

Annual Report of the Activities of the Association
During the 2018/2019 Season
This is the 46th Annual Report of the Association

Membership

The declared Membership for the current year is 1915, a reduction of 50 compared to last year. Every effort is being made by Clubs to reverse the trend and generate new Memberships and retaining existing Members.

Honours & Achievements

National Games

I am sure that you will join me on congratulating Exonia on their achievements in the following National Competitions:-

Denny Cup.....Winners
Mens' Pairs.....Semifinalists
Mens' Triples.....Finalists
Mens' Fours.....Winners
Mixed Pairs.....Winners
Mixed Fours.....Winners
Egham Trophy.....Winners

National U25's

Inter-county.....Losing Semi Finalists
Liberty Cup.....Losing Semi Finalists
O'60s Inter-county.....Losing Semi Finalists
National Interclub Double Rink

Every single Player and Team Manager of the above deserves congratulations on their achievements from our Association.

County Team Competitions organised by Chris Beer and administered by David Butterworth.

County Trophy - Winner: Exonia Runner Up: Torquay Utd

Top Club - Winner: Exonia Runner Up: Plymouth

O'60's County Trophy - Winner: Plymouth Runner Up: Torquay Utd

Charles Parrott Trophy - ISCA v South Hams

Two new Teams from ISCA and Plymouth will enter O'60's League in 2019/2020 Season.

Interclub organised by David Butterworth:-

Division 1. - Winner: Plymouth Runner Up: Exonia

Division 2 - - Winner: ISCA Runner Up: South Hams

County Individual Competitions organised and administered by Kevin Phillips:-

Singles:-	John Kelly (Plymouth)	v	Trevor Edwards (South Hams)
Unbadged Pairs:-	Carl Newman/ Pete Goodwin (ISCA)	v	Pete O'Callaghan/ A Parsons (ISCA)
Triples:-	Kieran Kniverton/ James Hampton/ Rob Paxton (Exonia)	v	G Osborne/ Steve Coles/ Ian Veitch (Honiton)
Under 21 Singles:-	Ella Crouch (Torquay)	v	Conner Fielder (Plymouth)

At time of compiling this report winners of some competitions had not been decided, so we offer congratulations to all who participated in the Finals.

Semi-Finals of Competitions were this year held at ISCA with Finals scheduled for April 14th at Kingsley.

Friendly County & Presidents' Matches

A large programme of games produced a good level of support and enabled us to win more than we lost. The final game against Yorkshire was an outstanding success and enjoyed by all.

Much to Cornwall's chagrin Devon again retained the Westport Trophy for the seventh year in succession.

Devon Colts Managed by Nick & Diane Oliver

Nick & Diane Oliver took over Management of Devon Colts this year. Almost immediately a new competition - National U18's Triples - was sprung upon them by EIBA. This surprise was taken in their stride and congratulations to the Colts and the U18's are due for the way in which they competed and took a giant step towards further progress next year.

The Colts are our future and every encouragement and support must be given from everyone in the Association - Well Done!

County Tour

This year's Tour to Berkshire was thoroughly enjoyed by all and excellently organised and managed by Larry Croxford. Our Group had to look to their laurels as we arrived at each Club a few days after losing to Berkshire in the Liberty. We played at White Knights, Desborough and West Berkshire and our welcome at each was extraordinarily good, as was the visit to Taunton Deane on the way home. This game was especially satisfying as we won our only game on the Tour there.

Next year's Tour is arranged to Hampshire & Dorset, with games arranged at Bournemouth, Dorchester and East Dorset Bowling Clubs with Taunton Deane on the final day of Tour.

General

Chris Beer had a successful year as President and we all owe him a vote of thanks for his supreme efforts.

There were three Executive Meetings held during the year and I wish to thank all Clubs for their support and attendance at these meetings.

After the sad loss of Sue Butterworth and several changes in Executive Officers, we are fortunate in having successors in all Offices.

I assumed the duties of Treasurer for this season and submitted Audited Accounts to AGM. Keith Weeks assumed the mantle of Match Secretary and has made a good job of it. Tony Davies became Fixture Secretary and has fulfilled his duties admirably.

David Butterworth was appointed Website Manager and it is a tribute to David & Sue that input and output from the Website has increased.

I, as Secretary, thank all Officers for their help and invaluable support throughout the season and beyond. I include the outgoing Secretary in my thanks, especially in order to make the Secretarial succession appear seamless.

The 2018 AGM ratified the amendments to competition rules and dissolution clause in Constitution. The working party reviewing Clause 8 (County Badge Qualification) submitted a report to the Executive Meetings and their recommendations were approved. This will now be ratified at the 2019 AGM, for inclusion as revised rule in our Constitution.

Dress code continues to be a 'thorn in the side', but I am pleased that all County Games were played in County shirts and Presidents' games are moving that way. A new jacket has been designed and produced and is beginning to sell very well. Your Secretary intends to set up a working party to discuss dress code and hopes to achieve a good age mix in this Group and then to produce a dress code acceptable for all to adhere to.

The effects of GDPR continue to reverberate around us, but urge all to remember that this is a "Law of the Land" that we have to adhere to and we, as an Association, must be seen to be taking all reasonable steps to do so.

I would like to end this report by once again thanking the Presidential Team, the County Officers and Administrators, the Team Managers and those such as George Taylor (who I do not apologise for naming as his role is crucial in our Organisation) for their hard work over the past year. Their commitment and efforts provide a solid rock for the ongoing success of our Association.

I thank all incoming Officers for their support in putting their names forward for these Offices and wish them well and all success.

I close by reminding everyone in our Association of the ongoing need for people to put their names forward to serve as Officers and Administrators in order to continue our success.

**KEN BRENCHLEY
DCIBA SECRETARY
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