Counties and Clubs by E-mail only from January 2009.**

At present we have 46 out of 56 Clubs who have submitted E-mail contacts but previous requests to the remaining Clubs seems to have fallen on deaf ears. The contacts do not have to be the Club Secretary but can be a nominated person from their Club who acts responsibly in passing the information on to the correct personnel. Some Clubs have E-mail contacts for their ladies sections but not for the men's section. As the majority of Clubs have mixed committees can the ladies contact be utilised? I urge those remaining Clubs to reconsider the situation as the County Association will not always be in a position to forward on information which in turn is detrimental to the Club themselves and their members.

Friends of English Bowls: IMPORTANT NOTICE

Friends of English Bowls have taken over the responsibility of organising the Annual Draw. As County Associations have been nominated to act as agents to promote and gain full support from individual Clubs please find enclosed details highlighting the benefits and who to contact should there be any queries. PLEASE GIVE THE DRAW YOUR UTMOST SUPPORT.

Northamptonshire Bowls Youth Development Scheme.

Thanks to all those Clubs who have supported the Under 15 and Under 18 Outdoor Singles Competitions to which there have been 28 entries this year.

At the recent A.G.M. Keith Howlett was elected Chairman for the ensuing year taking over from Brenice Willmott who reflected on a most enjoyable year.

Andy Purcell who relinquished his duties as Area Co-ordinator for the English Bowls Development Scheme was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of his past work. Irene Scoble has since taken on the reins of Area Co-ordinator.

Brian Sherwood had given notice that he would not be seeking re-election for the positions of Secretary/Treasurer. However no applications have been received to date. As Brian is also Secretary of the N.I.B.A. it is difficult to be effective in carrying out both secretariats and a replacement for the positions on the N.B.Y.D.S. is urgently required. The youth of today is the future of tomorrow within bowls and the administration is a very important part of the youth structure. Should anyone be interested in taking up the vacant positions please contact either Brian on 01933 312796, Keith on 01536 711919 or Irene on 01933 674380 at the earliest possible convenience.

Laurie Harrison
Honorary Secretary



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