

PERFORMANCE MANAGER'S REPORT TO
THE SOMERSET BOWLS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
November 2018

INTERNATIONALS for 2018

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

Senior Women: Stef Branfield, Laura Holden
Senior Men: James Amery (Reserve)
Junior Women: Laura Holden
Junior Men: Sam Steele
U18 mixed: Imogen Cracknell

MEN & WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL TRIALS (September 2018) FOR 2019 SERIES

Senior Women: Stef & Laura have been selected. Kirsty Hembrow (Reserve)
Senior Men: James Amery (Reserve)

BOWLS ENGLAND U18 ACADEMY

After trials at Leamington Spa Imogen Cracknell and Oli Collins have been selected for this Academy.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE ABOVE PLAYERS

U18 SINGLES COMPETITION

Our grateful thanks go to Averill Goacher, Brian Cracknell together with their helpers and markers for organising another successful event at Ashcombe Park B.C. Also for the generous donation from Terry Phillips.

MIDDLETON CUP

Cornwall topped our South West Group with Somerset finishing in 2nd place.

Balcomb Trophy: SBA v Worcs. - Unfortunately a disappointing result where one rink couldn't hold back international Andy Walters who was in terrific form throughout the whole game. Result: 19-42

For the 2019 season Dave Alder has been appointed Team Manager for the Middleton Cup and Balcomb Trophy

JOHNS TROPHY

After winning all of our group matches, the final game v Wiltshire was going to be the winner takes all for the Q/F. Unfortunately we lost this match.

Walker Cup: After a positive season we qualified for the semi-finals at Royal Leamington Spa but unfortunately failed at this hurdle!! Thanks go to all the supporters who attended this day to support and encourage the girls in extremely hot weather.

Unfortunately our Team Manager, Hilary May, is still undergoing further treatment and we are not sure what will happen for 2019. Joan Rixson has been Acting Team Manager for this year but the decision on the future of the Manager's position will be made at the beginning of next season.

Johns Trophy and Middleton Cup 2019 trial nomination forms have been sent to all clubs - please encourage your clubs to get 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 2019 season are on the nomination forms.

JUNIOR SECTION

Junior Boys

Matt Hamilton the newly appointed Junior Boy's Team Manager with Peter Bissett as Assistant/Match Secretary have worked well together this season and have plans for the future development of this section.

In view of some counties not able to field 8 players in the White Rose competition, Bowls England have now implemented a single rink competition instead of the existing double rink. However, counties can enter 2 teams which we have done so. Unfortunately we have also been informed that this competition will now be over 15 ends and not 21 as in the past which I am sure the boys will be disappointed with.

Junior Girls

Amy Rose Teams: Again we entered 2 teams this year. The 'Wurzels' reached the 3rd round and the 'Scrumpies' (younger members), although lacking in experience, fought hard against a team fielding 6 internationals!! In view of some of our players unable to attend the National Championships at Leamington Spa at short notice, which caused a stressful situation for the Team Manager, we will probably only enter one team for the 2019 season. The Assistant Match Secretary (Mary Sutton) has decided to stand down for 2019 but Jenny Tibbs has agreed to take over this role. Our grateful thanks go to Mary for all her hard work and support throughout the years she has been with the girls.