

## AGM

SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2021

### REPORT FROM COMPETITION SECRETARY

The year started badly for Competitions with greens not open fully and all our leagues either not played or as friendly games. A headache to try and organise all the competitions to be played ready for the Championships at Leamington was also extremely taxing with restrictions on numbers on greens limited in the early stages.

However, with determination and a lot of changes all the competitions were played, mostly on time. I could have done without criticism, when we were all under a lot of pressure to get our jobs done. But, I believe it goes with the job.

With a fantastic semi-finals hosted at Ashcombe Park, followed a week later with a wet start at for the finals Chewstoke, and equally a great venue, and no complaints!!!

All competitors played to the finals, and at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour BE gave me the forms to register every competitors details. The County gave all Leamington finalists £30 towards their expenses.

The Benevolent Triples was also played at Ashcombe Park in the early stages, and the Finalists Portishead RBL and Bath Ladies played their finals on Finals day, the winners being Portishead RBL. Andrew Chappell was given the winners score cards, and sent them together with a cheque to the BE Women's Benevolent Fund.

The Turnbull cup and Wedmore Plate, Fear Cup and the plate final were played on the same day and Congratulations to Bloomfield BC, beating Ilminster BC . & Portishead RBL beating Ashcombe Ladies.

The Wedmore Plate was won by Taunton BC and runners up Clevedon Promenade BC. The Fear Plate was won by Congresbury and the runner up Taunton BC.

The Southey Trophy was played on 19<sup>th</sup> September, the last of the competitions for 2021, congratulations to Ilminster Ladies. Runners up were Taunton Deane.

I have advised the printers of all the winners, and finalists, and they are at present printing the certificates for presentation at our Lunch.

Barrie has collated all the cups and trophies; I have now sent to Don Bridges all the names for The Roll of Honour leaflet. He informs me that at present he now has 275 names for the lunch, which is a great response.

Stef Branfield will be presented with her BE Trophies at the Lunch, as will the Junior Girls for the Amy Rose trophy, they will be included on the programme.

My thanks to my team, Stef Branfield, Don Dart , and Barrie Dando who makes sure all the trophies are back with us in time for engraving.

The Future :-

In 2023 we will be changing the Unbadged competition to a **Mixed Triples**, as the unbadged competition is now obsolete. The format would be only two of any one gender. (i.e. 2 men 1 lady or 2 ladies and 1 man), all from the same club. It is hoped to bring on new players in your respective clubs, and help bring on new bowlers into our competitions.

All is ready for 2022. It has been a bit of a juggle to get all our Comps in place, not to clash with BE games, and of course the Nationals at Leamington, after a short gap from the Commonwealth games.

I have avoided any county/ national competitions being played on Bank Holidays. Therefore, you will see that The 2 wood competition is in May. **Iminster BC** will host the Men's 2 wood in the Southern region, Bloomfield **BC** the Northern Region, and **Chewstoke BC** will host the Ladies 2 wood.

I only have to secure Neutral Greens for Turnbull, Fear Cup etc. So I have a list of dates which I need to cover, and if any club would like to offer their green, I will get back to you asap.

**The dates are as follows:**

<b>Sunday June 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Under 25's PAIRS FOR BOYS and GIRLS</b>
<b>Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>FEAR CUP/ PLATE SEMI FINALS (2 Greens required)</b>
<b>Sunday August 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>TURNBULL/ WEDMORE SEMI FINALS ( 2 Greens required)</b>
<b>Sunday August 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>TURNBULL/ WEDMORE FINALS</b>
<b>Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>COUNTY SEMI &amp; FINALS DAY</b>

Looking forward to a better start in 2022.

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