

A G M REPORT FROM  
CHAMPIONSHIP AND COUNTY COMPETITION SECRETARY  
SPRING 2021

When I took on this role as Competition Secretary little did I expect such a bumpy ride.

With a rush to get all competitions in place for 2020 and a holiday planned for February with help from my husband, Stef Branfield, and Don Dart, it was completed in time **and there it stayed! No Bowls!** Gradually the greens were opening but no competitive bowls, but at least the sun was shining, we were safe and well, albeit under rules.

I asked the board if we could have a Pairs Competition, which was agreed, as I made sure everyone would stay safe, with sanitizer coming from every direction, and social distancing. I could not get over the response and spread over 3 weekends, and help from Clevedon BC it was a great success. We even had money for trophies and the County gave prize money, and I still managed to give £178 to the Clevedon Cottage Hospital, which they put towards a new scanner.

Congratulations to the winners, Simon Bernard and John Solle, and Runners up David and Jenny Byett.

**So on to 2021** We had a good response, with optimism, for the 2021 Competitions, but entries are down slightly, however, a big thank you to all who have entered, and supported your County.

You will however, find that in some areas we had a much bigger response than others. To enable a fair draw to take place you may find that you have been moved into the next geographic area, i.e. A, into B or C into D etc.

In one instance we had 14 entries in A, 13 in B, None in C and 5 in D, so you can see the difficulty we had. We have tried to make sure all competitors play the same amount of rounds, where possible. May I thank Stef and Don for their help using emails and phone calls. We are looking to have a full programme this summer, but will be always working under Bowls England Guidance.

Make sure this is a safe summer for all, and enjoy your Bowls.

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