



# Buckinghamshire Bowls Association Newsletter

## December 2021

### BBA AGM 2021

The BBA AGM was held on 20<sup>th</sup> November at Aylesbury Town BC and was well attended by clubs and other representatives. It was lovely to see everyone face to face after such a long time.

The accounts for both 2019/20 and 2020/21 were approved, and Steve Moore, the Treasurer, was thanked for his time looking after the finances – Steve has stood down and we all wish him well for the future.

Reports from Team Managers were accepted, although Steve Goff pointed out that, following a discussion about the rink draws for quarter- and semi-finals, these would be made 20 minutes prior to the commencement of play, allowing enough time for the umpire(s) to undertake their duties of checking the bowls etc.

A Buckinghamshire Bowls Association Award of Merit was presented to Richard Reid, who was standing down as U25 Team Manager, in recognition of his achievements with the team over the past five years, culminating in winning the White Rose Trophy at Leamington. He is replaced by Michael Gomme.

The four resolutions notified in the agenda were passed, with two amendments.

**11.2 That green fees paid to clubs for the use of their greens during 2022 season be limited to £30 per session or £60 per day.** This means that for a morning or evening competition, a club will receive £30 but for a full-day hiring of the green, the fee would remain at £60.

**11.4 That Bucks Cup Quarter Final and Semi Final draw is not done until after the group stages are completed** was amended to also include the Bucks Plate.

Steve Goff was inaugurated as the Men's Senior Vice President.

Open Forum included an update on Bowls England matters, a statement that green starting will re-commence in 2022, etiquette on the green, and it was proposed to hold a markers course in the spring 2022. Details would be circulated once arranged but would involve two mornings – one as a quiz-type examination of the Laws of the Sport and the second measuring techniques. Ideally the course would have 20 participants and there would be a fee.

In line with the BE announcement about competition formats, county competitions would be following the changes made:

- Two Bowl Singles - 2 bowls 21 ends
- Singles - 4 bowls 21 shots
- Junior Singles - 4 bowls 21 shots
- Pairs - 4 bowls 18 ends
- Junior Pairs - 4 bowls 18 ends
- Triples - 3 bowls 18 ends
- Fours - 2 bowls 18 ends
- Senior Fours - 2 bowls 18 ends

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Many clubs had benefitted from additional finance post-pandemic but the Treasurer stated that any club struggling financially could apply to the Bucks Benevolent Fund for extra funding.

## **Phishing email regarding reducing energy costs**

Quite a few clubs contacted me regarding an email they received from a company in the north, offering to reduce energy bills and purporting to have already worked for bowls clubs in Bucks. This is not the company mentioned at the AGM and should be ignored.

## **County competition entries**

All county competition entry forms have been sent out direct to clubs with this newsletter and forms are also available for download from the website [www.buckinghamshirebowls.co.uk](http://www.buckinghamshirebowls.co.uk). The closing date for entries is **1<sup>st</sup> February 2021. No extension to the deadline will be permitted.**

The portal for National competitions is now open and can be accessed via the BE website.

## **Urgently seeking a Women's Competitions and Ray Keen League Managers**

We are still seeking a Women's Competitions Manager – please contact me if you are interested in taking on the role. **Remember this is not limited to female applicants** as Judy Plater was the Men's Competition Manager for a number of years!

We are also seeking a person to administer the **Ray Keen Association League** – without someone coming forward, it will be impossible to run it next year.

## **Secretaries Meeting – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2022**

The Bucks Secretaries meeting will take place on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2022 at Waddesdon BC, starting at 10am. Clubs are urged to send a representative, as our guest will be Alan Lane, Clubs and Participation Officer for Bowls England. He is more than willing to answer any questions you may have, so bring a list!



*The BBA Executive, Officers and Past Presidents  
wish you all Season's Greetings  
and looking forward to seeing you on the green in 2022  
Stay safe and winter well*

*Cathy  
BBA Administrator*