

Good evening.

Since the last time I spoke with you, we have played our new Under 30's singles competition. We had 12 entries, with the day being a complete success. The standard of play was very high, we played the group stages and the semifinals, with the final being played on finals weekend. This year's final will be contested between Ryan Sears and Kieran Daniels, who both won their respective semi-finals on tie breaks.

Several other players would have played in this event if dates hadn't of clashed with other fixtures, and we have already had good feedback towards next year 's event which we hope will be bigger and better. The planning for next year's event has already started.

We have also played a friendly triples game at Dawlish, which we won, we are grateful for a parent stepping in and also thank Dawlish for loaning us a player. In the week leading up to the game we had 12 players available, but lost five within 24 hours, for one reason or another. February 9th the Colts are playing against The Presidents at Torbay, which we are looking forward to as always.

Sadly, we have had to cancel our friendly fixture against Kingsley on February 23rd, due to insufficient player numbers, due to other fixtures taking place on the same day, meaning our last game of the season will be at Madeira, where we will once again, play for the Keith weeks trophy. Last year the result was a draw, which was very fitting.

We have had some very good conversations with some of our more senior squad members, who will turn out for the Colts next season, when they can and help some of our junior players with their development.

All of the senior players who are prepared to help, have stressed how important the Colts set up is, and without coming through the system, they may not be where they are today as bowls players. So, it is vital that going forward, that each & every one of us, try as hard as we can to increase numbers and keep producing the players of tomorrow.

It is vital that the Clubs and the County, work together on this, so like every year the Colts get together / under 25's trial date will be the first Sunday in October and we would encourage clubs that have eligible players to send them along. This way the younger players get to mix with players of their own ages and represent County.

Thank you.

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Devon colts Managers

Under 18's and Under 25's Managers