

BOWLS SURREY NEWSLETTER

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Hello Everyone. It's the end of July and the rainy season seems to have arrived. I can't work out if it is the April ones that are late or September ones that are early. Anyway the season is well and truly underway and Leamington is fast approaching for those that play in the National Competitions. I hope that what ever you are doing in the upcoming month that you have fun, Charlotte BS Communications Officer

Congratulations to all of the competition players that are going to Leamington to represent the County in August. Just a reminder that if you are taking supporters with you that they will need to buy tickets to get into the Finals. These are available online from the Bowls England website.

Have you checked your JACKS? I was at an outdoor club recently where we discovered that we were playing with an indoor jack. YES they are different! Indoor jacks are much heavier than outdoor jacks. Please check that your jacks are the correct weight.

I have been asked to clarify the wording of the Law regarding 'draw for rinks'. This does not mean, do you want rink 4 or 5, it does mean DRAW. You can toss a coin and say 'heads for 4 and tails for 5' or you can write the rink numbers on pieces of paper and select one. Or you can put numbers on discs or something similar and draw that way. You can use playing cards! At one club I was at recently we had none of that available so we put a leaf in one hand and said 'leaf is rink 3 and no leaf is rink 4' and someone selected a hand. Which ever way you do it there must not be a 'choice' ... there must be an element of selection. Dont forget that this is a LAW of the sport and cannot be ignored, despite what some local associations think.

Johns Update

The Johns squad beat Middlesex and went onto the Regional Final against Kent and won that too. They have qualified to play in the National Semi Final and hopefully the Final on 19th August up at Leamington. All spectators are welcome but dont forget to buy your entry tickets in advance.

Those of you who were at the 2022 AGM will recall that clubs voted to have one organisation. We are now at the stage where we need to agree the structure of Bowls Surrey. To enable us to implement the new structure at the 2023 AGM, we need to hold a Special General Meeting on 23rd September 2023 which is before the AGM otherwise we will have to wait another year.

This communication is advance notice, that towards the end of August 2023 we will be sending to club secretaries the proposed new structure with explanation, plus the motions required. Once you receive the information, we would ask all club committees to discuss the proposal.

Every club will be asked to vote, either by attendance at the meeting or by Postal / Email. This is your County, so please make time to consider what is being proposed & ensure that your club uses their vote.

Thank you, Sheron Mitchell, Bowls Surrey Administrator