



Bowls Scotland Newsletter



SCOTTISH SUPER SERIES 2016

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Dear all,

As we head into September and the final month of the outdoor season, we would like to reflect on another fantastic season where we witnessed first class bowling, national success and successful membership drives.

As key stakeholders in our organisation, we have been sending you regular Newsletters to keep you informed and up to date with all the fantastic initiatives, opportunities, events and competitions happening within our sport throughout Scotland and beyond. We will continue to send these newsletters throughout the Winter months and ask that you share these with your contacts within the bowling community.

Our Try Bowls campaign has once again been a fantastic success with clubs across Scotland welcoming new members as a result of their Try Bowls events. The Development Team are now analyzing feedback from Try Bowls clubs to understand how the campaign can be further enhanced.

The Scottish Super Series ran once again over August and September and it was a real testament to the forward thinking

competition to see bowlers of different ages coming from across Scotland to go head to head on the greens at Kelvingrove. The National Championships were once again the focus of the bowling community in July and did not disappoint with bowlers descending on Northfield to play, support and spectate in the pinnacle of club competitions.

With the return of David Gourlay to the High Performance Squad, the players are now well into preparations for the World Championships which will take place in Christchurch, New Zealand this November. Ahead of this players will face tough opposition on 24th/25th September as they play a test event against Wales at West Lothian Indoor Bowling Club.

Future stars of the sport will also have the opportunity to come together and battle it out on the greens at Northfield on Saturday 17th September in the first Regional Academy competition.



Scottish Super Series 2016 Champions

Check out who claimed victory in the Pairs and Singles disciplines of the Tier 1 competition!

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David Gourlay Returns as HP Coach

Hear what David has to say about his return to Bowls Scotland as High Performance Coach.

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Development

Try Bowls

Try Bowls Success Story: Dovecot Park BC

Fantastic work by Dovecot Park Bowling Club this season who have taken bowls out into their local community.

Dovecot Park have had a successful season and in particular with regards to their Try Bowls recruitment drive.

The club used their initiative to take our sport out into the community and attended a few gala days in the local area. Taking along the innovative Bowlsparc kit, club members promoted bowls to individuals of all ages and encouraged local people to go along to the club to Try Bowls!

As well as this the club held "Kid's Fun Days!" every Tuesday during the school holidays this summer in a bid to bring new junior members into the club.

So far the club have successfully signed up 8 new members and continued to build on this by holding an Open Day with a local cycling group and Venture Scouts group on 10th September!



The club have also capitalized on the inclusive nature of our sport to reach out to Richard Brickley at Disability Sport Fife, welcoming some disabled members to their club.



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.bowlsscotland.com/development/member-recruitment>

Bowlsparc

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Bowls Scotland's Bowlsparc project has proved to be a huge success in 2016. We started the season with 120 part-funded sets being made available to member clubs and now have less than 10 available. We are now working with Factory Eleven to discuss plans for future orders from our clubs and we would like to encourage those with a set already to share their experiences with us.

If you would like to purchase a set of Bowlsparc please visit the Bowls Scotland website (www.bowlsscotland.com) for more information.

Coach and Volunteer Education Officer Vacancy

Bowls Scotland is currently recruiting a Coach and Volunteer Education Officer.

The Coach and Volunteer Education Officer will lead the planning and delivery of Bowls Scotland's coach education and volunteer development programme increasing the number of, quality and diversity of bowls coaches in Scotland. This in turn will support growth in club membership nationally and contribute to promoting a more positive and modern image of our sport.

Full details can be found on the Bowls Scotland website:

<http://www.bowlsscotland.com/component/content/article/4-latest-news/843-coach-and-volunteer-education-officer-job-vacancy>

Competition and Events



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Gents Pairs

It was a battle of the North in the Gents Pairs Final as Mark Biondi (Dudhope BC) and Mark Thompson (Lossiemouth BC) faced Scott Runcie (Westhill BC) and Daniel McKendrick (Kittybrewster & Woodside BC) to battle it out for the top prize.

Having known each other for years Thompson and McKendrick welcomed a match against each other with both pairs going into the final with their eyes set firmly on the prize. All players played some fantastic bowls during the match with Runcie and McKendrick holding on to an early lead until the bitter end, clinching victory with a strong drive.

Ladies Pairs

Two young bowling stars came out on top in the Ladies Pairs with 2016 Internationalists Lorna Cameron and Natalie Docherty (Kelvindale BC) clinching the final victory after some difficult matches along the way. The Glasgow bowlers faced probably their toughest challenge of the competition in their Semi Final match where they played former Commonwealth Games Squad members Margaret Letham and Caroline Brown in a match of two halves.

With that victory under their belt, confidence was high going into the final as they won in a tough match against young bowlers Gillian Mackintosh (London Road Foundry BC) and Chloe Thomson. (Tanfield BC)

Gents Singles

The Gents Singles competition provided some exciting clashes including a thrilling High Performance clash between High Performance Squad members Thomas Mann and Iain McLean (Blackwood Victoria) in the Quarter Finals. Both players showcased their talents with McLean narrowly claiming victory with a final score of 21-18. Father-Son Duo Colin and Jason Banks (Inverurie BC) went head to head in the Semi-Finals in another sensational match. Colin took an early lead in the match winning 12-4 at one point but Jason showed great spirit making a fantastic comeback to win 21-16. Jason went on to play Iain McLean in the final and lead for the majority of the match. McLean continued to peg the young star back and claimed victory with a three to take the winners crown with a final score of 21-20.

Ladies Singles

With defending Singles Champion Lorna Smith knocked out in the early stages of the Grand Finals, the field opened up for the other Grand Finalists to stake their claim to be this year's champion.

In the Ladies Semi-Finals former Scottish Internationalist Angela Uttley (Glenmavis BC) faced Scottish Junior Internationalist Emma McIntyre (Dumbarton BC) and Sandra Dean (Moray BC) played Alison Gray (Dalgety Bay BC). All players showed some excellent talent with Dean and McIntyre successfully winning through to the final. In the final of the Ladies Singles Sandra Dean took an early lead with a score of 13-2 after 9 ends. Emma started to make a comeback and brought the score back to 15 all after 20 ends. Dean managed to hold out and take the win at 21-15 to become the 2016 Ladies Singles Champion.

National Championships 2017

****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.**

High Performance

David Gourlay is set to make his return to the sport as he takes on the post of High Performance Coach for Bowls Scotland.

Commenting on his return David said

“I’m honoured to have another opportunity to work with Bowls Scotland’s High Performance Squad as we prepare for Gold Coast 2018. Competing in Australia will provide a different set of challenges to the Glasgow games but I’m confident Scotland has the players and support programme to succeed.”



World Championships

With the return of David Gourlay as High Performance Head Coach the High Performance Squad are now preparing for possibly their biggest test ahead of the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games. Taking place in Christchurch, New Zealand between 27th November and 12th December, the competition will set the stage for the World’s top players to battle it out on the greens to be crowned World Champions. Selection of the Scotland Team will be announced later this month and although David will have no input into the selection of the Squad he is looking forward to working with the players who are selected.

Sections and Draws for the World Championships can be found via the following link:

http://www.worldbowls2016.com/Category?Action=View&Category_id=89

Regional Academy Competition

On Saturday 17th September the top youngsters of the sport from the 5 Regional Academies will head to Northfield to play in an end of season competition between 10am and 5:15pm. Entry is free so why not pop along to support Scotland’s future stars.



Marketing and Communications

Website

We recently tendered for the development of a new Bowls Scotland website. We received a number of submissions from various companies wanting to undertake the project of developing our new website. This is currently under review and an announcement will be made once a company has been selected.



We at Bowls Scotland would like to say a huge thank you to all of our followers on both Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Our sport is an inclusive sport which aims to be successful, modern and accessible to all. By connecting with Social Media users not only here in Scotland but also around the world, we hope to promote our welcoming community to everyone!

If you [#lovebowls](#) as much as we do, help our community grow by inviting friends to like and follow our pages and encouraging them to pop along to their local club to give bowls a try!

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