

SUFFOLK COUNTY WOMEN'S BOWLS ASSOCIATION

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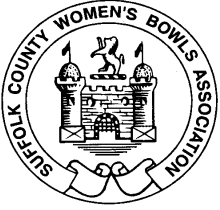
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Dear Club Secretaries and Ladies,

After all the problems that we have faced during the past year I am pleased to be able to write to you following the government's announcement that outdoor bowls was able to resume from March 29th. We know that some Clubs were not able to open last season due to the Covid 19 pandemic. However, some Clubs played bowls socially and a few were able to play their Club competitions. We have also heard of one Club that was not only able to play bowls last year but was able to recruit new members. A tremendous achievement. At the present time, we know of many bowlers who are eager to return and are looking forward to meeting their friends again. We also know of many who are understandably cautious but who do wish to play the sport that they enjoy. You will all be aware of the regulations issued by the EBF & EWBF (www.fedbowls.co.uk) and it is most important that we all keep ourselves and each other safe, especially in the early weeks of the season before all government restrictions have been lifted.

We have heard from the EBF & EWBF that they intend to hold the Outdoor National Championships at Skegness this year at the usual time, beginning on Sat Aug 21st. This means that we will be playing individual County Competitions within Suffolk leading up to Area Finals on the weekend of July 3rd and 4th and culminating in our Ladies County Semi-finals and Finals weekend at Yoxford Bowls Club on July 10th and 11th. As a Committee we thank all Competitors and Club Secretaries for enabling the smooth carry-forward of entries from last season. New Area Draws have been made by the Area Committees even if the entrants were exactly the same as those for the 2020 competition. This means that although we will use the 2020 County Handbook in 2021, the Competition draws have been replaced and can be found on our website, www.suffolkwomensbowlsfederation.org If you do not have the County Handbooks and Year Books that you ordered last season, you will receive these from your Area Secretary in the near future. Area Secretaries will be using email and phone to issue ladies with details of their next opponent and the results of County Competitions will be placed on the website at the end of each round.

After consultation with all 13 counties, the EBF & EWBF have decided not to play the inter-county team games in the Donald Steward and Silver Jubilee Vase competitions again this year. We realise that this will be very disappointing for all ladies who have enjoyed being involved in these



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competitions and for those ladies whose names were put forward for trials this year. All these ladies will be contacted by our Match Secretary, Mrs Margaret Thorpe, outlining the opportunities for them this season. It is expected that normal competition will resume in 2022.

We hope that we will be able to play the Ellen Matthews Competition later in the season. Information will be displayed on our website, where this year's Diary of Events can also be found.

We thank you for your patience and understanding in these unusual times and we look forward to a summer of enjoyable bowling.

With very best wishes to you and your Club Members.

Kind regards,

Linda Nunn

Chairman (on behalf of SCWBA Executive Committee)