



BOWLS LEICESTERSHIRE DEVELOPMENT NEWS

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Annual General Meeting: Saturday 19th November 2:30 start @ Knighton Victoria BC –
hopefully your club will be present & then able to vote!

BOWLS LEICESTERSHIRE 1st UNIFIED PRESENTATION LUNCHEON - took place last Sunday @ Leicestershire Cricket Ground - 162 people were in attendance and most of the competition winners. It was a lovely day and a super meal at a very reasonable cost. See the Facebook page above for photos.



Coaching Level 1 course – advanced notice – there will be a course at Slater Street towards end of Feb/March 2023. Confirmed dates will be sent to club contacts via email. Anyone interested in doing a course or finishing one off or more detail, please **contact Steve Bacon or Martin Shipley (0758 402 7066)** Details will be on the Coach Bows Website early next month.

Saturday am monthly Coaching clinics – will continue to in 2021-3- if your club wishes to host one, please call **Martin Shipley – BL County Coach**



New Members in Leicestershire – from 25 of the 47 clubs who have sent figures in we have attracted 186 members. It can be seen that there is a **correlation between those clubs that have a Development or Recruitment Officer (or designated team) and numbers**. Please ask around in your club – guidance can be given to them (Phone or Face to Face).

Advanced Notice – BBW 2023 – will be held **FRI 26th – Mon 29th MAY** – Bank Holiday w/e



County Competitions 2023 – Last date for entries is the **30th November 2022**

LAWS OF GAME - 4th Edition now out – see changes on EBUA website effect from April 2023



National Competitions 2023 – Entries open **Thurs 1st December 2022** – Clubs & Individuals of all abilities are invited to apply - Challenge yourself | Make new friends | Rekindle old rivalries. The **Closing date is 1st March 2023**

- **David Tucker re-elected Chair of Bowls England** – unopposed
- **Di Wilson-Rogers and Kevin Philips have been appointed as selectors** unopposed.
- **Sheila Storey and Charlotte Emanuel had been nominated for Jnr VP** – election process underway
- **UK Anti-Doping** – BE We have now completed the UK Anti-Doping Assurance Framework, which demonstrates our commitment to clean sport and shows that we are meeting our anti-doping responsibilities and demonstrates good governance.
- **Green Seminars - Dennis/Sisis are keen to increase the number of seminars in 2023**. If your club is interested, please contact Steve Bacon asap
- **National Awards Ceremony – Saturday 25th February 2023 @ the Athena Leicester**
Tickets will be on sale after the Champions Dinner (19th November). More information is available

These nominations are a chance to celebrate and recognise outstanding efforts across our sport over the past 12 months. 14 awards are up for grabs and nominations are welcomed from everyone in our sport. Some awards will be decided by an expert panel, others by a public vote. Those short-listed receive complimentary access to this wonderful occasion. Nominations will close on **Friday 25th November at 9:00am**. The following categories are open to nominations from *to individuals, teams, clubs or County Associations* – see <https://www.bowlsengland.com/bowls-england-awards-night> for more details.

- **Fit for the Future Award - New award for 2023** - This accolade celebrates an incredible marketing initiative at club or county level, which has led to a growth in participation or has increased exposure for our sport. Particular focus will be on clubs who made bowls more diverse and inclusive.
- **Club of the Year, sponsored by Sutton Winson** - This award celebrates clubs that have made the most significant contribution over the last 12 months across all facets of club management and development.
- **Team of the Year** - recognises the team that has performed admirably on the green over the past 12 months, at national, county or club level. That could be a team of any size, from Pairs all the way up to a Middleton or Johns.
- **Greenkeeper of the Year, sponsored by Dennis Mowers and SISIS** - surfaces are critical for the enjoyment of bowlers and the growth of our sport. This prize will be awarded to a greenkeeper at an affiliated club who has done outstanding work on their green.
- **Coach of the Year** - Coaches play a huge role in helping bowlers at all levels to reach their potential and enjoy our sport. Celebrating the best of the coaching community in England, this gong will honour the most outstanding and motivational coach of the past 12 months.
- **Umpire of the Year** - This award will be presented to the umpire or marker who has gone above and beyond in 2022. Their work will have helped deliver great experiences for participants this year.
- **Unsung Hero** - Our sport is full of people who work tirelessly behind the scenes. This accolade will recognise someone who has contributed impressively to any area of voluntary activity to support the delivery of our sport over the last 12 months.
- **Certificate of Merit** - a most prestigious award - equivalent to a Lifetime Achievement Award, this will recognise someone who has made an outstanding contribution to our sport at club or county level over an extended period of time.



Men's Benevolent Fund only 33% of clubs donated to the fund this season – stronger support is needed in 2023. It now has its own website <http://www.bowlsleicestershirebenevolentfund.co.uk>
New Recognition Awards - new award introduced. **1st Beneficiary - Keith Miller of Brookfield BC**

Until the start of the 2022 season Keith had been the bedrock and leading light of the green and grounds the club grounds weekly gardening team. He had been the Fixture Secretary and also researched and wrote a history of the club, from its inception, so that the Club now have a published account for their centenary 2023. Now in his 90's and suffering ill health, we send him every best wish. Check out the new website.



Play Bowls - <https://www.bowlsengland.com/introducing-playbowls>

- will enable prospective players to find and access bowls clubs in a way that complements their needs
- makes it easy for clubs to manage this demand and maximize spare green capacity.
- It will grow the numbers of people playing our sport and improve the financial sustainability of clubs involved, without further strain on your club's volunteers. [Find out more here.](#)

Sport England has produced guidance to help reduce energy costs for local physical activity and sports facilities. guidance: <https://www.sportengland.org/guidance-and-support/supporting-clubs/reducing-energy-costs>