

PERFORMANCE MANAGER'S REPORT TO
THE SOMERSET BOWLS ASSOCIATION VIRTUAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
April 2021

Unfortunately due to the COVID-19 pandemic over the last year, there has been no play for any of the teams under my remit, ie Middleton Cup, Johns Trophy, White Rose and Amy Rose. We are ever hopeful that there will be some sort of play for this coming 2021 season, but will need to await the decision from Bowls England, hopefully by the end of March, as to what formats can be played under government guidelines.

However, a full programme for all the above teams has been organised for 2021 with dates and venues confirmed so we are all 'ready to go'. Trial dates and team squad days have also been booked, but a final decision on these games will be made when we have had notification from Bowls England.

Having achieved sponsorship in 2019 for the new uniform (maroon trousers/crops/shorts) for the Johns Trophy team, I am still holding on to the stock awaiting our first get-together.

All British Isles Internationals were cancelled for 2020 and now for 2021 so our SBA players below were unfortunately not able to represent England at these events. Hopefully they will get a re-call for the 2022 season.

INTERNATIONALS

Senior Women: Stef Branfield, Laura Holden, Kirsty Hembrow (reserve)

My grateful thanks go to my Match Secretaries (Brian Pocock, Nancy Winsborough, Peter Bissett and Celia Whitmarsh) for all their work throughout the last year in cancelling and re-arranging matches for their respective teams.

Let's hope for a positive 2021 bowling season with matches under strict Covid and safety guidelines to enable our members to get back onto the bowls green and meet up with our bowling friends.

Take care everyone and remain safe.

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