

# **BOWLS SURREY NEWSLETTER**

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Hello again. Well, we are another month closer to our Outdoor Season and the work carries on. I've seen a few greens and they are starting to look good. Fingers crossed the weather warms a little and the grass keeps growing. I'm starting to look forward to seeing you all out and about. Charlotte

**Area Meetings.** The new Area committees have got their meetings in the calendar. If you have anything that you wish them to discuss then please contact them asap. You can also send a club rep to your Area meeting.

Area 4 19th March 19.30 @ Wey Valley IBC

Area 1 15th April 19.30 @ Croydon BC

Area 2 16th April 20.00 @ Southey BC

Area 3 17th April 19.30 @ Old Coulsdon BC.

### **Presidents Charity Quiz**

Will be held on Friday 5th April at Horsell Bowling Club. Bar open from 6.30pm, with the quiz starting at 7.00pm. Cost will be £6.00 per person and includes a ploughman's supper, with a selection of cheeses, pates and cold meats. There will also be a raffle. All ticket and raffle money will go to my charity 'Bright Cancer Care'. Teams will be made up on the night. Numbers limited, so let me know asap if you would like a ticket.

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If you have already set your dates for your recruitment you can contact me on BowlsSurrey@gmail.com and I shall happily get your details on our website and advertise you as an event on Facebook. Similarly if you are running any charity days or open tournaments we can advertise them too.

Albury Bowling Club is 100 years this year! To celebrate our anniversary we will be holding a Centenary Triples Gala Day. Sunday 7th July is the date for your diary. You can either enter a team or just come along to enjoy the day. For more details contact us at alburybowls@gmail.com

There is a lot of chatter about the **changes to the Bowls England competitions**. Nothing will change for 2024. Please see the Bowls England website for the changes that will come into place for 2025.

I posted a post on Facebook this week regarding Pershore closing for holidays just before Leamington. Pershore is where we take our bowls to have them restamped. It appears to have confused a lot of people who instantly took to their phones to call Sheron, John or myself. There are 2 things I now would like to explain:

- 1) To play in any competition your bowls must have a date of 1985 or later stamped on them. However if you are good enough to get to 'The National Finals' then your bowls **MUST** be in date. This means that the date stamp must show at least 2024. If the date is 2023 or before then you need to get them restamped.
- 2) Despite letting you all know that there is a new system in place within Bowls Surrey a few people grabbed their phones and called us directly and instantly! Please remember that if you have any queries your first calls should be to the Area contacts within your Area, they will escalate if they cannot answer.

**Umpires Corner - Last Months Question** comes from an email I received: I watched the World Bowls at Potters on television like many others and was a bit surprised that certain rules were being ignored. I understand that players once they deliver their bowl, if following their bowl, they must be behind the head before their bowl comes to rest. Why were the players ignoring this?

**My Reply:** The World Bowls at Potters is governed by World Bowls and they have their own set of rules specifically for this venue. At Potters they have a time limit on most delivered bowls which means that this main 'possession law' can be overlooked. You will notice that none of the players get in their opponents way and that no players complain or get annoyed that their opponent walks up the rink whilst it is in their possession. In normal play the players should be behind the mat or behind the head when their bowl comes to rest and they must NOT be annoying their opponent by being anywhere else.