

DEVON COUNTY INDOOR BOWLS VICE PRESIDENTS ASSOCIATION.  
Secretary's Report to D.C.I.B.A. Executive Meeting, Monday 18 March 2019 @ Mid Devon.

Our Fixtures Programme 2018/19 is near completion with only 7 games to be played. The Presidents Cup fixture date has been moved from November to 7 April 2019. The venue is at I S C A, all 15 Devon County Indoor Bowling Clubs are expected to play and refreshments after the game, will be Sandwiches / Cakes, cost £5.00.

The 2019/20 VPs Fixtures List has now been agreed with the clubs, Unfortunately North Devon & Kingsley will not accept home fixtures with the VPs this year, and Sidmouth will not accept away fixtures, their members will not travel! Games Request forms will be sent to all 15 VPs Representatives on 15 March 2019.

The 2018/19 Membership lists were received and the computer up-dated. Confirmation of each club's VPs Membership as 14 January 2019, has been issued to each club.

They will need this information to ensure that the teams supplied for the Vice Presidents Cup are registered as VPs members.

To date we have signed 14 New Life Members.

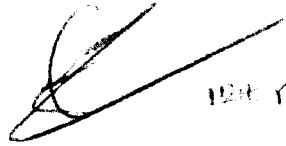
Bill Dolan,  
Secretary/Treasurer,  
10 March 2019.

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SUMMARY.    TREASURERS ACCOUNT.    2018-19

DATE	PAYMENT	Paying In Slip Ref	DETAILS	PAID IN	BALANCE
01-Mar-18			<b>OPENING BALANCE FINANCIAL YEAR 2017-18</b>		<b>£611.81</b>
26-Mar-18		500035	Various Members Transactions	£56.00	£667.81
			BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD		£667.81
23-Oct-18		500036	Various Members Transactions	£93.00	£760.81
			BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD		£760.81
					£680.16
			BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD		£680.16
					£159.66
23-Nov-18		500037	Various Members Transactions	£191.00	£350.66
			BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD		£350.66
22-Jan-19		500038	Various Members Transactions	£208.00	£558.66
					£308.66
			TOTAL	£548.00	

Approved by C Thomas



18th March 2019

## **Team Report**

### **Devon Under 25 National Double Rink**

Devon played Oxfordshire on the 10 February at Bristol City & County Club winning 51-35. This put Devon into the semi-finals on the 10 March when we played Kent at Bannister Park, Eastleigh. Sadly despite the team's best effort overall Kent proved to be strong and were eventual winners 44-28.

The opportunity is taken to thank all players who have participated in this year's competition. Two members of this year's team namely James Hampton and Ryan Clements will not be eligible in the future since both have reached the age limit.

### **Devon Over 60 Inter County**

Devon played Kent in the semi-finals at Bannister Park, Eastleigh on the 19 February. This was our third consecutive semi-final having previously lost to Kent and Surrey respectively.

Unfortunately as on the two previous occasions we failed to reach the final this time suffering a 107-123 loss.

The selectors would like to take this opportunity to thank all the players who participated in this year's competition.

John Berry (18/3/19)

### **Devon Colts**

As I write this report, Devon Colts have just one more game left in the season. It has been a mixed season in relation to results. However, in other ways it has been a good season.

With the exception of one or two divas, the behaviour and conduct of the team has (so I am told) improved on previous years. I have only had brief dealings with the Colts previously as a father of one of the players and coach of the Plymouth contingent, so the development as far as I have seen has been small, it is reports from others that I can say there have been improvements.

This season we have had to travel a bit more than previous years due to entry into the Under 18s Two Rink Triples. As some of you may know, this was kind of last minute for us and I have to admit that we could have done with some more preparation. Sadly, one player throughout the season let us down quite a few times and we had to call in reserves at very short notice. It did not endear him to me by phoning up on the morning of matches saying he was unwell after he had posted photos on Facebook of him and his friends out partying the night before! Also due to the lateness of the fixtures being confirmed (especially with one certain County) it meant that some weekends meant we were travelling to venues on Saturday and Sunday. Again, not ideal preparations. I hope that next season we have more notice so that we can fit the games in to free weekends that we are not playing so that we can prepare and focus more.

This season I have been able to see first hand, the team that has been passed on to me by Mike and Tracy and as it progressed, I have been able to see the good, bad and ugly in all. This gives me a better idea of what goals to set myself and the team next year. I didn't set any this year as I just wanted to get used to them all.

One thing I would ask you all, is to please go back to your clubs and those who are not here tonight and ask them to contact me with the details of the young people they have of Colts age. I would like sometime before the Colts get together next season to be able to visit most clubs who have youngsters eligible to play for the team to have a look at them and invite them along. I am pretty sure that there are more youngsters available to us than those we have depended upon this season. Like every year, we shall be losing a number of players at the end of the season due to age or moving away to university or other new pastures. It would be good to be able to fill those gaps.

Another thing that has concerned me, and a number of members here, are the varying fees that the young people have been expected to pay this year. Some clubs have been extremely welcoming and in fact have charged us nothing for rink fees or food. Some clubs have charged us minimal fees for rinks and food. A tiny few have charged us what we believe to be expensive fees for rinks and food. When you consider these young people have to travel (in some cases the length and breadth of Devon) and in most cases are of the age that the driving will be dependent on parents who would then have to pay the fees, the day can prove to be expensive. Especially when in some cases a parent has to pay for more than one child. Again, I would ask you to go back to your clubs and ask them to think hard on how much to charge the youngsters, especially if your club don't offer tea or refreshments after a game and expect them to pay £5.00.

Again, I would like to reiterate on my feelings of having a team jacket, as when we recently played Somerset in Taunton earlier this month, they did look very smart and gave the impression of being a team. Sometimes games can be won or lost even before we step on the green. Also in relation to this, it has been noted this year that more of the counties we have played in friendlies or national competitions have in fact got kits similar to ours. Perhaps an Away shirt might be advisable! I understand that both jacket and alternative top would incur costs, but again it is all about looking like a team.

I would sincerely like to thank the members of the committee who have continually supported Diane and I and the team throughout the season. You don't know how sometimes your phone call, text or email has helped us. I know the young people enjoy seeing the support at games too. Just dropping a hint to

you all that next week we are Madeira. It is our last game of the season and after the match and tea, we shall be having a number of presentations. Perhaps if one or more of you are there to support, I might ask you to hand over some prizes!

I have noted that this year some of the young people playing for the Colts don't actually attend any coaching sessions during the week. Although they play in various club, county and national competitions (which is great) I do believe that more coaching could be helpful. Especially when it comes to the noble art of DRAWING! One or two games of ours have been won or lost on last ends and certain players have elected on firing rather than drawing and ultimately cost us the game, even though I advised not to do so. Maybe we could hold a session once a month if their home clubs don't encourage them to attend. Those eligible to play for the Colts in Plymouth have the luxury of a session either on a Thursday for young / less experienced, or Wednesday for older / more experienced.

Thank you again for your support and I hope it continues in the future. Gentle reminder about Madeira next Sunday! Feel free to come along and support the youngsters. Especially as at the moment the car park is being repaired and as such there are no parking fees, so you can park early, stroll along the beach, buy an ice cream, come back to watch the match, enjoy a tea afterwards and then help hand out one or two trophies and prizes!

Nick Oliver (18/3/19)