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Putney Town Junior Academy gets the star treatment

FOLLOWING the successful introduction of a Junior Academy at Putney Town Bowls Club in 2007, the Club was delighted to welcome back 21 juniors at the beginning of the 2008 season.

The regular after school coaching sessions run by the club members prove to be very popular and what better way to encourage youngsters than offering them a coaching session with Simon Jee, the 2005 Men's National Singles Champion.

Simon, who was delighted to be asked to give the benefit of his experience and skills to the juniors, said: "I think it is great what Putney Town are doing to encourage youngsters into the game of bowls and I was thrilled to be asked to help."



Men's captain Jim Lant added: "Simon is a true gentleman and the juniors thoroughly enjoyed their time with him and the advice he had to give. We are very grateful to him and hope in years to come, that our juniors can achieve what he has. They are certainly enthusiastic enough!"

England line-up for Welsh test

ENGLAND has announced a 16-strong team for the Test Series against Wales at Swindon Westlecot on Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th September.

There will be two sessions of play each day. On Wednesday 17th September there will be men's and women's fours in the morning from 10am with men's and women's triples and pairs from 2pm. On Thursday 18th September there will be men's and women's triples, pairs and singles in the morning from 10am and men's and women's fours, pairs and singles in the afternoon from 2pm.

TEAM

Men

Craig Docherty (Cumbria); Lee Haywood (Devon); Ian Honnor (Surrey); Neil Hope (Leicestershire); Mervyn King (Norfolk); John McGuinness (Buckinghamshire); Sam Tolchard (Devon) and James Webber (Devon)

Women

Jayne Christie (Bedfordshire); Sue Davies (Worcestershire); Sian Gordon (Devon); Natalie Melmore (Devon); Teresa Parnell (Durham); Catherine Popple (Huntingdonshire); Pat Reynolds (Huntingdonshire) and Lisa Smith (Warwickshire)

Under 18s set for border battle

CARLISLE'S Courtfield Bowling Club will be the venue for the first-ever under 18 test matches between England and Scotland on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th September.

Bowls England has announced a 10-strong squad for the event, with two teams of five competing in singles, pairs, triples and fours over the two days.

The team includes Warwickshire's Jamie Lea Winch (*pictured right*), who won the National Junior Singles title at Leamington last month, and Sophie Tolchard from Devon, who won the National Mixed Fours at Worthing.



England Team

Singles:

Kirstie Richards (Warwickshire)
Sophie Tolchard (Devon)

Pairs:

Jody Clinch (Kent) and Lorraine Kuhler (Sussex);
Sophie Tolchard (Devon) and Jamie Lea Winch (Warwickshire)

Triples:

Kirstie Richards (Warwickshire), Serena Madgwick (Essex) and Zoe Eagles (Yorkshire);
Kim Modell (Kent), Tara Cheetham (Derbyshire) and Hannah Overton (Huntingdonshire)

Fours:

Zoe Eagles (Yorkshire), Serena Madgwick (Essex) Jody Clinch (Kent) and Lorraine Kuhler (Sussex);
Kim Modell (Kent), Tara Cheetham (Derbyshire), Hannah Overton (Huntingdonshire) and Jamie Lea Winch (Warwickshire)

Reserve:

Carrie Hatfield (Devon)

Juniors claim British Isles Team Double



ENGLAND have won the British Isles Men's and Women's Junior Team Championships.

The women won in Wales in July with opening day wins against Wales and Ireland, then followed this up with their third successive victory against Scotland, 68-53, on the final morning to clinch the championship.

The men claimed the title in Scotland on 6th and 7th September, thanks to a huge 133-100 win against the hosts on the opening morning, which was followed up by closer victories against both Ireland and Wales to take the title.

Youngsters bowled over at National Championships

FIVE Sussex youngsters took centre stage during the Bowls England National Championships at Beach House Park, Worthing.

Ryan Minton, Katie Minton, James Lace, James Howarth and Michael Howarth started bowling at Tarring Priory Bowls Club in Tarring earlier this summer.

They were invited to take part in a training session being held during the championships organised by Bowls England and the English Bowls Coaching Scheme, which was also attended by the under 18 county teams from Kent and Suffolk.



England international John Rednall, from Suffolk, was on hand to offer tips and advice to them during the afternoon. Thanks to the Friends of English Bowling for their kind support of the visit to the Championships.

Commonwealth Games Performance Co-ordinator

BOWLS England has appointed Cumbria's John Bell as Performance Co-ordinator for the 2010 Commonwealth Games in Delhi.

John is currently manager of the England Men's Senior Team and has won numerous titles at National and International level, most notably claiming Gold in the Fours at both the 1984 and 1996 World Championships.

John will lead the Commonwealth Games Project, which has been made possible thanks to funding from Sport England.

John said: "England has been the most successful country in lawn bowls in the history of the Commonwealth Games, and I am determined to continue this record in Delhi. A specialist approach is required to ensure our team is prepared appropriately for the unique conditions that will be experienced in 2010. We will be working hard to ensure the proper support is put in place for our teams over the next two years."



Team for Hong Kong Classic confirmed

ENGLAND has named a four-strong team for the Hong Kong Bowls Classic, which will be held this year from Saturday 6th to Sunday 14th December. Wendy King (Kent), Pat Reynolds (Huntingdonshire), Mark Walton (Yorkshire) and Graham Shadwell (Wiltshire) will be flying the flag for England.

The singles will be played on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th December, followed by men's and ladies pairs from Monday 8th to Sunday 14th December.

Bowls England team up with TLH

BOWLS England is teaming up with TLH Leisure Resort to run a week long indoor tournament in Torquay during October. Guests will arrive on Sunday 19th October with the bowling starting on the next afternoon.

The tournament will be run on a round robin basis with a guaranteed four games during the week. Quarter and Semi finals will take place on the Thursday with the finals taking place on Friday morning. The tournament will be run jointly by TLH's bowling Co-ordinator, Sarah Harris, and Bill Hatto from Bowls England. As well as the rinks at TLH local clubs Torbay IBC and Torquay United will also be used.

Of the competition, Bill Hatto said: "We run a similar holiday at Potters Leisure and we are hoping that this tournament will be just as popular. Groups are welcome to join. In fact Llantwit Major have already entered with 12 rinks."

Prices for the autumn holiday start at just £224.00 per person and include bed, breakfast, evening meal, all bowling, transport to the local clubs and use of the resort's leisure facilities.

TLH, situated in South Devon, sports a fabulous 4 rink indoor arena and hosts many touring sides in both social and competitive bowling where groups, as well as individuals, are welcomed. For more information on bowling holidays and tournaments please call Terri Kennard on 01803 400108.

Coaching sessions for members of the Syston Project

SIX people with learning disabilities had their first bowling coaching session at Syston Bowling Club in Leicestershire on Friday 4th July.

The project, which is run by Leicestershire County Council Social Services Department's Community Outreach Service, provides a drop-in service for people with learning disabilities living in the area.

It aims to give local people with learning disabilities the opportunity to participate in a wide range of skills-based activities in their local communities.

Syston Bowling Club offered their services as part of their commitment to offer a service to all parts of the local community.

The sessions went really well and project members involved got a lot of enjoyment from the sessions as well as really being a part of the local bowling community.

The Project's hope was to discover some talent within the group that might then be nurtured with a view to entering the Special Olympics scheduled to be held next year in Leicester.



Women's Championships & Competitions - Leamington

Singles:

Edna Bessell (Yeovil BC, Somerset)

Pairs:

Sue Alexander & Ellen Falkner (City of Ely, Cambridgeshire)

Triples:

Carole Galletly, Stella Amos & Caroline Campion (Banbury Central BC, Oxfordshire)

Fours:

Ann Warrington, Rosemarie Hilton, Sheron Mitchell & Carole Cuell (Croydon BC, Surrey)

Junior Singles:

Jamie-Lea Winch (Bilton BC, Warwickshire)

Junior Pairs:

Ruth Cullum & Annalisa Bellamy (Lincolnshire)

Two-Wood Singles:

Edna Bessell (Yeovil BC, Somerset)

Champion of Champions:

Rebecca Smith (Clockhouse BC, Essex)

55 & Over Singles:

Jayne Roylance (North Walsham BC, Norfolk)

55 & Over Pairs:

Brenda Thomas & Sue Springell (Chesham BC, Buckinghamshire)

Mother & Daughter Pairs:

Cynthia and Rachel Winter-Alsop (Gloucestershire)

John's Trophy:

Hampshire

Walker Cup:

Somerset

Amy Rose Bowl:

Yorkshire

Men's Championships and Competitions - Worthing

Singles:

Sam Tolchard (Kings BC, Devon)

Pairs:

Andy Meikle & Adrian Holden (Felixstowe & Suffolk BC, Suffolk)

Triples:

Richard Mann, Roger Tansley & Vernon Gearey (Kingsthorpe BC, Northamptonshire)

Fours:

James Branfield, Pip Branfield, Darren Mason & John Hick (Clevedon BC, Somerset)

Junior Singles:

Aaron Sexton (Preston BC, Sussex)

Champion of Champions:

Billy Jackson (Perry Sports BC, Lincolnshire)

County Top Two Fours:

Derbyshire

County Under 25 Two Fours:

Essex

Club Two Fours:

White Hart Warboys BC, Huntingdonshire

Top Club:

Aldershot Traction, Hampshire

55 & Over Singles:

Graham Skinner (Ottershaw BC, Surrey)

55 & Over Pairs:

Malcolm Stark & Vic Cole (Braintree BC, Essex)

Mixed Fours:

Sophie Tolchard, Lorraine Hackett, James Webber & Sam Tolchard (Devon)

Middleton Cup:

Devon



Dates for your Diary

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 11th September

Bowls England Board Meeting
Worthing

Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th September

Women's National Top Club Finals
Torquay

Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th September

Women's Under 18 Test Series v Scotland
Courtfield BC, Carlisle

Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th September

Men's/Women's Test v Wales
Westlecot BC, Swindon

Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st September

National Mixed Pairs Finals
Goodwood BC, Leicester

NOVEMBER

Thursday 13th November

Bowls England Board Meeting
Worthing

Friday 21st November

Bowls England Women's Dinner
Walkers Stadium, Leicester

Saturday 22nd November

Bowls England EGM
Leamington Spa

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Bowls England Annual Conference

THE 2009 Bowls England Annual Conference will be held at The Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa, on Wednesday 1st April 2009.

Please make a note of this date in your diary - more details will be available shortly.

Bowls England Greens Maintenance Advisory Service

DON'T forget that the Bowls England Greens Maintenance Advisory Service offers free, practical advice to clubs from experienced or qualified green keepers, who will also refer specific enquiries to associated professional organisations such as the Sports Turf Research Institute (STRI).

Burton Latimer Bowls Club in Northamptonshire recently received a visit from Carl Haines, the East Midlands Regional Co-ordinator.

In a letter to Tony Allcock, Chief Executive of Bowls England, Club Secretary Roy Hewitt wrote: "I am writing to thank Bowls England Greens Maintenance Advisory Scheme for its support in sending Carl Haines to our club. His advice and report was enlightening and will be a great help in the ongoing upkeep of our green.

"Without schemes like this, smaller clubs without the finances, would not be in a position to enlist the necessary expertise required to maintain greens to the standard expected by new and experienced bowlers alike."

English Bowls Tours Association

BOWLS England wishes to inform all Clubs and Counties that it is not associated with, nor endorses, any tours organised by the English Bowls Tours Association.

New Chief Executive at Scottish Bowling Association

DOUGLAS Reid has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer by the Scottish Bowling Association. The 42-year-old has been involved in sport for the past 25 years, and joins the SBA from his previous post as Chief Executive with Hockey Manawatu in New Zealand.

Volunteers thanked for tented village success

THE Chair of Member Services, Jeff Applegate, would like to thank all those who helped to man the Tented Villages at Leamington and Worthing. Merchandise to the value of around £13,000 was sold during the Championships, which is a considerable achievement and the most stock we have ever sold during the Championships. Thanks again to everyone who gave their time.