

PERFORMANCE MANAGER'S REPORT TO
THE SOMERSET BOWLS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
November 2019

INTERNATIONALS for 2019

The SBA had the following players representing Bowls England this season:

Senior Women:	Stef Branfield, Laura Holden, Kirsty Hembrow (reserve)
Senior Men:	James Amery (Reserve)
Junior Men:	Sam Steele

MIDDLETON CUP

The team finished 3rd in their group but was very unfortunate to lose only by a couple of shots in some matches. Good team spirit this year which is a positive for next year.

In view of the fact that Victoria, WSM are unable to host the Middleton Cup for 2020, following discussion with the players it has been agreed that Bristol B.C. will be the venue for 2020.

Following the resignation of Peter Mottram, we will now be looking for a Match Secretary for the Middleton Cup. ANY VOLUNTEERS!!

JOHN'S TROPHY/WALKER CUP

A good campaign from the Johns Trophy and Walker Cup teams this year, but unfortunately we lost at the regional finals stage. Disappointing as the Johns team only lost x 1 shot! Walker Cup - 'did not turn up!!'

Johns Trophy and Middleton Cup 2020 trial nomination forms will be sent out to all clubs in the New Year.

- Please encourage your players to apply as we are always looking for passionate and enthusiastic players who wish to play for SOMERSET. Dates, times and venues for trials and squad days for both Middleton & Johns teams for the 2020 season are on the nomination forms.

NEW UNIFORM (maroon shorts/crops & trousers)

Having kitted out the Amy Rose Team and junior players this year, I am now looking for sponsorship to help kit out the Johns team next year and hopefully the Middleton Cup team in the future. ANY OFFERS of sponsorship will be very welcome.

JUNIOR SECTION

AMY ROSE

We only entered 1 Amy Rose team this year, because of reducing number of girls. The team was in superb form in the earlier rounds at Leamington and reached the final losing to an in-form team from Northamptonshire. Well done girls, but hope to go one step further next year.

NEW UNIFORM

Following an appeal for sponsorship for the Amy Rose team, the whole squad (and management) were kitted out with the new SBA uniform (ie maroon shorts/trousers) and didn't they look smart!!! Thanks go to the sponsors for supporting these girls.

Junior Boys

WHITE ROSE

With the introduction of the new format (one rink, 15 ends with the option of entering 2 teams), unfortunately both White Rose rinks lost at the regional finals. The 'Strikers' (A team) losing in the first round and the 'Sabers' (B team) losing in the final. A disappointing day for the teams, but 'lessons will be learnt'!!

Bowls England sent out a questionnaire to all counties welcoming feedback for the continuation of this inter-county competition for 2020 with 4 possible options to consider. Somerset has voted to revert to the previous format of 2 rinks of 21ends.

South West Region Counties Junior League

It has been agreed by the South West Counties Junior league (Devon, Somerset, Wiltshire, Cornwall and hopefully Dorset) that for 2020 season the format will be in the form of a mixed U31 Top Club. This should make it easier on all counties to field teams and continue to encourage junior bowlers, of both genders, and make it more competitive.

Format: (8 boys & 6 girls)

4-wood boys singles

4-wood girls singles

4-wood girls pairs

Mixed Fours (2 boys & 2 girls)

Mixed Pairs

Men's Fours

U18 SINGLES COMPETITION

Once again another successful day at Ashcombe Park Bowling Club.

Our grateful thanks go to the organisers again assisted by Brian Cracknell together with his helpers and markers for organising this event. Also for the generous donation from Terry Phillips

Finally:

MY GRATEFUL THANKS

I would like to say a very big thankyou to my team for giving up of their time and all the hard work they put in throughout the season to showcase Somerset on the bowls scene.

Also:

Thankyou to the clubs and staff who have hosted our teams throughout the season.

Special thanks to ALL THE SUPPORTERS who have travelled throughout the South West and Leamington to support and encourage our players.

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