**BROADWAY BOWLING CLUB**

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT 2021**

I am very pleased to announce that Viv Hall has been appointed to be County President for the forthcoming year and this is a great honour for Broadway Bowling Club. Viv’s duties involve attending the County matches held over the course of the summer, some of which will be held at Broadway. She will also host a coffee morning at the Club in April, and her President’s Day in June. Viv will need our full support to fulfil her role and we wish her a happy and successful season.

As Joan, our Treasurer, has stated we now have 84 members and we hope that they will go on to renew their memberships next year when hopefully COVID will have been less disruptive to our normal competitive timetable. The new members have settled in well in no small measure to Viv and her helpers’ input into the Tuesday and Friday

Roll-ups and Jack’s Club Night. Some of them have entered matches and we hope to see more of them doing so next season.

On to finance and without the Grants from Wychavon and Sport England the Club would have lost money. We need to run the Club as a business and while we have the Grants for capital projects such as new windows, re-surfacing of the car park and remedial work to the green, the decoration of the Clubhouse, and possible new green machinery in the future needs to be planned for. We do need to be able to run the Club from the subscriptions. Our biggest expenditure is our Green and the maintenance costs increase year on year, and this year the rise in fuel costs will affect us all. Our subscription income does not cover the cost of even maintaining the green which means that we have to rely heavily on fund raising activities to supplement this which have been curtailed because of COVID. Therefore, the Committee is recommending an increase in subscriptions of £5, taking us from £85 to £90, which will be the first increase in two years. I hope that you will support this increase.

This year, for the first time, I went to Leamington to watch our Ladies compete. It was a really enjoyable experience and I would urge all members to go and watch the highest standard of bowling. As one member told me beforehand, it is the pinnacle of a bowler’s career to

play there. I also watched some of the Disability Bowlers who were awesome, what courage!!!

12 months ago Sue Davies took on the role of Secretary of Disability Bowls England, and is also involved in the selection of the high performance squad, including the para bowls team for the Commonwealth Games in 2022.

I was very proud to attend the first joint County Presentation Lunch and to see how many trophies were awarded to Broadway:-

Congratulations to all Winners and Runners Up :-

**Singles Championship**

Debbie Seward

**Pairs Championship**

Amy Walters, Sue Davies

**Triples Championship**

Amy Walters, Debbie Seward, Sue Davies

**Fours Championship**

Amy Walters, Joan Parfitt, Debbie Seward, Sue Davies

**Fours Runners-Up**

Diana Jackson, Mary Shephard, Trish Emms, Viv Hall

**Senior Fours Championship**

Lynne Ashby, Viv Hall, Joan Parfitt, Sue Davies

**Two Wood Singles Championship**

Sue Davies

**Two Wood Runner-Up**

Amy Walters

**Over 60’s Pairs**

Diana Jackson, Kim McGrath

**Double Rink Championship**

Lynne Ashby, Sue Davies, Trish Emms, Di Jackson

Pam Hinchliffe, Kim McGrath, Mary Shephard, Nadine Simpkin

**Top Club Worcestershire and Herefordshire Area Winners**

Lynne Ashby, Sue Davies, Trish Emms, Viv Hall, Di Jackson,

Kim McGrath, Joan Parfitt, Debbie Seward, Mary Shephard, Amy Walters

**Tony Allcock National Semi-Finalists**

Sue Davies, Trish Emms, Viv Hall, Joan Parfitt

Michael Aubrey, George Gavin, Den Hall, John Oliver

After 5 years of running Vale Triples John Mears is stepping down from the post and his position on Committee and we thank him for all of his hard work and for running successful Race Nights.

Please look at the Nomination Sheet on either the website under Events or on the Noticeboard to see if you can offer your services to Committee.

I would like to thank the Committee for all of their hard work this year both visible and invisible.

Longstanding member Terry Hopkins passed away this year, he was a stalwart of the Vale Triples team. He had not been in good health since the passing of his late wife and fellow bowler Yvonne.

Like many small sports clubs we rely on volunteers. For those who say that we only want to bowl I would urge you to think the next time you arrive at the Club and the Clubhouse is clean and tidy, the green is superb to play on, the flower beds are looking pretty, the grass banks are neatly mown and there is a barperson ready to serve you a drink, how does this happen? We are all in this together and if we all thought that we just wanted to play our bowls and not get involved we would have no Club. There will be a sign-up sheet at the AGM where I would encourage you to be part of the bigger picture of bowls life. If you are not able to attend the AGM on November 17th at 7.30 pm in the Clubhouse then you can email me to include your name on the list.

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Chairman

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