

Bowls Hampshire Newsletter No. 4



Forward - Peter Little

Welcome to this fourth newsletter under my watch. As the social restrictions of the landscape ease and restrictions are removed it looks promising for us all to have a full season of outdoor / indoor bowls which will be a massive fillip for all involved.

Please follow our Facebook and other social media pages for up to date news including the great achievement of one of our youth bowlers Ashley Nethercliffe at the World Indoor Championships at Potters.

Well done Ashley.

Bowls Hampshire Competition Last 8's dates

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| Sat 11 th June | Junior Singles |
| Sun 19 th June | Junior Pairs |
| Sun 3 rd July | Fours Qtr & S/F |
| Sun 10 th July | Senior Fours S/F and Final |
| Mon 11 th July | 2 wood singles Qtr & S/F |
| Sun 24 th July | Triples Qtr & S/F |
| Sat 30 th July | Pairs Qtr & S/F |
| Sun 31 st July | Singles Qtr & S/F |
| Sun 7 th Aug | Men's County Club Finals |
| Sat 13 th Aug | County Championship Finals |
| Mon 15 th Aug | Thornbery Trophy |
| Tues 16 th Aug | Women's Benevolent Triples |
| Wed 17 th Aug | Golden Pairs S/F & Final |
| Fri 19 th Aug | Dolly Gore |
| Sat 20 th Aug | Men's 2 wood Triples S/F & Final |
| Sun 21 st Aug | Mixed Top Club S/F & Final |

Club Activators

Have you registered yet?

Bowls England have recently run the first Activator Webinar to provide clubs with insight into what is planned, how clubs can partake.

Clubs nominate an Activator to be a point of contact for all the new initiatives that are going to be running throughout the year – all designed to make the most of 2022.

Just go to the BE website at <https://www.bowlsengland.com/the-five-big-stones/> an activator is the last link.

Bowls Hampshire Directory - Michael Andrews

From 2021 Bowls Hampshire stopped producing a printed yearbook and created an electronic directory of all Hampshire Affiliated Clubs. Each winter a questionnaire is sent to each clubs' contact to complete and return for the directory to be updated before emailing in March.

Because the directory is electronic it is updated several times a year and emailed to all clubs' contacts; therefore, if there are changes to your club's contacts during the year, please let Michael at bhyearb@gmail.com know so he can include in an updated directory. If it is the main contact then he will also inform Bowls England who also have a directory of the contact for all clubs.

To avoid not receiving information it is important that the Bowls Hampshire's Membership Secretary (bhyearb@gmail.com) is notified of any changes to the main contact as he maintains the master email distribution list for all clubs.

BE AGM Feedback – Hazel Marke

I am delighted that the 3 Bowls Hampshire propositions were successful

1. Reinstatement of the Presidential badge presentation at Royal Leamington Spa
2. Reinstatement of the Championship dinner. It was agreed that a joint dinner would be held in November 2022.
3. The Middleton Cup and John's Trophy would return to a league format in the 2023 season.

Following the AGM two presentation were made.

Pay & Play

They have employed a company to design an IT system for "Pay & Play".

Key points, ability for the general public to hire a rink for one hour at a cost of £5.00. They would have to book on a system and any club taking part would indicate when the rinks were available and which rinks the people could play on.

More information will be coming out very soon and all Club activators will be shown the presentation of how it will work etc.

Jack Attack

The second project is at the moment called "Jack attack" although BE will probably change the name prior to implementation.

Again this is a casual format the game would be to introduce new members to bowls. Play would be 2 or more people playing one hour long. More detail to come out but it would in essence be authentic to the national games.

Some of the ideas were...

- Scoring would be 3, 2, 1, nearest to jack, with the possibility of bonus points.
- Jack placed
- Must be fun with an opportunity for all players to score
- Accessible, no prior knowledge needed
- No dress code

To enable everyone the opportunity to gain points, newer bowlers would deliver on a mat placed on minimum length and experienced players on maximum length.

Easy to organise, could be played as a six week league, one or two nights a week possibly following the big bowls weekend. Format 2 sets 5 ends each set with tie break if required.

More information will be coming out hopefully before the start of the season for clubs who are interested

Development – Peter Little

Now we can look forward to the new year ahead with some certainty I will be arranging to visit some of you on a coaching and promotional basis. Please contact me by email if you would like a call / visit initially to discuss your requirements.

An issue which is sure to arise is the recovery of member numbers after the hiatus of Covid that many clubs have had to endure. When you have held your club AGM's and your membership figures are in it would be appreciated if you could email me at peterlittle54@gmail.com to see if there is some assistance we can offer.

None of my work would be possible without the help and advice of the officers at Bowls Hampshire and I personally would like to thank them for their support over the period since my appointment.

Don't forget to peruse our Facebook and Twitter sites

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