

BOWLS DORSET

(THE UNIFIED GOVERNING BODY FOR THE SPORT OF FLAT GREEN BOWLS IN DORSET)

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MINUTES OF THE
13th Annual General Meeting
of
BOWLS DORSET
held at
Dorchester Bowls Club
on
Thursday 17 November 2022
commencing at 6.30pm.

G 001/22 WELCOME

Alexander Wilson welcomed everyone. Since Bowls Dorset didn't have an elected Chair, it was agreed that he would chair the AGM.

G 002/22 OBITUARIES

Pat Cole (Lyme Regis PP DCWBA 1991) ;Tony Marshall (Sherborne);Peter Upjohn(Sherborne); Terry Baumber (Gillingham); Evelyn Clarke (Greenhill); Mike Poushkine (Sherborne);Pete Read (Greenhill); Joy Steele (Blandford); Roy Lench (Broadstone Wessex);Bob Turnball (Broadstone Wessex and Alexander Park) Stephen Clapton (Cranborne); Roger Bishop (Lyme Regis);Tony Gunningham (Shaftesbury);Phil Baker (Poole Park); John Bentall (Broadstone Wessex);Gill Farrance (Verwood); Jim Keighley (Blandford);Marion Wake (West Moors); Ann Cutting (Greenhill);Jean Hardstaff (Gillingham and Shaftesbury);Jean Broadbent (Swanage); Ken Wood Gillingham); Albert Hewitt(West Moors);Stan Helliwell (Portland B.O.);Gerry Griffin(Blandford); George Gamlin(Dorchester); John Moore (Shaftesbury);Gordon Wallis (Swanage);Tony Wilkinson (Swanage); Steve Lewis (Wimborne & Blandford); Peter Stevenson (Dorchester and Bridport);Brian Galpin(Bridport); Gary Cresswell(Ferndown); John Simmons (West Moors);Gordon Ayers(Dorchester);Eric Cook (West Moors); John Rowe (Shaftesbury); Mike Solomon (Bridport);Melody Watts (Sunningdale formerly Bridport); Andrew Crawford (Greenhill, Wellworthy & Weymouth &MR);Alan Blaby(Wimborne);Mike Wilkin(Dorchester) Bill Payne (Bridport);Stewart Upton (Sherborne);Eileen Devonald Batt (Greenhill);Danny Brook (Greenhill); Ann Bateson (Greenhill);Bob Gosden (Gillingham);Christopher Mugford(Sixpenny Handley) Rita Glanville (Wellworthy & Portland);Michael Abraham (Broadstone Wessex)

Added John Beer(Greenhill); Paul Nowlan(Poole Park) Alan Shall (Branksome Park); David Byrne- Jones (Branksome Park); Rodney Hobbs (Lyme Regis);Dorothy Keep (Verwood); Adrian Herbert(Verwood); Jim Scutt(Verwood)

G 003/22 PRESENT

19 Ladies Delegates, 16 Men's delegates 11 Officers were included in a total of 51 members who signed the Official record of attendance

G 004/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Bobby Cover (JVP) Ann Allman (Ladies Comp Secy) Margaret Clapp (Ladies Match Secy) Peter Lindsley (Safeguarding) Tom Poore (U25), Paul Ramsey (Leagues) Cranborne B.C.,Kevin Vincent (Portland Vic). Sixpenny Handley B.C., Weymouth & Melcombe Regis B.C.

G 005/22 a) MINUTES of 11th Annual General Meeting

It was proposed by Phil Tobin seconded by Diana Mogg that these be signed as a true record of the meeting of 18th November 2021. Carried without dissent

b) MINUTES of 12th Annual General Meeting

It was proposed by Ralph Bowden seconded by Roy Fowler that these be signed as a true record of the meeting of 18th November 2021. Carried without dissent

- G 006/22 TREASURERS REPORT and ADOPTION OF ACCOUNTS (attached)**
Acceptance proposed by Margaret Crawford and seconded by Janine Scola
Carried without dissent
- G 007/22 APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS FOR BALLOT**
Phil Tobin and Kevin Tucker were appointed as scrutineers for the ballot.
- G 008/22 ADOPTION OF BYE LAWS**
It was proposed by Sue Maggs and seconded by John Brudenell that the bye-law should be adopted.
Carried without dissent
- G 009/22 ADOPTION OF ALLOWANCES RECOMMENDED FOR 2022 (as attached to Agenda) and unchanged from 2020**
It was proposed by Kevin Tucker and seconded by Janine Scola that the Allowances be should be accepted. Carried without dissent
Enhanced Allowances for Leamington- proposed by Lyn Howard and seconded by Bob Harris carried without dissent.
- G 010/22 REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR**
See attachment
- G 011/22 REPORTS OF THE CODE PRESIDENTS – Carole Beckford, Ladies President and Allan Weech, Men’s President**
See attachments
- G 012/22 REPORTS OF THE CODE SECRETARIES- Alexander Wilson and Sue Maggs**
See attachments
- G 013/22 REPORTS OF THE CODE MATCH SECRETARIES- Bill Fox and Margaret Clapp**
See attachments
- G 014/22 REPORTS OF THE CODE COMPETITION SECRETARIES- Harry Hovenden and Ann Allman**
See attachments
- G 015/22 REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COACHING LIAISON OFFICER**
none
- G 016/22 REPORT FROM THE COUNTY YOUTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER- Penny Cresswell**
See attachment
- G 017/22 REPORT FROM THE COUNTY PUBLICITY OFFICER**
None
- G 018/22 ADOPTION OF REPORTS**
It was proposed by Graham Reynolds and seconded by Janine Scola that the Reports be adopted.
Carried without dissent
- G 019/22 ELECTION OF OFFICERS**
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| Association Chairperson | Alexander Wilson (Dorchester) |
| Association Treasurer | Shirley Bowley (Dorchester) |
| Association Administrator | Sue Maggs (Dorchester) |
| Ladies President | Janine Scola (Dorchester) |
| Men’s President | Vacant |
| Ladies Senior Vice President | Bobby Cover (Branksome Park) |
| Ladies Junior Vice President | Linda Murray (Sherborne) |
| Ladies Secretary | Sue Maggs (Dorchester) |
| Ladies Assistant Secretary | Diana Mogg (Wimborne) |
| Ladies Match Secretary | Margaret Clapp (Bridport) |
| Ladies Assistant Match Secretary | Diana Mogg (Wimborne) |
| Ladies Competition Secretary | Ann Allman (Lyme Regis) |
| Ladies Assistant Competition Secretary | Marion Clements (Greenhill) |
| Men’s Vice President | Vacant |

Men's Secretary	Alexander Wilson (Dorchester)
Men's Match Secretary	Bill Fox (Sherborne)
Men's Competition Secretary	Harry Hovenden (Dorchester)

ELECTION OF APPOINTEES

Nominations received by the Administrator

Child and Vulnerable Adults Officer	Peter Lindsley (Dorchester)
County Umpire Co-ordinator	John Brudenell (Swanage)
County Liaison Coach	Vacant
Publicity Officer	Vacant
Youth Development Officer	Vacant
Team Manager Men	Vacant
Under 25's Manager Men	Tom Poore (Branksome Park)
Team Selectors – Men	Brian Rumble (Bridport)
Team Selector –Ladies- Result of Ballot	Margaret Crawford (Greenhill) Penny Cresswell(Poole Park)
BE Delegate Ladies	Sue Maggs (Dorchester)
BE Delegate Men	Alexander Wilson (Dorchester)
Men's Champ. & West League Sec.	Paul Ramsey (Wey & Mel. R)
Men's East League Secretary	Phil Tobin (Shaftesbury)
Men's West Competition Secretary	Paul Ramsey (Wey & Mel. R)
Men's East Competition Secretary	Vacant
Percy Baker West League Secretary	Paul Ramsey (Wey & Mel. R)
Percy Baker East League Secretary	Phil Tobin (Shaftesbury)

All the above Officers and appointees were approved- proposed by Derek Wensley and seconded by Jenny Brown

The outgoing Ladies President, Carol Beckford, said that it gave her great pleasure to present the chain to the incoming Ladies President –Janine

The Incoming President Janine thanked her club – Dorchester- for their nomination – and Carole for her kind words and especially for all that she had undertaken on behalf of the County during this past year.

She expressed delight to be able to represent our County and to resume the legacy of their many achievements and successes as she became Ladies President of Bowls Dorset.

As we return to outdoor bowling next season she hoped that the Ladies continue to capitalise on their victories achieved during 2022. As all the competitions get under way next year, she will look forward to supporting everyone – and hopefully playing alongside some of them too! But above all, she hoped that many members in the clubs will feel able to participate in the County matches, and implored members to encourage their ladies to put their names forward!

In the meantime – she hoped people winter well, spring will soon be with us and she hopes to meet many of you in 2023.

G 020/22 APPOINTMENT OF
Bankers- Lloyds Bank PLC
Auditors- John Crawford
Solicitors- Battens Solicitors Ltd.

Proposed by Roy Fowler and seconded by Phil Tobin- carried without dissent

G 021/22 PROPOSITION (Attached)

Proposition 1 Gender Specific – ladies only to vote

Proposed: Dorchester Bowling Club. Seconded: Bridport Bowling Club.

Amendment to Edna Paisley Rule-

Carried 18 votes for and 1 against

G 022/22 DATE OF THE 13th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The date of the 13th Annual General Meeting of Bowls Dorset as Thursday 16th November 2023

Meeting closed 7.32pm

Signed **Date.....**

Treasurers report- circulated with Agenda

Profit for the year was £3700.

This is mainly due to not having used coaches this year for the County games and also not having to purchase any stock this year. We have benefitted from writing off all costs of stock on receipt in previous years.

However, next season we will be assessing again the use of coaches. We will also provide the Dorset Handbook free of charge.

We paid out £1850 to competitors who reached Leamington but only received £814 from Bowls England.

We also donated £1000 to the Academy again this year.

We will enter the 2023 season with a bank balance of £9904 and an e-Savings balance of £30644.

Shirley Bowley

Hon Treasurer

Allowances – circulated with Agenda

ALLOWANCES RECOMMENDED FOR 2022-23 (unchanged from last year)

Chairperson £100; Treasurer £250; Administrator £400

Presidents £1000 each plus match fee free.

Expenses for Leamington attendance would be considered up to £50 per day.

Executive Officers :-

Secretaries £250.; Match Secretaries £250 plus match fee free; Competition Secretaries £300

Assistant Competition Secretary £100 Assistant Secretary/Match Secretary £250

Allowance for County Competition Finalists attending the National Championships at Leamington. Amended from 2023

At present the allowance paid by Bowls England is shared equally between all the finalists. The Committee discussed and agreed unanimously that from 2023 an allowance of £75.00 per person be paid in place of the B.E. allowance.

Administrators Report AGM November 2023

Administrators report for AGM 17.11.22

Presidents, Committee members, fellow bowlers- what a year of up and downs from Platinum Jubilee celebrations to a state funeral.

Whilst every obituary is important and full of sadness, Dorset has lost some prominent members this year, in Pat Cole, Joy Steele and Alan Blaby, all of whom we shall have shared time with on the rinks and shall miss their invaluable contribution to our county.

Your committee have met 8 times since the last AGM and have discussed various matters; a possible Ladies Evening League, which the ladies when consulted had no appetite for; travel expenses; match fees; lack of qualifiers for Leamington; affiliation; a replacement for presentation lunches, which we thought a joint county lunch with a speaker might be an answer, but not to be.

All the minutes of meetings are published on our website.

As indeed are the initiatives of Bowls England- including pay and play, big bowls bash, and one in which most clubs took part – the Big Bowls Weekend. This brought much needed new blood into the clubs and we hope that these new bowlers will be retained through the coming year and become valuable members.

The Website is a great source of information for our County, and I should like to thank Alexander, for all the news items that he puts on it to keep us all on our toes and up to date, from County qualifiers and when they played at Leamington, the fact that we have a Leamington Champion (Julie Leake Champion of Champions) and British Isles Triples Champions (Bridget Hodder, Julie Leake and Penny Cresswell) Well done to all those who qualified- hopefully we shall be allowed 2 qualifiers for each event shortly.

The other important part of the information comes from the Clubs themselves- the contact names and details, in order that the relevant person can be contacted without fuss. However, it does need updating regularly, so if you have any changes, please let me know as soon as possible- especially contact numbers.

As indicated in the reports, Bowls Dorset Executive will be looking to “revamp” the Constitution and Rules and Regulations before the beginning of next season, culminating in a discussion period and then an SGM

If anyone has any particular issues, they would like to see addressed, please let me know- of course it may be something that has already been thought of, but no harm in making your views known.

The Bowls Dorset Youth have a new “strip” which they had rubber stamped by Bowls England in time for them to wear at Leamington, Verwood Ladies also had a new design for their shirts this year.

I would like to thank all the Officers of Bowls Dorset for their hard work throughout the period

And all the Club Secretaries who have the task of sifting all the correspondence sent to them.

I am hoping to be bowling next year- after a very frustrating year watching from the side-lines having the misfortune to sustain an injury just before the season started.

Have a great “closed season”

Thank you

Sue Maggs

Administrator

Lady Presidents Report AGM 2022

I have had the honour of being the thirteenth president since the inception of Bowls Dorset Ladies Section in 2010.

Over this past year we have unfortunately lost many friends who will be sorely missed. On a personal note, I was particularly affected by the sudden death of Joy Steele in early February this year and so was pleased when I attended the Bowls England Awards ceremony later in that month, that Joy and Sid were given the Unsung Hero award which

Sid bravely accepted at the event in Leicester.

Our first County game against Hampshire at Branksome Park was played in the pouring rain as was our second at West Moors, both of which we won. However, the weather during the season brightened up and apart from a rainstorm during our game at South Petherton, and the torrential downpour at Tiverton, the rest of the season was played in sunshine – at times too hot! Of note during these matches was a wrong bias by the Junior Vice President at Chew Stoke, a risqué joke from the Wiltshire President at Castle Carey and someone winning top rink four times! Overall, we came a respectable fifth in the SWCL and were able to play a number of unbadged players in our friendlies. I would ask that all Clubs encourage their players both new and old to put their names down for our friendly games as these are a good way of improving their play.

I was pleased to be able to attend the Amy Rose and White Rose trophies at Ilminster in June where I saw a wonderful display by our girls against the then reigning Champions Somerset. After a last-minute adjustment to one of the sides, all bonded well and the weather stayed fine and sunny, if a bit windy. The two skips Millie and Rebecca both encouraged their respective players, and all pulled well together.

In July I held my President's Day luncheon at The Isle of Purbeck Golf Club and especially thank all those individuals and clubs, who so generously contributed to my charity Dorset MIND. Their wonderful efforts raised a total of just over £800 on the day, and I am pleased to say that the grand sum of £1500 has been raised during my year. I am grateful to you all for this.

In August I was invited to the inaugural Dorset Youth Bowls Academy Open Bowls Tournament held at Poole Park, superbly organized by Sid Steele. Twenty under twelve's and thirteen under eighteen's battled it out in groups of three in a round robin of six ends each game with the third player of each set marking for their opponents - with a little help from grown-ups in some cases. The behavior, both on and off the green was impeccable and a credit to all those throughout the County who coach them. The day was well supported by parents, grandparents and friends and prizes were presented by Paul Robson, Immediate Past President of Bowls England.

I have attended all quarter and semifinals for each of the disciplines culminating in the finals at Dorchester for all those competitions leading to Leamington and at Blandford for the County finals. Both weekends were a mixture of ladies and men's games, and all were closely fought. On the Saturday at Blandford, I was able to congratulate and present the President's Cup to Beverley Plympton for guiding us through the two incredibly difficult years of Covid as our President. Bowls Dorset is indebted to Janine Scola for all the photographs she has taken, and we hope that someone can come forward to do the same next year when she is Ladies President.

I was pleased to attend the National Finals at Leamington for the whole of the nineteen days and whilst I met with many other Ladies Presidents it was a shame that there was not more support for the finalists, not just from Dorset, but also from other Counties. Overall, the atmosphere was somewhat flat, apart from the final Saturday where two days play was squeezed into one day because of no bowls being played the previous day as a mark of respect for the Queen's death. However, I was proud to be able to fly the flag for Dorset and congratulate all those who made it there. During the past month I have been invited to the Dorset Women's Bowling League Presentation lunch, and to the Bournemouth and District Women's Bowling Association Annual Luncheon and Presentation of Trophies. I was pleased to propose a toast to the DWBL, both past, present and future and to speak about my year as Ladies President at the B & D event.

Finally, I should like to thank the Ladies Executive of Sue Maggs, Janine Scola, Bobbie Cover, Beverley Plympton, Margaret Clapp, Ann Allman, Diana Mogg and Marion Clements for all their friendship and support throughout the year. I have met such lovely people during this year and have really appreciated being your President. But I am pleased to be able to hand the baton over to Janine for the forthcoming year and hope that she enjoys herself as much as I have.

Thank you all.

Carole Beckford, Bowls Dorset Ladies President, 2022

Men's President Report AGM 2022

Good evening everyone.

Well this year has been very busy and I have really enjoyed the experience.

I attended all of the friendly matches except when I was at Leamington. The results of the friendlies were a little mixed but very enjoyable, meeting new friends in the process. It would be good to see a few more names on the availability sheets though.

I asked for any loose change at our friendly matches for my charity RNLI. This resulted in a total of £279.90 that I passed over.

I tried to attend most of the ¼ and semi-finals County Competition weekends but due to other bowling commitments couldn't make them all. It was a pleasure to go to those I could and thanks must go to all the Clubs for allowing us to use their greens to host these events.

I was asked to attend the Dorset Youth Academy Under 18's tournament at Poole Park in August. What a good day that was watching the youngsters playing with such enthusiasm. Congratulations to Millie Tuck (Under 18) and Lucy Rankine-Mackintosh (Under 16) for winning their respective competitions. Well done to all those coaches and helpers for bringing these young people on.

I also attended the 2 County Finals days. The first at Dorchester and the second at Blandford.

All these finals were played at a high standard and very enjoyable to watch.

In August I went to Leamington to watch the finals. I was very disappointed with that experience. It didn't match the atmosphere I felt a few years back when I went up just for the day. The fact that Bowls Dorset only had 1 representative in most of the disciplines didn't help much and if any of them failed at the first hurdle there wasn't much else to shout out about. I hope that changes next year.

However, I must mention our Men's Fours team representing us from Greenhill. They did us proud by nearly reaching the ¼ finals, losing out by 1 shot after an extra end.

Finally, I said this last year, my thanks to all the Officers of Bowls Dorset for their hard work in keeping the County going for without them we could not function. Come on everyone and fill any vacant positions that arise, it's not that bad you know.

As they say winter well and I look forward to seeing everyone in 2023 for another good bowling year.

I am presenting the Men's President's Cup to Bill Fox.

Allan Weech, Bowls Dorset Men's President, 2022

Men's Secretaries Report -circulated with Agenda

To start with good news, the Bowls Dorset saw an increase in affiliated men this year over last. In 2021 we had 942 men and 27 juniors giving 969. In 2022, 997 and 22 affiliated at the beginning of the year and a further 118 were affiliated during the year, giving a total at season end of 1137, a 17% increase. Well done to those clubs who have successfully recruited extra players.

In the County Championships we had 140-150 individuals entered in team disciplines which is around 14% of those affiliated at start of year. The ladies also saw an increase of over 10%. Combined on average just over 13% of club members entered the Championships. This compares well with other Counties. By club member numbers for 2022, Dorset was the 23rd largest county affiliated to Bowls England. However, by average percentage entering Championships, Dorset was 8th

Sadly, membership at Cranborne has dropped and currently the club does not intend to continue being a member of Bowls Dorset next year.

As mentioned by the Ladies Secretary, next year the ladies DWBL league will be run by Bowls Dorset. This will have the same status as the Men's Monday County League, and it is intended that the league rules will be aligned. This will be done as part of a full review of all County Rules & Regulations that will be done this winter. Changes will include addressing the issue of league games not played, played late, points shared, and points conceded, all of which have caused some concern during this season. Following a period for consultation, there will be a SGM to bring in revised County Rules & Regulations.

While we do have a nomination for Men's U25 Team Manager for 2023, we have none for the Men's Team Manager. As a consequence, the Middleton Cup and Balcomb Trophy teams will be run by the Men's Selection Committee.

Turning to the website, unfortunately we still have a few bugs in the matches section that we hope to have resolved before next season. The rest of the website is working well and has been well received. Peak season we were seeing around 600 users per week and 15-200 hits per day. If Clubs do have things going on that they wish to promote more widely, do let us have details.

Finally, BD Executive has put forward a resolution for Bowls England's AGM that National Finals at Leamington revert to at least two qualifiers per discipline for 2023 onwards. Huntingdonshire and Yorkshire have indicated that they are prepared to second the resolution. Worcestershire has also put in a similar resolution for 2024 onwards, which is coupled with a worked out National Finals schedule. The schedule demonstrates that the time frame required is only 2 days longer than used by Bowls England for single qualifiers.

Alexander Wilson

Men's Secretary

Ladies Secretaries report- circulated with Agenda

This summer we have had good news and sad news- the sadness in September of the passing of our sport's patron the Queen,

The good news that we have in Dorset the British Isles triples champions, Penny Cresswell, Bridget Hodder and Julie Leake- very well done to them.

More good news – the ladies affiliated to the county have risen from 240 in April to 269 in August- increase of over 10% - well done to those clubs who have successfully recruited extra players

During the summer your Committee have held 3 meetings, and spent the majority of the time reviewing the Rules and Regulations that directly relate to the ladies activities. These will be incorporated in to the overall review, and will address the clarification of qualification to play for and awarding of badges.(In particular the Double Rink.) and some anomalies within the dress code especially relating to footwear.

We have also looked at the County Mixed fours- venue for Semi Final.

On completion of the overall review, the County will hold a SGM to ratify all the changes, following a period for discussion.

Now the DWBL has been wound up, BD has made steps to introduce the BD Dorset Women's Bowling League and has opened entries for teams of 2 rinks, in an effort to provide a fully inclusive Tuesday afternoon league.

It will have the same status as the Men's County League. rules will be aligned. In broad terms other than "points sharing for non-played games", it is not the intention for the effect of the rules to be drastically different from the DWBL's current rules as far as playing is concerned.

The current DWBL friendlies will be organised by the Match Secretary, and the competition status will be reviewed later in the year

Sue Maggs – Ladies Secretary

Men's Match Secretary report – circulated with Agenda

We were very lucky with the weather this season and the majority of our games were played in bright sunshine. Overall the season

went well but we did experience a few challenges as the season progressed. In summary I can report as follows:

Middleton Cup

We had managed to arrange two trial matches this year one in house and the second an inter county, against Berkshire, at Bannister Park. Unfortunately at the last moment Berkshire were unable to get a team together so we also ended up playing this second trial in house. Both trials seemed to go well and there was some very good bowling from the participants. This year, as last, the cup was played as a knockout. The draw was against Warwickshire and we agreed to play the first game at Chippenham Town on 18th June. Our team played well and kept it quite close but eventually lost by 16 shots (101 – 117). Unfortunately as this was a knockout this was our first and last game in the Middleton.

Balcomb Trophy (2Rink)

This was a mirror image of the Middleton. We were again drawn against Warwickshire and again we played at Chippenham Town (on the 2nd July). Unfortunately again we lost the game by 9 shots (36-45) and again, as this was a knockout, we progressed no further.

White Rose U25

Dorset played Somerset in the White Rose at Ilminster on the 26th June and were joined by the ladies who played in the Amy Rose on the same green at the same time. Again there was little in it and Dorset played well against a strong Somerset side. They were unlucky to loose by the narrow margin of 4 (36-40).

County Friendlies

We started the season with 16 county friendlies (13 men's and 3 mixed). The only fixture missing from previous years was Bournemouth & District, who were unable to accommodate us due to a date conflict. As usual we struggled with numbers, more with Away games than Home. This season was especially difficult as not only did we struggle with numbers at the selection stage but once teams had been selected we had an unusually high number of players pulling out due to injury or sickness etc. Three games were cancelled during the season, due to lack of support, two on the request of the opposition (Civil Service, Swindon & District) and one by Dorset (Sussex County).

A further two games were played as 5 rinks only (Cornwall & Gloucestershire) and one as a Triples (New Forest). Of those games played we had 5 wins, 7 losses and one draw. Despite these various trials and tribulations we succeeded in playing the vast majority of our games and had a good time doing so.

The majority of the Friendly fixtures for 2023 have already been agreed. In addition to our normal games next season we have a mixed game against Buckinghamshire Tourists and two mixed celebration games against Gillingham and Bridport. Bournemouth and District are now back in to the fold for next year playing at Branksome Park. We have also just had a request for a game next year from Herefordshire B. A. with the prospect of it becoming a permanent fixture. Unfortunately I have had to decline it as we already have more fixtures than we can cope with next year. Herefordshire have indicated that they will approach us again in 2023 for a fixture in 24. Who knows things may look a bit better then!

Bill Fox Men's Match Secretary

Ladies Match Secretary's report -Circulated with Agenda.

We started the season a little apprehensively due to a two year break through Covid and its ongoing effects. However we coped well and I am sure that we will continue to do so next season.

Unfortunately we lost both the John's Trophy and Walker Cup but we competed well in the SWCL and finished 5th in the table out of 7 Counties. Surprisingly Herefordshire finished bottom.

We won our two friendly matches against Hampshire by 16 shots, Sussex 9, Herefordshire 39 and Wiltshire 32 losing to Somerset by 18 shots, Worcestershire 18, Devon 3, Dorset Men 2 and as you can see we never had a pasting. After travelling to Tiverton we were unable to play Cornwall due to very heavy rain. I feel that we have a good basis to improve on in 2023. Ideally we need more names to select from, both newly qualified and experienced on a regular basis.

Next seasons matches are coming together well. We have entered the Walker Cup, Johns Trophy and the Amy Rose but have no details of the games at present. Worcestershire raised the question about having meals after the game. All 7 counties have been asked for their opinion on this. Dorset have said that we wished to stay with having a meal after the game. Worcestershire have now told us that all counties have voted for a meal after the game.

Thanks to everyone who supported the County keep it up and encourage others to try as well.

Margaret Clapp.
Match secretary.

Men's Competitions Secretary Report – circulated with Agenda

The Competition entries for 2022 were significantly higher than in previous years. I would like to thank all the Clubs who participated for their efforts to gain the County two qualifiers for the Leamington finals. Unfortunately, however, despite the much-increased entries, we still did not reach the required target.

All competitions were completed successfully, helped in no small measure by the excellent weather enjoyed during the summer.

All the quarter and semi-finals proceeded very well. I would like to thank the host clubs for their generosity and for the excellent facilities which were provided.

Both finals weekends were completed successfully, again with excellent support from the host clubs.

Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to all those who took part and supported the County. Although we did not win any of the disciplines, all competitors represented the County very well at Leamington.

Thank you to my fellow committee members, and especially Paul Ramsey from Weymouth & Melcombe Bowls Club, without whose help and support a successful season would not have been accomplished.

Harry Hovenden *Men's Competitions Secretary*

Ladies Competition Secretary report – circulated with agenda

Good Evening Officers & Delegates.

County Competitions

It has been another successful season for both County Competitions and Dorset competitions. The joint finals weekends for the Leamington competitions and the Dorset competitions went well and were enjoyed by all. All trophies, glasses and certificates were presented on the green at both finals weekends with photos being taken. Just a reminder for 2023 can competitors please let either Marion or myself have their results as soon as possible please rather than when you get home especially for an evening match so we can both complete the work required and get it posted on the website.

Under 16's singles

The girls & boys competitions were held jointly on the same day for the first time in 2022 and it worked well. There was section play before qualifying for the Quarter & Semi Final. Thanks to Sid for organising the markers for us. As a result of the successful day, Dorset have decided to run an under 16's open pairs competition for 2023 with a trophy in memory of Joy Steele. Entries can be girls, boys or mixed teams and from any club in Dorset to be received either before 31st October 2022 with the other County & Dorset Competitions or when I resend out the entry forms next April.

Edna Paisley

Can Edna Paisley Captains or Secretaries please liaise with either Marion or myself before deciding to share or give points please .

There is a proposal for all players over 60years to be able to play in the Edna Paisley irrespective of which DWBL or B & D League they play in, excluding those who have played in the John's Trophy or Walker Cup in the previous year. This will help clubs to field players for this league.

Leamington

Dorset did not do very well in most of the championships this year, unfortunately being knocked out in the first round apart from Millie Tuck, Sally Rowe and Julie Leake.

Website

I would like to thank Sue for entering all the results on the website speedily so everyone can see the results. I would also like to thank all the Secretaries for dealing with the emails sent to them regarding competitions.

2023 County & Dorset Competitions

I have now received all the entries for the 2023 competitions and I am pleased to report that we have an increase in number of entries in some disciplines but unfortunately a decrease in other disciplines as under:

	2023	2022
Championship Fours	27 entries	26 entries
Senior Fours	31 entries	29 entries
Championship Triples	43 entries	43 entries
Championship Pairs	60 entries	58 entries

Championship 4wood singles	50 entries	57 entries
Championship 2 wood singles	42 entries	50 entries
Championship u25's singles	2 entries	4 entries
Championship u25's pairs	1 entry	2 entries
Benevolent Triples	41 entries	32 entries
Dorset Mixed Fours	29 entries	25 entries

Alexander and myself will be looking to run the Quarter & Semi Finals of the Men's 2 wood in conjunction with the Quarter & Semi Finals of the Ladies 4wood and vice versa provided this fits with each other's programme schedule

Benevolent Triples 2023

We have been informed by Bowls England that the Benevolent Fund is to be dis-banded so there will not be a Bowls England run Benevolent Triples Competition for 2023. However, Dorset will continue to run a Benevolent Triples Competition and decisions will be made regarding a charity that entry fees can be donated to.

My thanks to Marion my assistant for the work she does in the summer receiving results for the West competitions, helping me on Quarter/Semi Final and Finals days and for standing in for me during the winter months when I am away.

As we say the winter well and I look forward to working with you all again in 2023.

Ann Allman, Bowls Dorset Competition Secretary.

Youth report – circulated with Agenda

Overall, this season has, once again, seen great development and achievements from our county juniors.

The beginning of the season saw both the Amy Rose and White Rose teams play against Somerset in the first round of these National competitions. The girls were playing last years winners, so always going to be up against it – but they acquitted themselves really well, narrowly losing on one rink and our second rink held their own until the last few ends, when experience finally told and a number of shots were lost.

Meanwhile, the boys, playing the White Rose were so close to pulling off a win. The game came down to the final ends with the Dorset lads just losing out. We have a nucleus of two good teams, who with more experience and few more years bowling under their belt, look good for the coming years.

At National finals we were represented in both the U25 Ladies and Men's singles and pairs. In the singles, Alex Dytham came up against last years winner and although he played very well, was sadly beaten. The Scammell brothers – Will and Ryan looked good early doors but struggled on a quirky rink, and sadly lost their first round. Millie Tuck was going well, beating a junior international in the first round. She reached the ¼ finals before meeting her match and sadly went out. Millie teamed up with Rebecca Cresswell in the pairs. They played a fabulous match against two full internationals only to lose on the final end, having held match lie. So, mixed fortunes but all should be congratulated on their achievements.

The Academy continued to hold monthly sessions, inviting new juniors to join from Ferndown and West Moors for the first time. They played matches against Swanage, and Branksome. Winning one and losing one. For many of the youngsters the match against the coaches and parents at the end of the season was by far the most important! (Win for the coaches this time!)

It has been pleasing to see the development of junior sections at West Moors and Ferndown Bowls club, both clubs now have players taking part in not only the academy but County competitions as well. Sadly, we have had little success in getting anything off the ground in the west of the county.

The County U16 boys' and girls' singles competitions were both well supported with the finals being played at the County finals day in September. Alex Collins (West Moors) played Leo Bramley (Ferndown) in the boy's final, with Alex coming out on top. The girl's final was a tight affair with Nesta Roberts (Blandford) just coming up on top against Hannah Edwards (Dorchester)

Finally, the U18 and U12 tournament at Poole Park saw over 30 Dorset youngsters competing in a really competitive day. Both main competitions were hard fought as was the pairs – so much so, we had to make the dignitaries wait around for the final presentations.! But we thank both County Presidents and Bowls England Past President for taking the time to be with us for the day. Much appreciated. As most people have probably seen from the bowls international article, Lucie and Millie both retained the titles from the previous year. (Up the girls!)

I would like to thank all those volunteers, coaches, parents and clubs who have continued to support and help the development of the youth in Dorset.

Penny Cresswell.

Added an update regarding EIBA Indoor Trials – Martin Puckett (Senior); Ryan Nash with Travel reserves of Nathan Wood and Alex Rouse-Turpins (Men's U25); Rebecca Cresswell and Millie Tuck (Ladies U25); Millie Tuck (U18) – we wish them all well for their trials.