



Newsletter of the EBUA

Winter 2011

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Secretary's Report

At the Executive Council meeting held at Leamington Spa on the 3rd December, I was given the go ahead to pursue a new way of funding Umpires expenses. To that end, I have set aside 2012 so that I can visit County Secretaries and Treasurers to establish donations, funding, expenses, or whatever. The EBUA has never approached the Counties in the past to establish funding for the service we provide as umpires.

In the current economic climate, we are finding umpires claiming for travelling expenses when they haven't done so in the past. Quite clearly the cost of fuel is having an impact.

Surprisingly, we do not need a lot of money, just a little from all Counties and or Clubs to enable us to provide a service. The money the association gets at the moment is very well managed by our treasurer. He ensures no money is wasted and is available for our members.

It is clear that many of the Controlling Bodies have no idea of the amount an umpire donates to bowling. We umpire first

because we really enjoy it, and many because they want to put back something into the sport they have so much pleasure in.

If we meet with Counties and try to work out a package it will be something all parties will understand. As it is there are so many opinions about covering an umpire's expense from offering nothing to some generous help.

The executive also accepted the report I made as a way forward part of which is to have areas become autonomous. This will mean the EBUA executive will give the opportunity to areas to have a say in how they structure themselves. It's quite clear that there are differences in each area and although each area has representation at all executive meetings, decisions made here are often a fit all rule. With the area autonomous it will be able to tweak guidelines to suit their area.

Your area secretary, zone rep was at the last meeting where the things I mentioned were discussed in full. They will be able to give you a more detailed account of the

planned future and how it will benefit your area.

Rick Moore

Avenue Bowling Club

The Executive Committee would like to extend their sincere thanks to Avenue BC in Leamington Spa for allowing us to hold our Executive Meeting there on December 3rd when the Royal Leamington Spa BC were unable to find space for us on that date.

We received a warm reception with tea, coffee and biscuits to start off the day. At lunchtime, they provided us with ham and cheese rolls with a further supply of tea, coffee and biscuits.

We greatly appreciated their hospitality and look forward to using their facilities again in the future.



We wish all our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

South East Area

The start of the Indoor season has inevitably seen all of our umpires stretched and they try to cope with the multitude of National competitions that are thrown at us at this time of year. I must thank all of the willing volunteers and especially the county coordinators and zone reps for organising the duties.

South Western Area

We have lost the services of two County Coordinators, Charles Ford and Brian Light. Both have done sterling work for the Association and we wish them well in the future. They are replaced by Mike Francis and Angie Watkins, with grateful thanks.

Workshops have taken place in Bodmin and Taunton as a result of which we are pleased to welcome nine new

Eastern Area Report

We lost the services of Rae Knights as Coordinator for Hertfordshire and Roy Himpleman is standing down at the ends of the Indoor season in Norfolk. I would like to thank them both for their efforts over the years.

Fortunately, we had two volunteers to take over in Hertfordshire. Terry Whitebread is looking after the Indoor fixtures and Ray Smith is going to be doing the Outdoor fixtures next year. If anyone is interested in taking on the Coordinator role in Norfolk please talk to myself or Roy in the first instance to find out what the role entails.

We have run two successful training weekends since the last Newsletter was issued. One in Cambridge in June and at the end of November at Tye Green in Harlow.

Midlands Area

We ran a small workshop for Club Umpires at Leicester in October where all four candidates successfully completed the appropriate module and were presented with their certificates. We welcome Stewart Barton, (Warwick's), Ken Bick, (Worc's), Anthony Carter (Worc's) & Dr John Scott (Linc's) to our Association. Our next major Workshop will be at Leicester (Slater St.) IBC on Saturday 28th April 2012 & Sunday 29th April 2012 – the weekend following the AGM.

Those requiring attendance should have received their invitation prior to reading this newsletter.

This will be one of the biggest Workshops we have run as around 50 people are theoretically due to attend,

A very well attending meeting of south east umpires was held in September. Updates on the association business and training & development were provided. We had a discussion about the future structure of the area and some interesting discussions about the Laws of the Sport. Thanks to Wey Valley IBC for hosting the meeting and providing an excellent lunch.

Allan Thornhill

members. The next one will be in Tiverton on 31st March.

We were pleased to have the National Secretary, Rick Moore, attend our Annual Meeting in October.

Umpires were supplied to PBA Tournaments in Poole and Bournemouth.

John Davies

I would like to thank all the people involved in making these two events successful. We have 5 new Club Umpires, 4 new National Umpires, 3 new Regional umpires and many people undertook their 4 year retests. The new system introduced at the beginning of the year seems to have been well received and several umpires have been in touch commenting on how good the seminar was and offering their services to assist at future events.

The only disappointment has been umpires turning down invitations to attend the seminars, whose certificates have expired or will expire at the end of this year and whose membership will be terminated.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Trevor Hackett

although I know that a few have decided to "hand in their measures" for various regions, one being "Anno Domini"!

Our sincere thanks go to Harold Palmer and the Leicester IBC for their help in running these Workshops.

Please be advised that the new rates for straightforward retests is now £20.00 and upgrades are £20.00 and not as you may previously been advised.

Those of you who have been Club umpires for more than a year may consider using this opportunity to upgrade, even though your certificate may still have some time to run. If so, please download the appropriate form from the EBUA Website or through your County Coordinators. A point of warning to all

(Midlands Area Continued)

retests & upgrades is that your umpires kit is part of the test and the inability to make a decision through lack of the appropriate equipment in your kit will result in a failure.

Mirrors for line measurements are considered unacceptable. Will your kit allow you to make a measure beyond the normal box measure limits? Do you have a "blind spot" between maximum feeler width & minimum caliper width? Can you measure to a jack in the ditch? All quite important as it is no good saying to the players that if only I had the right equipment, I could have measured that!!

To date, this Indoor season has, if anything, been quieter than last year. Again the reason is primarily financial. They all want umpires but we still have to find a way of recompensing them. Hopefully, we should have some answers here before the AGM.

I already have a number of requests in for next

summer's Outdoor competitions, I wonder if the Indoor people will ever get as prepared. They invariably turn up as last minute requests.

We are hosting the Under 25's singles finals (Men & Women) at Rugby in January so this should be worth watching.

For sets play, which this will be, the variances from the PBA Rules people find confusing. Why we need two sets of Rules for sets play is beyond me. I suspect the "Not invented here" syndrome! We already have had instances of umpires applying Rules incorrectly. The Golden Rule is "Read and understand fully the Rules of Competition BEFORE the match".

May we take this opportunity to wish all umpires and their families a very good Christmas and the kind of New Year which you would hope for.

Brian P. Burton

National Development Officer

A number of successful workshops and assessments have been held around the country.

It is clear that new candidates are arriving for examination more prepared than previously thanks to the Module Workbook and the Training Material they receive prior to attending.

Umpires attending the workshop and taking a re-assessment have on the whole been successful but again it is clear which umpires have put in the time to prepare.

I was pleased to have passed my 4 year retest examination in November despite getting a couple of questions wrong!!

The Home Study Manuals and accompanying DVD continue to sell very well and are available directly from the EBUA Website where they can be purchased using a credit or debit card.

We have a number of new examiners and training personnel around the country and they have all been put through their paces and are now part of the growing team.

May I thank everyone involved in the process for their help and support.

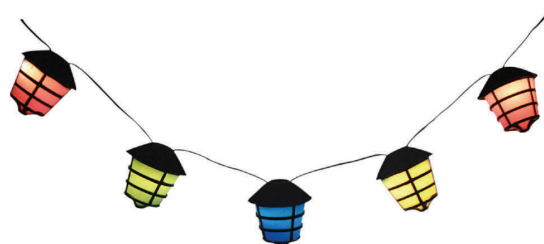
The next stages of the programme are to develop the

umpiring assessment video, which as a concept has proved very popular – we just need to improve the quality of it.

Following that, the Markers course needs to be developed so that we can separate that from the umpire's workshop and make it more comprehensive.

The Executive Committee are already aware that I have declared my intention not to stand for re-election at the 2012 This is due to increased work and family commitments and I will not bore you with the details here My involvement from now will unfortunately be minimal as a new position and projects at work have already started eating into my time.

Allan Thornhill



Umpires Matches

May I wish all our members a very happy Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year. The 2012 Match sheet for indoor matches is attached to this newsletter. Please print this off and choose matches to play in. You can either email your choice to me or send it in the post. Just send the slip on the right hand side and keep the dates and addresses of your choices. It would be nice if you could bring another umpire or indeed a friend to travel with you. It doesn't matter that you don't play indoors. Everyone one enjoys getting together with other umpires and it is nice to play instead of officiate.

You will note the matches are all in the New Year. So many umpires play in competitions, or indeed umpire these matches, that I have found the January February dates more popular.

Next year we have been challenged to a one-off OUTDOOR game at Lodge. This will be 6 rinks and I will be relying on you all to pull the stops out and play in this celebration game. Please let me know you can come, and of course your favourite position in the rink.

The Bowling Club is Kettering Lodge B.C.
(telephone No 01536 512763)

Northampton Road, Kettering, NN15 7JU

**THURSDAY 21ST JUNE 2012, 2 PM FOR
2.30 START.**

The meal will be salad and hot potatoes followed by a sweet.

I regret that I have tendered my resignation as from the 2012 Annual General Meeting. I have greatly enjoyed my time as your match secretary, but I think it time to hand over to someone with more energy and some new ideas. However, I will still be coming to matches, so it will not be 'goodbye'.

Best wishes
Eileen Haddleton (Mrs)
(email: eileen.haddleton@btinternet.com)

31, Freame Way, Gillingham, Dorset SP8 4RA

Tele: 01747 824334)



Dress Code

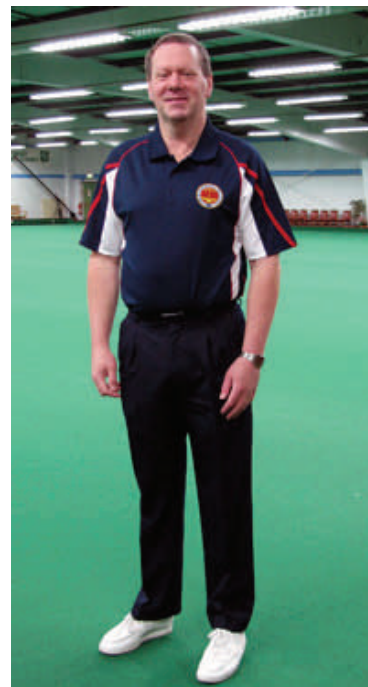
We have been asked to specify what the new dress code should be for those umpires that have changed over to the new uniform. So to clarify this, the actual dress code is:

Navy Blue Trousers
Navy Blue Shirt - obtained from the EBUA
White shoes
White or Blue socks
The Association can also supply a fleece and baseball cap if required

Some umpires have decided to wear a blazer, white shirt and tie for the meals after the match so that they are dressed in a similar style to the players. We have been asked if we could supply a tie with the new badge on it. The costs involved in producing a new tie are being investigated and we hope to be able to make an informed decision at the next Executive Committee meeting in March.

BEWARE

We have heard that some people have had their own Navy Blue shirts made and are trying to purchase a badge to sew onto them. May we remind everyone that the only approved Navy Blue shirt that you can wear is the one supplied by Karen Wood via the Association web site.



Training Manual & DVD

There have been several training workshops held throughout the country from the beginning of April to the end of November and it has become apparent that all those candidates that have read the new Training Manual and watched the new DVD are far better prepared for the seminar.

All new candidates attending the courses to take their Club Umpire Assessment seem to be better prepared and more informed that those umpires coming back to take their 4 year retests.

It has therefore been recommended that all umpires should have a copy of the Training Manual and DVD in their Umpires kit and this may well be looked for when your umpires kit is assessed as part of your 4 year retest workshop and examination.

Training & Procedures Manuals

Many people have been asking what they need to do to upgrade to National or Regional Umpire or what happens during their 4 year retest seminar. All these questions can be answered by referring to the Training and Development Manuals on the website.

Logon to www.ebua.org.uk and click on the Umpire Training tab. This takes you to a page titled National Training Programme.

Here you will find three PDF documents dealing with Training and Development that you can either download them onto your PC or print them directly from the website.

Ray White

Ray White resigned as Chairman at the August Executive meeting after many years in this role. He had wanted to stand down for a couple of years but had been persuaded to continue.

He also thought he had achieved what he set out to do and that was to take us into unification and to a unified association, this he did.

I don't think we would have achieved it as easy as we did without Ray; he chaired meetings quite firmly keeping us all on the task to hand. To be a good chairman you have to be firm, a bully and compassionate, with lots of common sense, Ray had these attributes in buckets full.

He will be missed as chairman and mentor to many of us me in particular, he has on many occasions had a chat with me to encourage me in tempering my

thoughts and actions. I will miss Ray immensely, he has been the one constant during the years I have worked with him.

Hopefully I will see Ray from time to time something I will look forward to.

On behalf of the association thank you for all the time and effort you devoted to the EBUA, and from those to whom you became a friend you will be sadly missed as chairman.

Rick Moore

(Ed. Mavis Wellington, Deputy Chairman has taken the chair at the Executive Meetings since Ray stepped down.)

Essex Umpires Fixture

Each year at the beginning of December the umpires in Essex play an indoor fixture against Essex County Indoor Bowling Association. This year was no exception so on December 6th we all descended upon Ilford IBC who host the event.

The game was played in great spirit and the umpires gave the County a good run for their money. With three rinks completed the score was 64 - 64. Unfortunately the forth rink lost by 17 shots.

Last year we lost by 45 shots so we have managed to improve a little. Unfortunately, this year, we had to find 7 players from outside the Association to play for us.

If anyone wishes to play for us next December at Ilford IBC let me know and I will make sure that you receive all details nearer the time..

Trevor Hackett



Child Protection

If any one feels that they need a CRB check completed they should first contact Carol Watt-Sullivan via email at: sullivan.carol@tpsconsult.co.uk or by telephone on: 020 8650 7424

Training Price Increases

Following a review of all the costs associated with running the training courses, including manuals and DVDs and the revenue received from upgrades, retests and potential umpires it was agreed that the cost of training should be increased.

With effect from the 1st January 2012, the following charges will apply:

Retests	£20.00
Upgrades	£20.00
Potentials	£45.00

If you have already applied to upgrade, you will not need to make up the difference to £20.00.

Umpires Expenses

The EBUA will pay Umpires travelling expenses for the following events:

Outdoors

The Association will pay 25p per mile for:

1. Major County Competitions finals day
2. Major quarter finals to semi-finals, with complete use of the greens, which result in playing in the National Finals
3. Middleton Cup & Johns Trophy, all rounds, 2 umpires for each

Indoors

The Association will pay 25p per mile for travelling for:

1. As 1 and 2 above
2. All "Cups", "Plates" & Trophies" from quarter final up. Until then local umpires to be used, And no travelling will be paid
3. Atherley & Liberty Trophy, all rounds 2 Umpires for each

The Association will not fund Inter county competitions (unless they fall under the criteria already specified above) nor "local" county leagues.

New National Development Officer

The news that Allan Thornhill is standing down as National Development Officer due to work commitments is good news for Allan and we all wish him well on his promotion. Allan's decision nevertheless creates new challenges for the Association.

Allan together with the Development Committee has worked tirelessly to develop and deliver the training programme which is the envy of many other governing bodies.

I have been approached by representatives of the Executive Committee to continue the establishment and development of the training programme and to take on the role of National Development Officer. I hope that I can balance my work obligations to deliver similar levels of commitment and quality to those shown by Allan. Some of you may know me from my current work as Training Administrator and others may have worked with me on the green at various matches. I hope that over the next few months I will become known to more of you.

The post of National Development Officer is normally appointed at the AGM and therefore any member who wishes to take on this role can put their name forward.

The Executive Committee is able to co-opt in the absence of the AGM in such situations that have arisen due to Allan's decision.

As an Association, we have a solid base to work from with the new training modules and workshops being rolled out in the last few months. I am anxious that the already high reputation of the Association continues to rise by our participation and support for the sport of bowls through our umpiring and marking duties.

I, together with the Development Committee will be reviewing the Development Programme to see how it is working, how it can be improved and how we as umpires, new and experienced, are benefitting from the programme. Nothing is set in stone and we all have the ability to learn from the experiences of others.

I am open to any constructive comments and feedback from umpires of all categories so that we can be confident that the standards of marking and umpiring continue to be recognised for their quality and we can be proud of our Association and the envy of others.

Bob Penny

ENGLISH BOWLS UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

**ENGLISH INDOOR BOWLING ASSOCIATION
OVER 60's NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
MELTON MOWBRAY 2012**

MARKERS: DATES AND TIME REQUIREMENTS FOR SINGLES EVENT

Saturday 25th February 2012

9.00am.....8 Markers Req

6.00pm.....8 Markers Req

Sunday 26th February 2012

1.30pm.....8 Markers Req.

**Return this form when completed
not later than
Sunday 12th February 2012**

To:-
**RICK MOORE.
22. GREENWOOD ROAD.
LEICESTER,
LE5 4NH**

As will be seen the number of duties to be covered are rather minimal, so there will not be much scope for many members:-

But please do not let that put you off from volunteering

Name

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Address

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Post Code..... Tel No

E.I.B.A will pay £5 per session

ENGLISH BOWLS UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

ENGLISH INDOOR BOWLING ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

NOTTINGHAM 2012

MARKERS: DATES AND TIME REQUIREMENTS FOR SINGLES EVENT

Thursday 29th March 2012

9.30am.....8 Markers Req

12.30pm.....8 Makers Req

3.30pm.....8 Markers Req.

6.30pm.....8 Markers Req

**Return this form when completed
not later than
Sunday 11th February 2012**

To:-

RICK MOORE.

22. GRENWOOD DRIVE.

LEICESTER,

LE5 4NH

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English Bowls Umpires Association							Umpires Matches 2012	
Matches 2012							Send this section to Eileen	
Dress: Umpires' uniform—white below waist							Keep the rest for your info.	
Preston	Brighton BN1 6SA	Monday	30/1/12	1.30 pm	6 rinks	£10.00	Preston 30/1/12	
Stone Lodge	Dartford DA2 6PD	Saturday	11/2/12	1.30 pm	6 rinks	£10.00	Stone Lodge 11/2/12	
Victoria IBC	Street BA16 0HB	Wednes	15/2/12	1.30 pm	3 rinks	£7.00	Victoria 15/2/12	
Adur	Brighton BN42 4NT	Tuesday	21/2/12	1.45 pm	4 rinks	£10.00	Adur 21/2/12	
Padbrook Park	Cullompton EX15 1RU	Sunday	4/3/12	1.30 pm	3 rinks	£7.00	Padbrook 4/3/12	
East Dorset IBC	Christchurch BH23 1HW	Wednes	7/3/12	1.00 pm	6 rinks	£10.00	East Dorset 7/3/12	
Angel	Tonbridge TN9 1QH	Saturday	10/3/12	1.30 pm	6 rinks	£10.00	Angel 10/3/12	
Wealden	Maresfield TN22 2HN	Wednes	14/3/12	1.45 pm	6 rinks	£10.00	Wealden 14/3/12	
Kingsthorpe	Northampton NN2 8DZ	Wednes	28/3/12	1.30 pm	4 rinks	£10.00	Kingsthorpe 28/3/12	
<i>Kettering Lodge Tele 01536 512763</i>	<i>Northampton Road Kette- ring NN15 9RG</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>21/6/12</i>	<i>2.30 pm</i>	<i>6 rinks</i>	<i>£10.00</i>	<i>Kettering Lodge 21/6/12</i>	
<p>Hi</p> <p>Good News – we have been challenged by Kettering Lodge Outdoor Bowling Club for a game. The address is Northampton Road, Kettering, NN15 9RG. This is just one match because the President of the Club is an umpire. Let's pull out all the stops for this one game!</p> <p>Other than Street in Somerset and Padbrook Park in Devon, we are failing to get sufficient members to commit to our matches indoors. Please spread the word that these are an enjoyable experience and that all members can play, regardless of whether they play indoors.</p> <p>Perhaps you could encourage your fellow umpires in your area to double up with transport and come to have fun. You can apply to me by email if you wish and I look forward to seeing you in the 2012.</p> <p>As in the past, if a friend comes with you, please ask them to bring shoes and bowls as they may be able to help us out and play in the game. (It would also help if you brought 3 bowls with you in case).</p> <p>Please keep this sheet and don't forget to enter your choice in your new diary.</p> <p>Mrs Eileen Haddleton, (Match Secretary EBUA) 31 Freame Way, Gillingham, Dorset, SP8 4RA. (01747 824334) Email: eileen.haddleton@btinternet.com</p>							<p>Name:</p> <p>Address:</p> <p>Postcode:</p> <p>Telephone:</p> <p>Email:</p> <p>Preferred position:</p>	
2012MatchSheet								

If you have received this newsletter by snail mail, and you now have a computer, and you have an e-mail address please send the following message to: findellvernon@yahoo.co.uk
"my name is..... and this is my e-mail address.

AND FINALLY

2012 SUBSCRIPTIONS

IT'S ME AGAIN, 2012 SUBS ARE DUE ON THE 1ST JANUARY 2012.

THERE ARE 4 WEEKS LEFT AFTER THAT DATE TO GET THEM PAID, OTHERWISE MEMBERS WILL BE DELETED FROM THE MEMBERSHIP LIST ON THE 31ST JANUARY. THIS ONLY REFERS TO ABOUT 200 MEMBERS AS OVER 500 HAVE ELECTED TO PAY BY S.O. AND OVER 200 HAVE PAID IN ADVANCE.

SO TO THOSE WHO PAY ANNUALLY BY CHEQUE PLEASE WOULD YOU CONSIDER PAYING BY S.O.?

VERNON FINDELL "SCROOGE" TREASURER

2012 SUBSCRIPTIONS

