

# Middlesex Bowling Association

Men's Section Founded 1911 Women's Section Founded 1932  
Unified 2012  
Member of Bowls England

## Notes for Secretaries and Treasurers

Hopefully, you will find the notes below a useful aide memoire for the remainder of the year.

### **MBA FORMS**

The annual forms will be e-mailed to club secretaries in August. For secretaries without an e-mail address they will given to the Women's Delegate at the Women's August meeting or posted if physical (social) distancing is still in operation.

#### **Club Information Form**

As you know this form covers both Men's and Women's Clubs/Sections.

This form needs to be sent to Jacquie Elkin, County Administrator, by 1<sup>st</sup> November. The County needs this information to ensure the right person in the club gets all the information the County provides, such as AGM documentation, information from Bowls England and, as you have seen from the Covid 19 items Jacquie has provided, important guidance from Bowls England and the County. It should, if Jacquie doesn't miss anything, ensure the 2021 Year Books and diaries contain the current club and secretarial details.

#### **Affiliation/Competition Form**

Also covering both Men's and Women's Clubs/Sections and includes the 2021 competition entries, affiliation and competition fees for both Men and Women.

The return date is 1<sup>st</sup> November. It would really help, David Todd, County Treasurer, if these could be completed and returned to him as early as possible as it takes some time for him to collate all the information before the documentation and fees are sent to Bowls England.

You can return the forms to David, by one of the following methods:

On-line using the electronic version of the form,

by e-mail to: [toddbooks@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:toddbooks@blueyonder.co.uk),

or by post to 59 Foxwood Close Hanworth, Middlesex, TW13 7DN

### **CLUB MEMBERSHIP**

Membership fees to Bowls England are usually paid one year in arrears. Unfortunately, Covid 19 may well distort the 2020 outdoor season membership. Not being able to use the clubhouse, fear of mixing with others, not really into just rolling up are all reasons for members not wanting to sign up for this season but they may well want to enter competitions etc in 2021 so may we ask you to calculate your fees based on the membership as of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019 please make sure they are for all members (male and female) and obviously take account of those members you know you have lost. Any concerns or problems, please talk to David.

## YEAR BOOKS

**Men's Diary / Yearbook:** Each **club** plus each **member** entering the National Championships and County Competitions must purchase a copy of the Diary / Yearbook.

**Women's Yearbook:** Each **club** and each **named entrant** must purchase a Yearbook.

Of course, it would be great if every member bought a copy.

## BOWLS ENGLAND REGULATION 9 – DISCIPLINARY ACTION TAKEN BY CLUBS

We cannot re-iterate the importance that all Clubs and Affiliated Associations incorporate this Regulation into the Club or Association rules and regulations and that it is followed to the letter in any disciplinary matter that may arise. It is a Bowls England requirement of affiliation that this regulation be incorporated in your club rules and regulation.

Bowls England have broken the regulation down into easy to follow booklets that can be downloaded from the Bowls England website: [www.bowlsengland.com](http://www.bowlsengland.com) and we recommend you have a copy to hand.

The personal heartache and stress such incidents have caused to individual club committee members and the upset such incidents can cause within clubs and associations is immense. Should you need advice on the regulation please contact the County Administrator prior to taking any action.

## CLUB / ASSOCIATION DINNER INVITATIONS TO MBA PRESIDENTS

If your club or Association wishes to invite the Men's President to your Annual Dinner, or any other function, please write to Chris with all the details by 31<sup>st</sup> July.

Should your Club or Association wish to invite the Women's President to your Annual Dinner, or any other function, please contact Jacquie with details.

## CLUB SHIRTS

If you want to change the design or colourway of your club shirts then before ordering contact Jacquie to make sure no other club has the same design.

## WOMEN'S BENEVOLENT FUND

The Christmas Gift Forms will be included in the August pack and needs to be returned to Cathy Taylor by the **31<sup>st</sup> October**. To qualify your ladies need to be over 80. They need not necessarily still to be bowling or may have moved away but your club would wish them to be remembered at this time of year. Also if you know any of your ladies may be in difficulty then please do talk to or suggest they talk to Cathy. All enquiries will be treated in the strictness of confidence.

## MEN'S BENEVOLENT FUND

The fund Committee appeals to all Secretaries to apply for a grant on behalf of any bowler or ex-bowler who has fallen on hard times and apply for a grant on his/her behalf. Any application should be sent to the Fund Secretary Mike Rosenthal 020 8248 4610 [emanessr@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:emanessr@yahoo.co.uk)

## RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES

Just a reminder that any member of your club who has given time, above just turning up to bowl, to keep the club going (such as serving as an officer, green keeping, part of the

maintenance team, refreshment team, social event organiser, or someone who has always been there to get things done) for ten or more years is eligible for a recognition certificate.

Please apply to Jacquie, County Administrator, giving the name, and full details of the candidate's efforts by the 1<sup>st</sup> September.

Certificates will be presented at the relevant County Luncheon, although alternate arrangements can be discussed.

### UMPIRES

If you require an Umpire for your Club Finals, Open Tournaments, or Association competitions please contact County Co-ordinator:

Vic Perry, on 020 8841 8532 or e-mail: [vicjen44@virginmedia.com](mailto:vicjen44@virginmedia.com)

### COACH BOWLS

Information on current Coach Bowls courses and available bursaries are available on the Bowls England website: [www.bowlsengland.com](http://www.bowlsengland.com)

both the Men's and Women's websites:

[www.middlesexcba.co.uk](http://www.middlesexcba.co.uk)

[www.mbawomenssection.weebly.com](http://www.mbawomenssection.weebly.com)

or give Jacquie a call.

Bowls England now provide bursaries for two members of a club. If a member of your club is a registered Coach Bowls coach then please give Jacquie their names and telephone number so we can keep an up to date list of coaches within the county.

Here's hoping that by the time you receive this more than 6 members will be able to play at any one time and your club will be able to get some club competitions started.

If you require any more information, help or just a chat, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Chris and I, on behalf of all the Officers of the County wish you and your members well in these unusual and restricted times.

All the very best,

Jacquie Elkin and Chris Yelland

County Administrator & Women's and Men's Honorary Secretaries

Don't forget to check the websites for meeting dates, news and other information

[www.middlesexcba.co.uk](http://www.middlesexcba.co.uk)

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