

SOMERSET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

REPORT FOR SBA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - APRIL 2021

MEMBER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO

This report covers the period from Nov 2019 to March 2021 as a result of disruption to the usual SBA cycle of event, caused by the Coronavirus pandemic.

WEBSITE

Objective: To sustain and develop the SBA website as an up-to-date source of information covering all public aspects of the SBA activity.

Nov 2019 – SBA Competitions/Championships Manager agrees to continue use of the OneDrive application to display and report on County and National Competitions. Carn-Gerrish Creative agree to act as technical support advisers on OneDrive.

Feb 2020 – Competitions draw for 2020 published on OneDrive with improved presentation. As matches for 2020 were progressively cancelled, website was clearly updated to advise such. During a brief period when local play was permitted, a very successful Pairs tournament was publicised and reported in support of SBA Competitions Manager.

Sep 2020 – Board decide not to implement short-cut link between SBA website and SBA Facebook account. David Bryant – David's passing was marked on our website by a front page 'In Memoriam' and a revision to the Featured Article on DJB and his astonishing list of achievements, which provides a comprehensive retrospective on his contributions to bowling.

2021 Diary and Calendar drafted and published in anticipation of full schedule of play during 2021!
Competition/Championship entry forms published in anticipation of full schedule of play in 2021!

Feb 2021 - Advanced Application Sheets for all 2021 County/Presidential/Patrons matches published in anticipation of full schedule of play in 2021! Full Diary and Calendar of Events finalised.

Mar 2021 - Various briefings posted on progress toward the return to safe play and related topics.

ARCHIVING

Objective: To ensure annual return to Somerset Archive of SBA activities – through our Archiving Officer.

Feb 2020 – David Wederell advises of his intention to stand down as Archiving Officer. An advertisement aimed at filling this vacancy is posted.

LUNCHEON AND PRESENTATION EVENT

Objective: To oversee arrangements for the Annual SBA Presentation Luncheon – through our Luncheons Secretary and the Competitions/Championship Manager.

Nov 2019 – Event successfully held at Batch County House Hotel.

Proposal from a club to adopt revised arrangements to prioritise ticket allocations – considered and rejected.

Nov 2020 – Event cancelled due to Coronavirus pandemic.

Booking in place at Batch Country House Hotel for Nov 2021. Viability of this event constantly under review.

PRESIDENTS' TOURS

Objective – A watching/advisory brief.

Arrangements for 2020 and 2021 – Current circumstances cause the cancellation of the tours in the summers of 2020 and 2021.

For 2022 – next year's Presidents will review in March 2021 (and then keep under review!) the earlier plan to tour Portugal in 2022.

For 2023 – we have a provisional proposal from 2023 Presidents-in-waiting for a Mixed UK tour to Hampshire. Feasibility is being kept under review and arrangements are developing.

GREENS ADVISOR

The last year has not seen the usual Turf Management Seminars and Demonstrations due to disruption by the Coronavirus pandemic. However most clubs chose to work to keep their greens in good condition for future protection, where funds permitted.

Our most eminent County Greens Advisor remains poised to provide advice and support to any and all clubs where requested.

Ken Leamon – March 2021