

# Middlesex Bowling Association

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

## *Summer 2020 Newsletter*

**Please circulate this amongst your club members.**

Hi, All,

What trying times we find ourselves in! Hopefully, by the time you read this there will be more than 6 players allowed on the green at any one time and you've at least been able to play in some club competitions. Oh, and the weather is still clement for a comfortable game!



### **YEARBOOKS**

The 2020 Men's diary/yearbook hasn't been published this year but Jacquie is hoping to post the Women's yearbook along with the Bowls England Yearbook (printed and delivered to the County before the lockdown) as soon as we can.

A reminder for next year:

Men's Diary/Yearbook – each member entering the national championships and county competitions must purchase a copy.

Women's Yearbook – each named entrant (including those entering the two wood singles) must purchase a copy.

Your club should also purchase copies and it would be great if all members of the Middlesex Bowling Association order one for themselves!



### **MIDDLESEX ONLY WOMEN'S COMPETITIONS**

At the time the Year Book went to press we knew the National Championships had to be cancelled but had high hopes for the internal Middlesex Women's competitions.

Unfortunately, the future is still not clear so, with regret, all the internal women's competitions are cancelled. Should restrictions be lifted sufficiently for some sort of competition towards the end of the season we will let you know. The competitions concerned are: Unbadged Singles, Champion of Champions, Over 55 Singles and Pairs, Two Wood Pairs and the Double Rink.



### **ANNUAL LUNCHEONS**

It is with much regret that the Men's Section has decided to cancel the 2020 Men's Luncheon, as there won't be any prizes to present.

Perhaps naively, Jacquie is still hoping that the Women's Luncheon will be able to be held, but with an added twist that any member of the MBA (yes both men and women!!) will be welcome to attend, celebrate being able to sit closer to another person than 2 metres, enjoy a chat and a good meal with friends. It is up to you all to give Jacquie an indication of interest. Naturally, it will all depend on Government restrictions and your interest as, for a Luncheon to be viable, a minimum of 90 tickets need to be sold. Hopefully, you will all think it a great idea and can at least look forward to something different, so please get in touch with Jacquie. 020 8941 1278 [elkinsmith@talktalk.net](mailto:elkinsmith@talktalk.net)

Friday October 16<sup>th</sup> is the date. The ticket price will be £27 with the County subsidising each meal by £2.

The menu is:

*Homemade Pumpkin and Coriander Soup  
followed by a choice of  
Pan-fried Chicken with glaze carrot, spring onion mash and thyme jus,  
Cod Loin, chive cream, new potatoes and seasonal vegetables  
or  
Spinach & Ricotta Cannelloni with mix lettuce salad  
and for dessert  
Lemon tart with strawberry compote.*



## VACANCIES

With 2020 being a washout the Men's Section presidential team have all agreed to carry on in 2021, a big thank you to President, Brian Hearn, Senior Deputy President, David Todd.

Unfortunately, as you know, no one came forward to become Women's President, so we are still looking for a Women's President and Vice President for 2021.

We may need to consider following Bowls England's presidential system (male president, female vice president, male junior vice president), but we still need a female volunteer otherwise the entire presidential team will be male. So ladies, please give it some thought and, please, call Jacquie, Dot or Joyce to learn more about the roles of President and Vice President.

The Men's Section still need Assistant District Secretaries so if you fancy taking the role on get your club to send your nomination to Chris Yelland. 020 8940 1546  
[chrisandpam.yelland@virginmedia.com](mailto:chrisandpam.yelland@virginmedia.com)

The Women's Section is in dire straights as, in addition to needing a President and Vice President, we also desperately need a Treasurer (to look after the everyday Women's Section matters) and Assistant Secretary. Please give Jacquie a call to learn about the roles. The Assistant Secretary role can be split to make life easier so ladies or gentlemen don't be put off.



## COUNTY TOURS

As you know there is no 2020 Men's Presidential Tour and the Women's Tour depends on the lifting of the 2 metre restrictions, hotels being able to open and the clubs we are booked to play being willing and able to accommodate us.

Apart from all of that, we are planning to go to Bournemouth from 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> September, staying at the Bournemouth Sands Hotel, located on the West Cliff. We have three games, one of which will be against a representative Hampshire County Team. There are still rooms available and we would welcome any ladies, husbands and wives, bowlers and non-bowlers. Just give Jacquie a call for further details and those of you who have already booked, keep your fingers crossed!



## BENEVOLENTS FUNDS

**Women's Benevolent Fund** – The aim of this fund is to help bowlers who have fallen on hard times or need a small ray of sunshine in their lives. If you need help do not hesitate to contact one of the Benevolent Fund Committee:

Secretary/Treasurer & Divisions 1 & 2 – Cathy Taylor – 07904 191713  
Division 3 - Mrs Ann Barrett – 020 8997 3582  
Division 4 – Mrs Maureen Ayling – 01784 464498

Also, Christmas gifts are sent to ladies over 80 (not necessarily still bowling or who may have moved away), who may wish to be remembered at that time of year. The Christmas Gift Form is included in the August pack sent to club secretaries and is returned to the Benevolent Fund Secretary.

**Men's Benevolent Fund** – Founded in 1927 with the aim of giving financial assistance to bowlers. If you need assistance then please ask your club secretary to get in touch with the Fund Secretary: Mike Rosenthal, 020 8248 4610.



## RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES

Certificates are awarded to members whose clubs consider, have 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. They must be nominated by the club so if you know of any member of your club that deserves to be nominated then get your secretary to give Jacquie or Chris a call for more details.

Certificates are presented at either of the County Luncheons.

## MARKERS AND UMPIRES

The County needs markers and umpires so why not give some thought to attending a markers course or upgrading to Regional Umpire.

Contact County Co-ordinator – Vic Perry on 020 8841 8532



## COACHING

The County need more coaches so if you fancy having a go and are interested in taking a coaching course then check out the Coach Bowls website [www.coachbowls.org](http://www.coachbowls.org) for the Coach Bowls course schedule. Bowls England offers bursaries so if you are interested get your Secretary to send your application form to Jacquie, County Administrator, to approve prior to sending to Bowls England.

It would be great if all our EBCS coaches would become Coach Bowls Members. That is all you need to do to be recognised and get some benefits like insurance. They just need proof of qualification and level.

Jacquie has a list of coaches but is convinced it doesn't include all of our coaches so please call email her with your name and coaching level (Coach Bowls or EBCS and if you are still actively coaching). Also if you fancy being the Middlesex Coaching Co-ordinator then please contact Jacquie. If you aren't a coach, we will pay for you to become qualified.



## WEBSITES

Please do checkout our websites for current news, event and meeting dates and much more. Our webmasters put a lot of effort into keeping the sites up to date so do please check them out.

[www.middlesexcba.co.uk](http://www.middlesexcba.co.uk) & [www.mbawomenssection.weebly.com](http://www.mbawomenssection.weebly.com)



Don't forget Jacquie and Chris are at the end of a telephone or checking their e-mails so if you have any questions or need further information on the topics on the above don't hesitate to contact us.

*All the very best of wishes to you and yours*

*Jacquie Elkin and Chris Yelland  
County Administrator & Women's and Men's Honorary Secretaries*

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