



DEVON COUNTY INDOOR BOWLS ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT MOUSA-AL-KORDI 2021/2022

PRESIDENT IAN TURNER 2022/2023

THIS IS THE 49TH ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE COUNTY SECRETARY ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE SEASON 2021/2022.

After the trials and tribulations of the previous two seasons, I am determined to start this 49th report of the Association on a positive note. So, I am presenting this report in a slightly different way.

Honours and Achievements

The Liberty Trophy final that had been delayed from 2020 was played at Nottingham. The Devon team accomplished a magnificent victory over Durham to win the trophy.

They went on to reach the semifinal of the 2021/2022 season. Unfortunately they lost to Surrey after a tight game. Whilst we were missing some very important players, the team only lost by a very narrow margin and they all deserve the highest praise.

I now list the National and County Competitions that were contested during this season.

NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Liberty Trophy.	- Semi Finalists
Men's Over 60s	- Semi Finalists
Men's Pairs.	- Exonia Runners Up
Men's 2 Wood Singles Winner	Jamie Walker Torquay United
Top Club.	- Exonia Winners

The Under 18s Triples Team put together, a magnificent run to the Semi-Finals at Nottingham, only losing to a strong Kent team..

I make no apology for highlighting this achievement as there is no doubt that this was a remarkable run of results that deserve our unmuted congratulations.

COUNTY COMPETITIONS

Singles Champion.	Rob Honeywell Torbay
Runner Up.	Peter Wade. Kingsley
Unbadged Pairs.	Winners Nigel Godwin Torbay
	Runners Up Andy Walding Torbay

Triples. Winners Ian Turner Mid-Devon
Runners Up Sam Davis Torbay

County Trophy. Winners. Exonia
Runners Up Plymouth

Top Club. Winners. Torbay
Runners Up Plymouth

Charles Parrott Shield. Winners. Mid-Devon
Runners Up. Plymouth

Over 60s Cup. Winners. Plymouth (A)
Runners Up. Kingsley

Under 21's Trophy. Champion. Ella Crouch
Runner Up. Conor Fielder

Inter Club League One. Winners. Plymouth(A)
Runners Up. Torbay

Inter Club League Two. Winners. Honiton
Runners Up South Hams

COUNTY AND PRESIDENTS MATCHES

Westsports Trophy

Devon won the first leg at Bodmin by 15 shots and the second leg at Torbay by 7 shots thus retaining this very competitive trophy. Much to the chagrin of Cornwall this is the ninth year running that Devon have won the trophy. In fact, since the new trophy was presented Devon is the only name on it!

The initial Inter County Shield was played for between Devon and Cornwall. This Shield is contested by gaining 2 points for a rink win and 1 point for the losing rink. The score in total over the two legs gave a victory for Devon by two points, so winning the inaugural Shield.

Total Inter County matches played was : Five matches played winning one and losing four.

Presidents matches played was a total of seventeen, winning five and losing ten, with two matches unfortunately cancelled.

MEMBERSHIP

After increasing our membership in the last season before covid struck, the Association suffered a significant loss of members at the start of the 21/22 season. This loss amounted to a loss of thirty per cent of our total membership. Taken together with the financial loss to our revenues, we certainly have a large task in front of us to bring it back up to previous levels. Undoubtedly covid had a significant contribution to the drop in member levels and we hope for a return from those returning to the county.

season in addition to his playing roles in the County and Presidents matches. He was ably supported by Ian Turner as senior Vice President and Chris Fenner as Junior Vice President

TREASURER

Whilst I am the subject of hard work and commitment, I wish to thank David Butterworth, whose work for the County is immense and extends far beyond his role of treasurer. In his roles as Inter Club Secretary and Website Manager and control of the over 60s league. He has been a rock to the County I offer him the thanks of the County and my personal thanks for his help and experience freely at given.

FIXTURES SECRETARY

Our thanks go to Jill Beer for stepping in to the task of being our fixture Secretary (no easy task either) With the ease of her abilities and dealing with some misplaced egos outside the county Jill has proved a great asset to the county . Thank you Jill.

MATCH SECRETARY

I am, once again indebted and grateful to Keith Weeks for his management of the County matches and the Presidents games in addition to the Westsports Trophy and the Inter County Shield. In spite of the loss of so many members not registering to play, Keith has always assembled good quality teams for each match. Thank you Keith.

COMPETITIONS SECRETARY

Thanks and grateful acknowledgment for his commitment go to Chris Beer who has had the onerous responsibility for the organisation of entries and the administration of both the County Team competitions and the Individual competitions through to the finals of each. His efforts (and patience) cannot be underestimated. Thank you Chris.

Kevin Phillips has, once again brought the Liberty Trophy back to Devon with the victory over Durham in the much delayed final from 2019/20. If the chosen squad for the final stages games had not been weakened by Bowls England demands, I'm sure that we could have retained that trophy. The players that came in did not disappoint us and we only went out by a narrow margin. Kevin's efforts cannot be understated and our thanks and appreciation go to him.

Our Safeguarding Officer George Taylor once again has done everything necessary to ensure a smooth passage for us all, especially with the new code of conduct now in place and working well. George's patience and guidance have been invaluable and a great benefit to us all. Thank you George

In the last year of John Berry's final season as Under 25s Manager, he had a much reduced squad not progressing as far as hoped, but still giving their all for the County. This competition has now been designated by EIBA in their wisdom as an

COUNTY TOUR

Once again Larry Croxford pulled off another successful tour , this time to Gloucestershire. This tour was the presidential tour of the extended office of Mousa-Al-Kordi as our President. We visited clubs at Cotswold, Gloucester and Malvern IBC's. together with our traditional visit to play Somerset at Taunton Deane on our way home.

Next year's tour (2023) has been arranged for Hampshire with a base for us at Southampton and of course the visit to Taunton Deane Ian Turner will lead the tour as President and he will look forward to your company on what is always a friendly but competitive series of matches.Larry is taking deposits now.

THE UNDER 25s

This has been the last season under the astute management of John Berry. He is to be sincerely thanked for the his time and efforts in this position. There are a lot of players that have benefited from the guidance received from John on their way up to senior level. Thank you John.

He has been succeeded by Adam Fielder and we welcome him into this important post and I know that he will receive the full support from our clubs.

This competition will, in the wisdom of the EIBA be henceforth known as the Under 30s Open Double Rink Competition.

DEVON COLTS AND UNDER 18s

This has been a great year for the Under 18s and the Colts. The players have responded to their new managers Adam and Heidi Fielder with a combination of respect, determination and a high level of commitment and work rate.

Despite the best efforts of invidiousness from certain opponents and the EIBA to undermine their efforts to progress to the finals the Under 18s exceeded all expectations to reach the finals at Nottingham. I know that they were disappointed to lose their semi final to a very good Kent side. It all augurs well for the future. I do know there was no disappointment from their families, friends, managers and the whole Association I am sure that success will come to them in future competitions. The Colts have extended their eligibility to under thirty years old . As I asked at the executive meeting, we must all endeavour to recruit new members into the Colts.This can only help to reinforce the continuance of the hard work of Adam and Heidi as they take the Colts forward. Thank You

VICE-PRESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

This, in retrospect has been a disappointing year for the VPs. One of the effects of the drop in membership levels has been to lead to a reduced 'pool' of players needed to support both the Presidents and the VPs and their club commitments. Something had to give! I thank all the VPs representatives at each club for their inordinate efforts to fulfil all the fixtures within the county. The VPs still managed to divert a part of a much reduced income to support the Colts.

PRESIDENT AND HIS OFFICERS

I thank Mousa Al-Kordi for his exceptional work rate during the extended period of his Presidency. Mousa was present at every match of importance during the

open competition for Under 30s. This decision was taken despite the total opposition of this county (and others) Our opinions were sought but not acknowledged , leading to the fait accompli We now have two similar competitions with the David Cornwell trophy being the other. So much for consultation!!

The past three seasons have presented us all with some unexpected and difficult challenges to ensure our survival.

I am convinced that this Association has risen to each challenge and look forward strongly to the future. I base this thought on the players, clubs and officers that make up this association which are envied by other counties.

Our Presidential succession is in place and secure and Ian Turner will take us in to the new season and which takes us in to what will be the fiftieth year of our existence.

Ken Brenchley
DCIBA SECRETARY.

SEPTEMBER 2022



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PRESIDENT MOUSA AL-KORDI

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD AT EXONIA BOWLING CLUB
ON THURSDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2022
6-00PM FOR COMMENCEMENT AT 6-30PM**

AGENDA

- ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
 - ITEM 2 OBITUARIES
 - ITEM 3 MINUTES OF 2020/2021 MEETING HELD ON 7th September 2021
 - ITEM 4 MATTERS ARISING
 - ITEM 5 TREASURERS REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
 - ITEM 6 VICE PRESIDENTS ASSOCIATION REPORT
 - ITEM 7 REPORT ON ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES FROM THE SECRETARY
FOR 2021/2022 SEASON
 - ITEM 8 RATIFY DECISION ON DRESS CODE PROPOSAL (D) PASSED AT
EXECUTIVE MEETING OF 25 APRIL 2022
 - ITEM 9 RATIFY THE GRANTS, ALLOWANCES AND FEES PASSED AT
EXECUTIVE MEETING OF 25th APRIL 2022
 - ITEM 10 RATIFY THE ELECTION OF COUNTY OFFICERS FOR 2022/2023
AS PASSED AT EXECUTIVE MEETING OF 25th APRIL 2022
THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE HANDING OVER OF THE
PRESIDENTIAL CHAIN OF OFFICE.
 - ITEM 11 VOTE OF THANKS TO THE CHAIR PROPOSED BY IAN TURNER.
- MEETING TO BE CLOSED**