



CHAMPIONS! SCOTLAND WIN THE 2016 BIWBC INTERNATIONAL SERIES AT SIGHTHILL IN EDINBURGH

Bowls Scotland Newsletter



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Dear all,

July has come around quick once again and the focus has now moved to Northfield as the Scottish bowling community gets set for the 2016 National Championships.

The National Centre at Northfield has been a hive of activity in recent weeks as work commissioned by South Ayrshire Council gets underway in making essential improvements to the greens and surrounding areas. Bowls Scotland staff also look forward to having a new office at the Centre.

As key stakeholders in our organisation, we want to keep you informed and up to date with all the fantastic initiatives, opportunities, events and competitions which are happening within our sport throughout Scotland and beyond and we ask that you share this with other individuals within the bowling community.

Our Try Bowls campaign is now well underway and the Development Team are now undertaking initial research to gain feedback from our Try Bowls clubs. With the summer months ahead and schools now closing for summer the

team would like to remind clubs that this is a perfect opportunity to run a Try Bowls event in your local community.

Entries are now closed for the Super Series 2016. We have seen entries from across Scotland and Regional Draws will be announced very soon. Planning is now well underway for the National Championships as we look to build on past success and deliver a fantastic event for all to enjoy.

Our High Performance squad are now back on home soil and looking ahead to the World Championships which will take place later this year in New Zealand. With a recent Squad Day providing the perfect platform to remind players of the up and coming Commonwealth Games selection, players are now training and practicing hard ahead of a planned Test Event in September which is the last selection event for the World Championships in November. The Commonwealth Games Selection Criteria period will commence on 1st September.



BIWBC: Scotland seize victory!

The BIWBC Ladies International Team were crowned champions of the BIWBC International Series.

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John Price resigns as HP Coach

John Price has resigned with immediate effect from his post as High Performance Coach due to personal circumstances.

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Development

Try Bowls

5 clubs are receiving Level 1 support from West Regional Development Officer Laura Kerr. They ran Try Bowls sessions around the launch weekend resulting in 33 potential new members across these clubs.

Try Bowls Success Story: Stepps Tigers Roaring Again

Stepps Tigers are the Junior Section of Stepps Bowling Club and launched in June 2014.

The club provides bowls coaching throughout the bowling season for boys and girls aged 8-15 years.

The club aims to improve sporting opportunities, particularly for children and works tirelessly to continually grow and develop its links with the Stepps community.

Last season the club supported the local GlasBOWL 2015 initiative which encourages local primary schools to get involved in lawn bowls and compete for the GlasBOWL trophy. Stepps Primary school took part in last year's GlasBOWL competition and with the support of the Stepps Tigers team achieved 2nd place in their first season.

Membership for the year at Stepps Tigers is just £27 which includes indoor monthly



sessions throughout the winter sessions. Children and parents are encouraged to come down to the club each Sunday morning to give bowls a go. Information about the club can be found on the club website: stepsbowlingclub.co.uk. Stepps Tigers can be found on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram

This season The Tigers will be playing a boys and girls championship, running parent and child coaching and competitions and organising another successful race night to raise funds for the club. The club will have its usual recruitment drive at the Stepps Primary Summer Fair on Saturday June 4th. Children are loving playing bowls which supports Bowls Scotland's #lovebowls and #trybowls campaigns.

TRY BOWLS CLUBS

Over 250 clubs have signed up to our Try Bowls campaign, if you know of any clubs who would like to sign up please contact:

WEBSITE:

<http://www.bowlscotland.com/development/member-recruitment>

Community Outreach

Regional Development Officer, Laura Kerr, recently attended the *Strathaven Festival of Sport* over 3 days where in excess of 400 people tried the sport. With the help of Strathaven BC and Linda Brennan, Laura ran the event using BowlsParc and Bowls Scotland's Bannerzone. Strathaven BC gained 6 potential new adult members from the day.

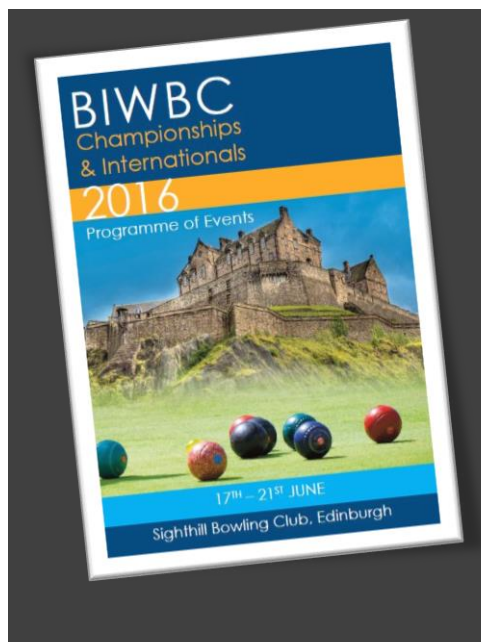
Funding

In the West and South West Regions Blantyre BC have recently been awarded £27,000 from Viridor Environmental Fund to help towards the cost of renovating the car park and Prestwick Howie have been awarded £8,450 from Awards For All for equipment, bowls and shoes to boost their junior programme.

Job Role: Club Development Coordinator

East Lothian Indoor Bowling Club is currently recruiting a Club Development Coordinator after receiving Direct Club Investment from sport Scotland. The post holder will work with local outdoor clubs and key partners across the local authority to boost participation in the sport and ultimately grow membership in the indoor club.

Competition and Events



BIWBC INTERNATIONAL SERIES 2016



Champions!

BIWBC

Congratulations to the 2016 Ladies International team who recently competed against another 4 nations and came out champions, winning the 2016 BIWBC International Series.

The BIWBC International Series took place at Sighthill Bowling Club in Edinburgh and our ladies performed extremely well on home turf, making it a clean sweep by winning all 4 matches with a fantastic 14 shot lead.

The BIWBC Junior Internationals will take place on the 23rd/ 24th July at Bridgend, Wales.

BIBC

The BIBC International Series took place at Llandrindod Wells in Wales and upon facing tough competition Team Scotland lost out and Team England took home the winner's trophy.

Junior Trials will take place on 17th July at Blackford Bowling Club. Those successful will play in the BIBC International Competition in Elgin on 10th and 11th September. Good luck to all taking part in the trial!

Super Series 2016

Entries closed for the Scottish Super Series 2016 on 30th June.

Regional Draws will be announced in due course.

Regional Qualifier Venues can be found on our website:

<http://www.bowlsscotland.com/super-series/scottish-super-series-2016-regional-qualifier-venues>

National Championships

All District Finals are now complete and we look forward to welcoming players, officials, partners and spectators to Northfield for this year's National Championships.

We would like to thank all individuals who have volunteered to help at this year's Nationals and are certain that with your help the competition will be yet again a memorable event for all bowls enthusiasts to enjoy.

During this year's National Championships we will be running a Social Media campaign using the hashtag #Northfield2016. We want you to get involved and will be running a photo competition with prizes up for grabs for the best selfies and photos over the week! Post them on your Facebook page and tag Bowls Scotland or tweet us them on twitter and use the hashtag #Northfield2016.

Scottish Youth Bowling Association

Monday 25th July 2016

National Championships 2016

Tuesday 26th – Sunday 31st July 2016

****Please note that the days for next year's Nationals Championships have been amended and the competition will take place from Monday 24th July - Saturday 29th July 2017.**

Tier 3 Ranking Competitions

Applications can still be sent in for approval for our Bowls Scotland Tier 3 Ranking Competitions. Currently 25 competitions have been approved from various areas throughout Scotland. Ranking points will be updated on the Bowls Scotland website on an ongoing basis.

Check out the up and coming Tier 3 Approved Competitions on our website: http://www.bowlsscotland.com/fixtures_results/tier-3-competitions

High Performance

It is with sadness that we announce that John Price has resigned from his role as Bowls Scotland High Performance Coach due to personal circumstances.

We are implementing a contingency plan in consultation with sportscotland as the team prepare for the World Championships.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information on the High Performance Squads visit:

<http://www.bowlsscotland.com/performance/high-performance-squad>

Marketing and Communications

Newsletters

The Bowls Scotland E-Newsletter has now been launched with regular installments being sent out full of important news and updates from Bowls Scotland.

We are encouraging all members to sign up to the online Newsletter as we use it as another way of communicating with our valued members.

The sign up option is now available on the front page of our website: www.bowlsscotland.com



Bowls: Not 'just a sport for old people'

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This week a young bowler shared a fantastic piece on Social Media explaining how she often gets questioned around her decision to play a "sport for old people". Tracey then went on to explain her reasons for playing bowls which we wanted to share with you as a fantastic testament to the inclusive nature of our sport.

"Bowls is a great and friendly sport, not a lot of people know how to play it or even understands how to play, and I get asked 24/7 why do you play a sport like that it's for old people? Since when is any sport for a certain age range! Anyone can play it, I gave up football to play bowls for the specific reason I didn't have any time for bowls as well as football and I enjoyed bowls better so if anyone out there wonders why young people play the reason is because it's an enjoyable game and you don't need to be old to play it."

Head Office

It is with regret that we announce that after a sudden illness, Development Administrator John Grant passed away on 9th July 2016.

For those unfamiliar with John, as Bowls Scotland Development Administrator, he was responsible for carrying out Disclosure Checks, organising and administering Coach Education Courses, supporting the Try Bowls campaign and laterally becoming Office Manager where he supported and led the office staff. John was also heavily involved in the delivery of the AGM and the Coaching and Club Development Conference.

The Board and all Bowls Scotland staff are deeply saddened at John's passing. He was a much loved and valued colleague and friend to all within Bowls Scotland.

We wish to send our sincerest condolences to the family of John Grant, our thoughts are with them all at this time.



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