

Assistant Secretary's Report – 2018

It is my privilege as BH Assistant Secretary to present my eighth report on behalf of the Ladies of Bowls Hampshire.

Firstly, many congratulations to Hazel Marke (Alton Social) who became Senior Vice-President of Bowls England at their AGM in February 2018.

Thanks to Tony Prince for arranging the attendance of all the Umpires for our County Championships and Competitions Finals at Banister Park BC and Atherley BC. Thanks also to all the Umpires and Markers who gave up their valuable time to officiate at the County Semi-Finals and Finals, especially President Julie and Vice-President Lesley. On behalf of all the Clubs who availed themselves of their indispensable services I would like to thank the stalwart band of Coaches in Hampshire.

I am sad to report that we only won 3 of the 10 County Friendly games we played – winning the matches against Berkshire, IOW and Somerset. We only lost the game against Gloucestershire by one shot. We did win the game against NHWBA who celebrated their 50th Anniversary this year and we also won the game against the ladies from the touring side, South Wales & Mon LBA. Thank you to those unbadged ladies who played in the County Friendlies. Unfortunately this year we were unable to play the game against Swanmore & District as the Bowls Hampshire team only had 12 ladies who wished to play, resulting with the decision that this match has had its day – 34 years.

County Badges were awarded to Sue Brightman (Bedhampton), Brenda Grout and Karen Vout (Fleet United), Gill Hurst and Jane Seal (Highcliffe), Sheila Stone (Hook), Lyn Booth, Jean Garrod, Sharon Smith and Angie Weir (Mayfield Park), Caroline Gall, Tracy Hibberd, Sue Jackson and Alex Tymon (Milton Park Ladies), Margaret Whale (New Milton), Lesley Athersuch and June White (Romsey). County Badges were awarded to Sue Lewis-Parkes and Mary Ward (Waterside) when they represented Bowls Hampshire in the Triples at Leamington Spa.

Congratulations to those ladies who competed in the County Championships Semi-Finals, especially those who were successful and represented Hampshire at Leamington Spa.

Many congratulations to Lesley Johnson, Brenda Plumpton, Hazel Marke and Margaret Holden (Alton Social) who were the Winners of the National Women's Senior Fours Championship at Leamington Spa; they will represent England in the British Isles Women's Senior Championships in Jersey next year. Lesley, Brenda, Hazel and Margaret will be presented with the Senior Fours trophy during the BE Women's Annual Dinner & Presentation evening.

Congratulations to Hazel Marke and Margaret Holden (Alton Social) who were R/U in the National Pairs Championships. Congratulations to Lesley Johnson and Margaret Holden (Alton Social) who were R/U in the National Women's Senior Pairs Championships.

Congratulations to Nicole Rogers (Oakley) who reached the Semi-Finals of the National Junior Singles.

The County winners of the Benevolent Triples were Jan Allen, Donna Taylor and Allyson Flint (Cove).

Alton Social BC was this year's winner of the Thornbery Trophy Competition.

Alton Social BC was this year's winner of the Mixed County Top Club Competition.

Congratulations to those ladies who were successful in the County Championships Finals.

Once again, I would like to say a big thank you to all the Officers who work very hard on your behalf. To President Julie again a very busy season and I trust that she has enjoyed her year, especially at Leamington Spa.- and thanks for all the marking; to Vice-President Lesley who spent a lot of her time marking games; to Match Secretary Rosemary who was constantly at the end of the phone in an endeavour to get a full team for our Friendly matches and also helping to keep the finances well and truly in hand; to the Area Secretaries; to Kay the Johns Trophy and Walker Cup Manager and to Maxeen who managed the Amy Rose Team; to Sheila the Bowls Development Officer and all members of the Committees. Thank you also to our Secretary, Spencer, for managing to find spare week-days and week-ends for all the Championships Q/Fs, S/Fs and Finals.

Finally, my continued thanks to Banister Park BC for all their assistance.

Cynthia Abraham