

# **BOWLS SURREY NEWSLETTER**

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Hello, well the season is now well under way with most the County competitions at at least the quarter final stages. Most clubs have done their recruitment now and should be considering how to retain their new bowlers. This is a not an easy thing to do and the hard work is still continuing. I wish you all luck. Charlotte BS Communications Officer.

### **POSSESSION**

You are 'in possession' of the rink when it is your turn or your teams turn to bowl. You **must** be either behind the mat or behind the jack when your (teams) bowl comes to a stop. If you are following your bowl ensure that you are not caught out in the middle of the rink as this is not allowed. You also cannot move onto the next rink even if it is empty or along the bank. Also when changing ends if it is not your turn to bowl do not stop for a chat half way as your opposition skip may be on the mat waiting. This law covers ALL bowls not just competition.

Courtesy reminder to those who are still in competitions that lead to Leamington, if you qualify for the National Finals, you are expected by Bowls Surrey to attend. If you are unable to attend you should withdraw from the competition now or if in a team competition, ensure that you have a substitute ready.

### **What Happens Next**

In a recent Balcomb game the following situation happened. The last bowl of the end comes down heavy and the jack is split into 2 pieces. One half stays on the rink and the other half goes out of play .... What happens next? I shall let you know next month .... or ask me if you see me around.

Special mention to **Charlie Souter** who is playing for England in the International Series this weekend in Ayr, Scotland. And to **George Hopper** who has been shortlisted for the Under 18 Performace squad. He will find out after the squad day on 9th July if he has been sucessful. Also Congratulations to **Mike McDonagh** and **Gill Platt** for being selected for the Disability Bowls England High performance squad.

Courtesy reminder. No matter what the categories of membership are in your club, if any member steps on to the green to play bowls, they **MUST be affiliated** to Bowls England & Bowls Surrey & MUST be added to the Bowls Surrey

If you play in ANY singles competition either at Club, County or National level and you know that you cannot play in a later round YOU MUST give the game at the earliest time. To put people out of competitions knowing that you cannot play later is not only rude it is unfair to all the other players.

### **Johns & Walker Update**

The Johns squad are currently 2nd in their group of 4 counties. They beat IOW and Berks but will need to win their next game against current leaders Middx on 8th July at Southey BC. A win in the game and on at least 3 rinks will see Surrey through to the Regional Finals. Please come along and support. Sadly the Walker Cup squad were not successful this year and lost to Oxfordshire ladies.

### **Middleton and Balcomb Update**

With a lot of new faces in the Middleton squad this year the team is a 'work in progress'. This year they played well and show promise for the future but did not make it to the Regional Finals. The Balcomb team won their first game against Berks (the 2022 Middleton national winners) moved onto the Regional Finals. They played a strong Oxford team and sadly lost out on the last couple of ends.