

# Middlesex Bowling Association

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

## Summer 2021 Newsletter

Please circulate this amongst your club members.

Hi, All,

Another strange beginning to an outdoor season! Fingers crossed there isn't another Covid 19 spike, life will get back to some sort of normality, we regain confidence in mixing with others and enjoying being out and about. Typically the weather decided to be "normal" for the start of the season; cold and wet, then soaring temperatures and now cold and wet! We hope the bowls gear didn't shrink and you all got into it after so long. All of a sudden it's the middle of July so good luck to those of you who are still in the National Championships and competitions, the Middlesex competitions, Club and Association competitions. Well done to those of you who have already got to Leamington. To all who don't enter competitions but play in club friendlies and leagues we hope you are enjoying your games and to those who just want to pop down to the club for a roll-up, a cuppa and a chat, do make the effort to have a go and have fun.



### YEARBOOKS

I have a few Women's Yearbooks if anyone would like to buy one; unfortunately we have run out of Men's diaries but I can provide a PDF version if anyone would like one.

It really is important to have at least one copy of the diary and yearbook at your club, and those of you who have entered the Nationals and Middlesex Competitions need your own copy to make sure you are playing according to the competition rules. This year is a good example: we have some temporary rule changes due to the final stages of the National Championships and Competitions being condensed into 18 days. It is important that you check the diary or yearbook to make sure you are using the right format, so much easier with your own book, especially when playing away.



### VACANCIES

As you know Men's President, Brian Hearn, and Senior Deputy President David Todd have agreed to continue in their respective roles for 2021, but I'm sorry to say that no one has come forward to become Women's President for the remainder of this year and for 2021.

It is our aim to have a unified presidential team based on that used by Bowls England (i.e. male president, female vice president, male junior vice president, female immediate past president), **but we still need at least one female volunteer**, otherwise the entire presidential team will be male. The aim is that the President is assisted by the Vice, Junior and Immediate Past President who will cover any events that might clash and those the President is unable to attend. Having a presidential team

would make each role less demanding on their time and hopefully encourage more folk to come forward to be the county's figurehead. Being President doesn't have to be expensive with a fund available to help with any costs incurred whilst in the Presidential role. It would be great to start in 2022. Ladies, please give it some thought and have a chat with Jacquie to learn more about the roles of President, Vice and Junior Vice President.

Currently both sections are looking for volunteers to be:

**Vice President**, hopefully a female, for the remainder of this year and 2022 then President in 2023;

**Women's' Assistant Secretary, Match Secretary and Competition Secretary.** Please give Jacquie a call to learn about the roles. All three roles can be split to make life easier if we have the volunteers;

**Men's Match Secretary** 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);

All these roles are open to both ladies and gentlemen so if you do fancy trying your hand at any don't be put off.



## COUNTY TOURS

We are sorry to say that once again there is no Men's Tour and the decision has been made to cancel the Women's Tour to Bournemouth. Covid 19 and the evolving varieties of the virus have made even the most dedicated tourist not want to commit to anything until life has settled down. Hopefully September 2022 will see another tour that will be open to all male and female club members and friends, bowlers and non-bowlers.



## Annual Luncheons

The 2021 Men's Luncheon will be held on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November. We haven't any more details at the moment but will let you know where it is to be held, the price and the menu nearer the date.

The Women's Luncheon will be on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at the Thistle Hotel, Heathrow. At the time of going to press Jacquie is hoping that the price and menu will be the same as that agreed for the cancelled 2020 luncheon but has still to finalise details with the hotel.

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.*



## BENEVOLENT FUNDS

**Women's Benevolent Fund** – The aim of the 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 please contact one of the Benevolent Fund Committee:

Secretary/Treasurer & Divisions 1, 2 & 4 – Cathy Taylor – 07904 191713

Division 3 - Mrs Ann Barrett – 020 8997 3582

Also, get well cards are sent to ladies undergoing treatment or recovering from illness, the Benevolent Committee only need to be given information by their club or a fellow bowls club member. 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** – Was 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.

Well folks, after the year we have had there must have been a member or two who have worked hard to keep your club going during lockdown, kept in touch with fellow members, or done something special for members they knew lived alone. If there is someone who you think deserves a recognition certificate for what they have done during 2020/2021 then please do get your secretary or a member of your committee to give Jacquie or Chris a call to see if they are eligible for a special certificate.

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 MAC course or upgrading to Regional Umpire. MAC courses deal with marking, Laws of the Sport and is open to all Middlesex members. It is a fun course with a lot to be learnt.

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



## COACHING

The County still needs 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 ask your Secretary to send your application form to Jacquie, County Administrator, to approve prior to sending to Bowls England.

We know we are repeating ourselves, but it really 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. Coach Bowls personnel are working really hard to undo the problems caused when the requirement to make Bowls Coaching a national qualification and the Bowls Development Alliance had coaching as part of their remit. Please you EBCS coaches give them a chance and see what being a member of Coach Bowls can do for you.

Last year Jacquie said she had a list of coaches but wasn't convinced it included all of our coaches and asked coaches to email her with their details. Some of you did but she still feels there are some of you out there who haven't let her know who you are, so please email Jacquie with your name and coaching level (Coach Bowls or EBCS and if you are still actively coaching). We do need to know so if a club needs a coach for an event Jacquie can put you in touch with them.

Coach Bowls also run "Safeguarding" courses if anyone is interested.



## WEBSITES

Please do checkout our websites for current news, event, 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)



As always 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 above topics please don't hesitate to contact one or other of us.

*All the very best of wishes to you and yours, keep safe*

*Jacquie Elkin and Chris Yelland*

*County Administrator & Women's Honorary Secretary and Men's Honorary Secretary*

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