

## ARCHIVE 2017

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(3 Jan 2017)

### CHANGES TO THE LAWS OF THE SPORT – CRYSTAL MARK THIRD EDITION

Following the recent Council meeting held in Christchurch, New Zealand on 5 December 2016, the attached proposed amendment to the Laws of the Sport was unanimously approved by World Bowls Council.

Amendments

(7 Feb 2017)

### EBUA MARKERS COURSE

The English Bowls Umpire Association are running a Marking Course at Jacks IBC, Burnham Road, Latchingdon. Essex. CM3 6EX on Sunday 25TH June 2017, prompt start at 9.00am

The course is open to members from any bowls clubs who want to be a recognised and effective Marker. It can also be the first step if you wish to become a Regional Umpire. The course is normally run over two days but this one will be completed in one day finishing at around 4.00pm. The programme includes a light hearted fun “Quiz” & explanations on all aspects of the laws as they relate to marking. There will be practical work including measuring, positioning, communication. Food, Tea, Coffee will be available on arrival and at lunch time.

A certificate will be issued to attendees which will last for 4 years. Cost of the course is £5 and if you wish to go on to become a member of the EBUA membership forms will be available at the course or from the EBUA Website. If you are interested please contact Tony Hatch on 01708 470339 or [tonyandjilly@gmail.com](mailto:tonyandjilly@gmail.com) with your name, means of contact and your Club.

[View Poster](#)

(13 Feb 2017)

### PETITION

Many local councils are planning to withdraw funding to maintain bowling greens. This action will have a knock on effect on less mobile, less fit elderly people and could result in the closure of many clubs. The link to the petition is: <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/181835>.

(24 Mar 2017)

### JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL TRIAL

Charlie and Jack Butcher, James Fuge and Sam Moss are among the 48 players to take part in the Junior International trial at Leamington Spa on Monday 29 May. Daniel Rodger is a reserve.

(25 Mar 2017)

### IH PHILLIPS RIP

Information received that Past President (1994) IH (Tony) Phillips died earlier in the month of March. The funeral has taken place.

(3 Apr 2017)

### DISCIPLINARY RULES IN RELATION TO MISCONDUCT AT CLUB LEVEL.

The County wish to take this opportunity to remind all clubs of their responsibilities to their members. There have been instances during the last few months where clubs have taken action against a member or members and it is very clear that they have failed to follow the guide lines laid down by Bowls England. These Guide Lines, Bowls England Regulation No 9, Approved 23rd November 2013, can be downloaded from the Bowls England web site. They are very specific as to how clubs and management

committees should deal with issues within their respective clubs. The old adage of claiming that it is an internal matter can no longer be used as an excuse for failing to follow proper procedures. All members have more protection now. Failure to understand this could leave either the club or the management committee, or both open to very serious consequences. The County will always be concerned over any breach of the duty of care owed by each club to its members and will always support those whose rights have been ignored. All management Committees should ensure that they have followed the correct procedures before taking action against a member or members. The first thing that any appeal body looks at is how the matter was handled, so the importance of following the correct course is clearly of the utmost importance. The County is always available to offer advice and clubs should not hesitate to use that facility.

[https://www.bowlsengland.com/uploads/R\\_R\\_AMENDED\\_May\\_2015\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.bowlsengland.com/uploads/R_R_AMENDED_May_2015_FINAL.pdf)

(4 Apr 2017)

#### **PRESIDENT'S CHARITY**

President Mark Cohen has announced that his charities for 2017 will be Great Ormond Street Hospital and to continue support of his predecessor for the Under 25s.

(4 Apr 2017)

#### **HANDBOOKS**

The County Handbooks are expected to be delivered to the County on Friday 7 April with distribution via the Groups in the ensuing days.

(6 Apr 2017)

#### **BOWLS ENGLAND REGIONAL MEETING REPORT**

The inaugural Bowls England Regional Meeting East was held at Cambridge Chesterton BC on Monday 3 April 2017. The report can be viewed on the link below.

Report

(10 Apr 2017)

#### **NATIONAL COUNTY UNDER 25 TWO FOURS**

Preliminary Round versus Suffolk, Sunday 7 May 2017 at Wanstead Central BC, start 10.30.

James Fuge, Harry Ambrose (Essex County), Jake Roberts (Colchester West End), Sam Moss (Great Baddow)

Daniel Rodger (Silver End), Sam Roberts (Colchester West End), Jack Butcher, Charlie Butcher (Wanstead Central)

Reserves. Daniel Hughes (Wanstead Central), Ryan Mann (Silver End). Non Trav. Mitchell Young (Springhouse). Unavail. Grant Aldridge (Wanstead Central)

(20 Apr 2017)

#### **UNDER 18 OPEN SINGLES COMPETITION**

Elsenham Bowls Club is hosting a Junior 4 Woods Singles Competition on Saturday 9 September 2017.

Entrance is FREE and there are cash prizes totalling £100.

Details and application form

(21 Apr 2017)

#### **HANDBOOK AMENDMENT**

Page 164 PAIRS AREA 16 Amend Preliminary Round to read First Round

Page 173 OVER 55 FOURS SECOND ROUND, THIRD ROUND & FOURTH ROUND delete on and insert by

Page 156 SINGLE-HANDED AREA 13. Amend Preliminary Round and First Round to read First Round and Second Round respectively

(23 Apr 2017)

#### SELECTION ECL & MC FRIENDLY

Selections have taken place for the first 4 Eastern Counties fixtures vs Herts, Cambs, Beds & Norfolk and MC Friendly vs Middlesex as below:-

Hertfordshire Saturday 6 May at Dunmow BC

Cambridgeshire Saturday 13 May at Silver End BC

Middlesex Sunday 14 May at Bounds Green BC

Bedfordshire Saturday 20 May at Maulden BC

Norfolk Saturday 27 May at County Arts BC

[View teams](#)

(26 Apr 2017)

#### BRIAN HAND RIP

The death is announced of Brian Hand (Woodford BC). Brian, 88, passed away on 19 April 2017. The funeral will take place on Monday 8 May at Forest Park Crematorium Hainault, Forest Road, Hainault, Essex, IG6 3HP. Afterwards at Metropolitan Police Club, Chigwell Hall, High Road, Chigwell IG7 6BD. Donations if desired to Alzheimers Society.

(3 May 2017)

#### UNBADGED SINGLES RESULTS

Results Secretary David Jarrold would appreciate it, if possible, that results are emailed. His contact details are on page 190 of the handbook. Please include Area number, Codes of both players and the score.

(3 May 2017)

#### TEAMS ISSUE NO. 2

Games 9-16, 15 June-11 July

(4 May 2017)

#### BENEVOLENT CUP RESULTS

Results Secretary David Griggs would appreciate it, if possible, that results are emailed. His contact details are on page 183 of the handbook. Please include Area number, Codes of both players and the score.

(7 May 2017)

#### EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE v HERTFORDSHIRE

Saturday 6 May 2017 at Dunmow BC

Essex 100 (2) Hertfordshire 135 (20)

[Scoresheet](#)

(7 May 2017)

#### NATIONAL COUNTY UNDER 25 TWO FOURS

Preliminary Round v Suffolk, Sunday 7 May 2017 at Wanstead Central BC.

Daniel Rodger (Silver End), Sam Roberts (Colchester West End), Jack Butcher, Charlie Butcher (Wanstead Central) 17 H Cobbold 27

James Fuge, Harry Ambrose (Essex County), Jake Roberts (Colchester West End), Sam Moss (Great Baddow) 27 P Gregory 20

Essex 44 Suffolk 47

(13 May 2017)

EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE v CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Saturday 13 May 2017 at Silver End BC

Essex 128 (22) Cambridgeshire 99 (0)

Scoresheet

(16 May 2017)

MIDDLETON CUP FRIENDLY v MIDDLESEX

Sunday 14 May 2017 at Bounds Green BC

Essex 134 Middlesex 102

Scoresheet

(16 May 2017)

NATIONAL COUNTY TOP TWO FOURS - BALCOLM TROPHY

Preliminary round v Huntingdonshire at Parkway BC, Maskew Avenue, Peterborough PE1 2AS on

Sunday 28 May. The squad, listed below, of 8 players and 2 travelling reserves will be selected at the conclusion of the ECL match on Saturday 27 May. In alphabetical order: Ray Bone, James Fuge, Jamie Holmes, Neil Jackson, Aaron Lyons, Steve Mitchinson, Edward Morris, Sam Moss, Mark Nullmeyers, Andrew Squire.

(20 May 2017)

EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE v BEDFORDSHIRE

Saturday 20 May 2017 at Maulden BC

Essex 135 (18) Bedfordshire 107 (4)

Scoresheet

(20 May 2017)

NATIONAL COUNTY TOP TWO FOURS - BALCOLM TROPHY TEAM

Preliminary round v Huntingdonshire at Parkway BC, Maskew Avenue, Peterborough PE1 1AP on Sunday 28 May, start 10.30. The Selected team is:-

Neil Jackson, Aaron Lyons (Essex County), Mark Nullmeyers (Wanstead Central), Edward Morris (Essex County)

Steve Mitchinson (Romford), Jamie Holmes (Kings Chase), Sam Moss (Great Baddow), Andrew Squire (Maldon)

Travelling reserve Ray Bone (Grays Town)

(20 May 2017)

MIDDLETON CUP SQUAD

An interim squad of 35 from which 24 players and two travelling reserves will be selected for the first Middleton Cup game, at Sandy Conservative B C on Saturday 3 June at 2pm. In alphabetical order the 35 squad members are:-

Frank Abbott (Romford), Grant Aldridge (Wanstead Central), Harry Ambrose (Essex County), Mark Banning (Silverthorn), Richard Bolton (Romford), Ray Bone (Grays Town), Craig Burgess (Romford), Jason Burgess (Silver End), Charlie Butcher (Wanstead Central), Jack Butcher (Wanstead Central), Mark Christmas (Grays Town), Kevin Fitzgerald (Wanstead Central), James Fuge (Essex County), Russell Harmour (Silver End), Mark Hodges (Kings Chase), Jamie Holmes (Kings Chase), Daniel Hughes (Wanstead Central), Neil Jackson (Essex County), Karl Lodge (Silver End), Terry Lichkin (Wanstead Central), Aaron Lyons (Essex County), Steve Mahoney (Gt. Baddow), Steve Mitchinson (Romford),

Edward Morris (Essex County), Sam Moss (Gt. Baddow), Mark Nullmeyers (Wanstead Central), Steve Pickford (Romford), Scott Reading (Romford), James Rippey (Wanstead Central), Daniel Rodger (Silver End), Andy Sales (Elsenham), Nigel Smith (Romford), Andy Squire (Maldon), Kevin Watkins (Essex County) & Paul Whellams (Wanstead Central).

The team selected for the first game will be published following Saturday's ECL visit to Norfolk on 27 May.

(22 May 2017)

#### ASHFORD CUP GROUP STAGES

Sunday 21 May 2017

(A) Group 4 (5) 110 Group 5 (7) 120

(A) Group 1 (8) 114 Group 6 (4) 116

(B) Group 2 (6) 116 Group 8 (6) 100

(B) Group 9 (8) 115 Group 3 (4) 103

(24 May 2017)

#### EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE TEAM v NORFOLK

Saturday 27 May 2017 at County Arts BC.

Amended team

(27 May 2017)

#### MIDDLETON CUP TEAM v BEDFORDSHIRE

Saturday 3 June 2017 at Sandy & District Conservative BC, 19 Bedford Road, Sandy, SG19 1EL, start 2pm.

Jason Burgess (Silver End), Kevin Watkins (Essex County), Ray Bone, Mark Christmas (Grays Town). Mark Hodges (Kings Chase), Kevin Fitzgerald (Wanstead Central), Scott Reading (Romford), Mark Nullmeyers (Wanstead Central).

Steve Mahoney (Great Baddow), Russell Harmour (Silver End), Sam Moss (Great Baddow), Andrew Squire (Maldon).

Mark Banning (Silverthorn), Jack Butcher, Grant Aldridge (Wanstead Central), Edward Morris (Essex County).

Neil Jackson (Essex County), Charlie Butcher, Paul Whellams, James Rippey (Wanstead Central).

Steve Mitchinson, Frank Abbott (Romford), Jamie Holmes (Kings Chase), Nigel Smith (Romford).

Reserves to travel:- James Fuge (Essex County), Karl Lodge, Daniel Rodger (Silver End).

Remaining Squad Members (in alphabetical order):- Harry Ambrose (Essex County), Richard Bolton, Craig Burgess (Romford), Daniel Hughes (Wanstead Central), Steve Pickford (Romford), Andy Sales (Elsenham)

Unavailable for selection this game:- Aaron Lyons (Essex County), Terry Lichkin (Wanstead Central)

(28 May 2017)

#### EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE v NORFOLK

Saturday 27 May 2017 at County Arts BC.

Essex 115 (6) Norfolk 119 (16)

Karl Lodge 17-18 Phillip Barr

Edward Morris 30-14 Mark Riches

Mark Nullmeyers 23-30 Peter Boldero

Ray Bone 7-31 Wayne Willgress

Paul Whellams 18-12 George Tubby

John Tully 20-14 John George

(28 May 2017)

#### NATIONAL COUNTY TOP TWO FOURS - BALCOLM TROPHY

Sunday 28 May at Parkway BC

Neil Jackson, Aaron Lyons (Essex County), Mark Nullmeyers (Wanstead Central), Edward Morris (Essex County) 20 Ean Morton 21

Steve Mitchinson (Romford), Jamie Holmes (Kings Chase), Sam Moss (Great Baddow), Andrew Squire (Maldon) 20 Tristan Morton 8

Essex 40 Huntingdonshire 29

Next round v Cambridgeshire on Sunday 11 June at Essex County BC, 10.30.

(28 May 2017)

#### ASHFORD CUP GROUP STAGES

Sunday 28 May 2017

(A) Group 6 (12) 149 Group 4 (0) 81

(A) Group 5 (4) 99 Group 1 (8) 125

(B) Group 3 (11) 133 Group 2 (1) 102

(B) Group 8 (6) 115 Group 9 (6) 115

(31 May 2017)

#### UNBADGED SINGLES RESULTS

Results Secretary David Jarrold would appreciate it, if possible, that results are emailed. His contact details are on page 190 of the handbook. Please include Area number, Codes of both players and the score. Given the various problems already this season, players are reminded of Competition Regulations rule 1(m)

All winning competitors in each round should communicate the result to the appropriate Results Secretary not later than 10pm. on the day of the match and forward the scorecard (not required where the competition is for single players only), signed by the loser immediately to the Officer indicated in the E.C.B.A Handbook. Failure to comply with this regulation may result in disqualification

(31 May 2017)

#### NATIONAL COUNTY TOP TWO FOURS - BALCOLM TROPHY

The date for the next round of Balcomb trophy is confirmed as Sunday 11 June at Essex County BC vs Cambridgeshire. However, the start time is now 11am.

There will be refreshments available for purchase prior to the start.

Revised team is:- Steve Mitchinson (Romford), Ray Bone (Grays Town), Jamie Holmes (Kings Chase), Andy Squire (Maldon)

Neil Jackson, Aaron Lyons (Essex County), Mark Nullmeyers (Wanstead Central), Edward Morris (Essex County).

Reserve to attend:- James Fuge (Essex County)

(27 May 2017)

#### MIDDLETON CUP TEAM v BEDFORDSHIRE Amended 31 May

Saturday 3 June 2017 at Sandy & District Conservative BC, 19 Bedford Road, Sandy, SG19 1EL, start 2pm.

Jason Burgess (Silver End), Kevin Watkins (Essex County), Ray Bone, Mark Christmas (Grays Town).  
Mark Hodges (Kings Chase), Kevin Fitzgerald (Wanstead Central), Scott Reading (Romford), Mark  
Nullmeyers (Wanstead Central).

Steve Mahoney (Great Baddow), Karl Lodge, Russell Harmour (Silver End), Andrew Squire (Maldon).  
Mark Banning (Silverthorn), Jack Butcher, Grant Aldridge (Wanstead Central), Edward Morris (Essex  
County).

Neil Jackson (Essex County), Charlie Butcher, Paul Whellams, James Rippey (Wanstead Central).  
Steve Mitchinson, Frank Abbott (Romford), Jamie Holmes (Kings Chase), Nigel Smith (Romford).  
Reserves to travel:- James Fuge (Essex County), Daniel Rodger (Silver End).

(31 May 2017)

#### MEN'S JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL TEAM

Wanstead Central's Charlie Butcher has been selected to play in the BIBC International Series at  
Llandrindod Wells BC, Wales on Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 September 2017.

(4 Jun 2017)

#### ASHFORD CUP GROUP STAGES

Sunday 4 Jun 2017

(A) Group 4 (8) 119 Group 1 (4) 121

(A) Group 6 (9) 132 Group 5 (3) 113<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

(B) Group 2 (2) 96 Group 9 (10) 133

(B) Group 3 (10) 110 Group 8 (2) 94

Final tables

(10 Jun 2017)

#### MIDDLETON CUP TEAM v CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Saturday 17 June 2017 at Cambridge & County BC, Brooklands Avenue, Cambridge CB2 5LA, start  
11am.

Jason Burgess (Silver End), Kevin Watkins (Essex County), Ray Bone, Mark Christmas (Grays Town).  
Mark Hodges (Kings Chase), Kevin Fitzgerald (Wanstead Central), Jamie Holmes (Kings Chase), Mark  
Nullmeyers (Wanstead Central).

Steve Mahoney (Great Baddow), Karl Lodge, Russell Harmour (Silver End), Andrew Squire (Maldon).  
Mark Banning (Silverthorn), Jack Butcher, Grant Aldridge (Wanstead Central), Edward Morris (Essex  
County).

Neil Jackson (Essex County), Charlie Butcher, Paul Whellams, James Rippey (Wanstead Central).  
Steve Mitchinson, Frank Abbott, Scott Reading, Nigel Smith (Romford).

Reserves to travel:- James Fuge (Essex County), Sam Moss (Great Baddow), Daniel Rodger (Silver End).  
On Standby Aaron Lyons (Essex County).

(11 Jun 2017)

#### INTER GROUP 1ST ROUND

Sunday 11 June 2017

(A) Group 6 v Group 8

(B) Group 2 v Group 3

(C) Group 4 v Group 5

(D) Group 9, 122 Group 1, 91

(12 Jun 2017)

#### TEAMS ISSUE 3

Games 17-24, 13 July - 10 August

(12 Jun 2017)

**WALLY BALL SHIELD GROUP STAGE**

Sunday 11 June 2017.

(A) Group 9 (6) +28 Group 8 (2) -28

(A) Group 3 (2) -31 Group 4 (6) +31

(B) Group 5 (4) +4 Group 2 (4) -4

(B) Group 1 (4) -4 Group 6 (4) +4

(12 Jun 2017)

**NATIONAL COUNTY TOP TWO FOURS - BALCOLM TROPHY**

Sunday 11 June 2017 at Essex County BC

Essex 45 Cambridgeshire 23

Neil Jackson, Aaron Lyons (Essex County), Mark Nullmeyers (Wanstead Central), Edward Morris (Essex County) 25 Ross Tomlinson 14

Steve Mitchinson (Romford), Ray Bone (Grays Town), Jamie Holmes (Kings Chase), Andrew Squire (Maldon) 20 Ian Miller 9

(17 Jun 2017)

**MIDDLETON CUP v CAMBRIDGESHIRE**

Saturday 17 June 2017 at Cambridge & County BC

Essex 146 (20) Cambridgeshire 95 (2)

[Scoresheet](#) [Table](#)

(18 Jun 2017)

**WALLY BALL SHIELD GROUP STAGE**

Sunday 18 June 2017.

(A) Group 4 (5) 70 Group 9 (3) 74

(A) Group 8 (6) 103 Group 3 (2) 62

(B) Group 2 (6) 84 Group 6 (2) 75

(B) Group 5 (3) 66 Group 1 (5) 75

**Section A**

Group 4 - 11 points (+27)

Group 9 - 9 points (+32)

Group 8 - 8 points (+13)

Group 3 - 4 points (-72)

**Section B**

Group 2 - 10 points (+5)

Group 1 - 9 points (+5)

Group 5 - 7 points (-5)

Group 6 - 6 points (-5)

(20 Jun 2017)

**COMPETITION RESULTS**

Players must make sure they are aware of who their results should be sent to and importantly BEFORE 10 pm on the day of play. Competition Regulation 1M is clear, players may be disqualified if they do not comply with this.

John Tully

County Competition Secretary



(20 Jun 2017)

#### GRIFFIN BC

Griffin Bowls Club would like to announce that it is very much alive and kicking. This rumour came about from an injunction taken out by the Council against unauthorised traveller encampments around the town, copies of which were posted all over Harlow town, on properties including the gates of our Club. We hope that this will clarify the situation.

(23 Jun 2017)

#### EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE TEAM v SUFFOLK

Saturday 1 July 2017 at Roundwood BC, Gordon Road, Ipswich IP4 4HL, start 10.30

Daniel Rodger, Russell Harmour (Silver End), Sam Moss (Geat Baddow), Andrew Squire (Maldon)

Daniel Hughes (Wanstead Central), Ben Commerford, Ray Bone (Grays town), Jamie Holmes (Kings Chase)

Terry Lichkin, Paul Woodford (Wanstead Central), David Dar, Neil Jackson (Essex County)

John Stewart (Essex County), Mitch Brenner, Kevin Fitzgerald, Paul Whellams (Wanstead Central)

Conor Mathers (Brightlingsea), Andy Sales (Elsenham), Grant Aldridge (Wanstead Central), Edward Morris (Essex County)

Pat Finney (PP), Alex Wightman (Secretary), Graham Smith (SDP), John Tully (Comp. Secretary)

(25 Jun 2017)

#### NATIONAL COUNTY TOP TWO FOURS, BALCOLM TROPHY, REGIONAL FINALS

Sunday 25 June 2017 at Parkway BC, Peterborough

Semi Final - Essex 41 Norfolk 21

Edward Morris 21 Wayne Willgress 11

Andrew Squire 20 Sam King 10

Final - Essex 52 Leicestershire 35

Neil Jackson, Aaron Lyons (Essex County), Mark Nullmeyers (Wanstead Central), Edward Morris (Essex County) 18 Joe Dawson 14

Steve Mitchinson (Romford), Ray Bone (Grays Town), Jamie Holmes (Kings Chase), Andrew Squire (Maldon) 34 Neil Hope 21

Essex now play Berkshire in the national semi final at Leamington on Sunday 27 August. The other two semi finalists are Cumbria and Devon.

(26 Jun 2017)

#### WALLY BALL SHIELD GROUP STAGE

Sunday 25 June 2017.

(A) Group 9 (6) 76 Group 3 (2) 67

(A) Group 8 (4) 78 Group 4 (4) 77

(B) Group 1 (2) 56 Group 2 (6) 83

(B) Group 6 (5) 79 Group 5 (3) 70

#### Section A

Group 9 - 15 points (+41)

Group 4 - 15 points (+26)

Group 8 - 12 points (+14)

Group 3 - 6 points (-81)

#### Section B

Group 2 - 16 points (+32)

Group 6 - 11 points (+4)

Group 1 - 11 points (-22)

Group 5 - 10 points (-14)

The final will take place between Groups 9 and 2 at Princess Marie Louise BC on Sunday 9 July

(26 Jun 2017)

**NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - ESSEX DRAW**

The determination of which representative is A, B or C will be made after semi-finals day.

View

(1 Jul 2017)

**EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE v SUFFOLK**

Saturday 1 July 2017 at Roundwood BC

Essex 125 (20) Suffolk 93 (2)

Scoresheet

(1 Jul 2017)

**MIDDLETON CUP TEAM v LEICESTERSHIRE**

Saturday 8 July 2017 at Essex County BC, start 12 noon.

Jason Burgess (Silver End), Kevin Watkins (Essex County), Ray Bone, Mark Christmas (Grays Town).  
Mark Hodges (Kings Chase), Kevin Fitzgerald (Wanstead Central), Jamie Holmes (Kings Chase), Mark Nullmeyers (Wanstead Central).

Daniel Rodger, Russell Harmour (Silver End), Sam Moss (Great Baddow), Andrew Squire (Maldon).  
Mark Banning (Silverthorn), Jack Butcher, Grant Aldridge (Wanstead Central), Edward Morris (Essex County).

Neil Jackson (Essex County), Charlie Butcher, Paul Whellams, James Rippey (Wanstead Central).

Steve Mitchinson, Frank Abbott (Romford), Aaron Llyons (Essex County), Nigel Smith (Romford).

Reserves to travel:- Karl Lodge (Silver End), Steve Mahoney (Great Baddow)

Remaining Squad Members (in alphabetical order):- Harry Ambrose (Essex County), Richard Bolton,  
Craig Burgess (Romford), Daniel Hughes, Terry Lichkin (Wanstead Central), Steve Pickford (Romford)  
& Andy Sales (Elsenham)

Unavailable for selection this game:- Scott Reading (Romford)

(2 Jul 2017)

**UNDER 25 SINGLES**

Sunday 2 July 2017 at Essex County BC

Results

(3 Jul 2017)

**CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHIES**

All Championship Trophies **MUST** be returned, in a clean condition please, to the County Competition Secretary **NO LATER** than 15 July (semi finals day). These can be returned to him at Essex County BC.

(3 Jul 2017)

**TEAM SELECTIONS ISSUE 4**

Games 25-32, 15 August - 21 September

Teams Issue 4

(8 Jul 2017)

**MIDDLETON CUP v LEICESTERSHIRE**

Saturday 8 July 2017 at Essex County BC.

Essex 103 (4) Leicestershire 107 (18)

Scoresheet Table Pictures

(8 Jul 2017)

### DRAFT SCHEDULE COUNTY SEMI-FINALS

Saturday 15 July at Essex County BC

[View schedule](#)

(9 Jul 2017)

### WALLY BALL SHIELD FINAL

Sunday 9 July 2017

Group 2 (6) 78 Group 9 (2) 78

John Ovel 22 G Smith 18

Andy Foster 21 R Clark 20

Mick Harvey 13 D Curl 25

Ray Searle 22 J Welsh 15

(15 Jul 2017)

### COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS SEMI-FINAL RESULTS

Saturday 15 July 2017 at Essex County BC

Results

(16 Jul 2017)

### ASHFORD CUP FINAL

Sunday 16 July 2017 at Thorpe le Soken BC

Group 3, 2½ (101) Group 6, 3½ (110)

Rink scores. Group 6 first. 22-18, 24-12, 17-17, 13-21, 13-24, 21-9.

[Pictures](#)

(16 Jul 2017)

### ESSEX ENTRIES AT LEAMINGTON

Junior Pairs only one entry at Leamington. Senior Fours only on entry at Leamington

Fours

Essex A Romford (1st Round v Sussex A)

Essex B Wanstead Central (1st Round v Leicestershire A)

Essex C third place winner (Preliminary Round v Lincolnshire A)

Junior Singles

Essex A James Fuge (1st Round v Oxfordshire B)

Essex B Ryan Mann (1st Round v Berkshire A)

Triples

Essex A Silver End (1st Round v Warwickshire A)

Essex B Romford (1st Round v Northamptonshire A)

Essex C third place winner (Preliminary Round v Middlesex A)

Pairs

Essex A Wanstead Central (1st Round v Yorkshire A)

Essex B Braintree (1st Round v Yorkshire B)

Essex C third place winner (Preliminary Round v Leicestershire A)

Singles

Essex A third place winner (Preliminary Round v Derbyshire B)

Essex B Bournemouth Park (1st Round v Cornwall A)

Essex C The Springhouse (1st Round v Durham B)

Two Bowl Singles: to be decided following third place playoff as James Rippey is involved in Pairs and 2 Bowl Singles. BE ruling he can not be in 2 Bowl Singles prelim round as potential clash with pairs should he progress.

Essex A

Essex B

Essex C

(16 Jul 2017)

#### COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHEDULE

Saturday 29 July 2017 at Essex County BC

Schedule

(23 Jul 2017)

#### INTER GROUP SEMI-FINALS

Sunday 23 July 2017

At Rayleigh BC, Group 2, 119 Group 6, 88

G Easterbrook 17 S Gunnell 18. J Kittles 16 D Jacobi 16. M Spencer 12 G Telling 25. K Lodge 28 A Miller 8. P Wood 23 R Lock 13. R Harmour 23 R Cooper 8.

At Wanstead Central BC, Group 9, 127 Group 5, 115

G Walls 16 M Nullmeyers 24. D Fryer 31 W Nelson 19. M Christmas 22 J Rippey 15. P Barham 19 C Butcher 22. D Comerford 14 G Aldridge 21. R Bone 25 B Beney 14.

Final at Essex County BC on Sunday 6 August, 10am.

(28 Jul 2017)

#### COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS

Saturday 29 July 2017 at Essex County BC

Results

Pictures

(2 Aug 2017)

#### COUNTY LUNCHEON & PRIZE GIVING

Sunday 5 November 2017 at Stock Brook Manor Country Club, Queens Park Avenue, Nr Billericay CM12 0SP, 12.30pm for 1.00pm

Ticket Application

(4 Aug 2017)

#### UNBADGED SINGLES

From the Unbadged Singles Results Secretary.

As we complete the (neutral green) quarter finals of the ECBA Unbadged singles, I would like to thank the clubs involved for making their facilities available.

I have had good reports about the state of the greens and the hospitality offered - long may this tradition continue! Many thanks too, to the people who made it happen

Terry Neslen at Harlow BC

Steve Gunnell at Bournemouth Park BC

Ian Coupland at Great Baddow BC

Derek Holloway at Haynes Park BC

(4 Aug 2017)

#### LEAMINGTON QUALIFIERS

Conway Fleming and Brian Payne (Kings Chase BC), beat Jim Oakes and Terry Bird (Harlow BC) in the Essex Final of the National Senior Pairs to earn a place in the National Finals at Leamington.

(6 Aug 2017)

#### EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE

Notification has been received from Huntingdonshire that they are unable to field a team for the Eastern Counties League match scheduled for Saturday 12 August at Essex County BC.

(6 Aug 2017)

#### ESSEX AT LEAMINGTON

Details of Essex competitors and timings for those who have qualified for National Championship and National Competitions

(6 Aug 2017)

#### INTER GROUP FINAL

Sunday 6 August 2017 at Essex County BC

R Armour 16 - S Lowe 23

G Easterbrook 19 - M Christmas 19

A Papple 13 - D Commerford 16

P Wood 11 - R Bone 23

K Lodge 16 - G Walls 18

M Spencer 18 - P Barham 15

Group 2, 93 Group 9, 114

(7 Aug 2017)

#### MINOR SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS

Semi-Finals Benevolent Cup, Secretaries Cup, Unbadged Signals. Finals North and South Essex Fours  
Sunday 13 August 2017 at Romford BC.

10am

Benevolent Cup Semi Finals:

Rob Clark (The Springhouse) v Jim Wilson (Connaught)

Jerry Quy (Aldersbrook) v Edward Morris (Essex County)

Secretaries Cup Semi Final:

John Lloyd (Essex County) v Dave Perry (Mersea Island)

Un-badged Singles Semi Finals:

Kevin Moore (Radwinter) v Alan Whale (Essex County)

Chris Watson (Essex County) v Derrick Sageman (Gloucester Park & Murrayfield)

1pm

Secretaries Cup Semi Final:

Peter Barham (South Woodford) v Jim Wilson (Connaught)

South Essex Fours Final:

Stuart Waters, Dave Waters, Terry Hughes, Bill Beney (Ilford) v Terry Lichkin, Bob Druce, Jack Butcher, Dave Baxter (sub) (Wanstead Central)

North Essex Fours Final:

John Marshall, Nigel Roberts, Sam Roberts, Jacob Roberts (Colchester WE) v Dave Williamson, Dave Watts, Mark Hemstedt, Conor Mathers (Brightingsea)

(13 Aug 2017)

#### RESULTS MINOR SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS

Semi-Finals Benevolent Cup, Secretaries Cup, Unbadged Signals. Finals North and South Essex Fours

Sunday 13 August 2017 at Romford BC.

Results

(13 Aug 2017)

**BRIAN HOBBS**

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(16 Aug 2017)

**UNFINISHED FINALS**

Sunday 17 September 2017 at Braintree BC

10 am.

Double Fours

Silver End A or Romford B v Chelmsford A or Grays Town A

Hood Cup

Dave Williamson, Dave Watts, Mark Hemstedt, Conor Mathers (Brightlingsea)

v

Terry Lichkin, Dave Baxter, Bob Druce, Jack Butcher (Wanstead Central)

12noon

Unbadged Singles

Kevin Moore (Radwinter) v Derrick Sageman (Gloucester Park & Murrayfield)

Benevolent Singles

Rob Clark (The Springhouse) v Edward Morris (Essex County)

Secretaries Singles

Jim Wilson (Connaught) v John Lloyd (Essex County)

(18 Aug 2017)

**EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE**

Report from Eastern Counties Secretary Charles Frederick.

Attached is the league table with one tie to be played at Marlborough BC on 9 September where Norfolk need to beat Suffolk by 32 shots and pick up 17 points to dislodge Essex who having completed all their games are the league leaders with 90 points and shot difference +62.

This is the Eastern Counties Golden Jubilee Year, both Essex and Norfolk have 16 league titles each clearly ahead of the other counties within the East.

Table

(27 Aug 2017)

**COMPETITION ENTRY FORM 2018**

Registration and Competition Entry Forms for season 2018 are currently being despatched. In the main these will be to club contacts by email, via the relevant Group Secretary; should any club not receive the forms by 31 August please contact the County Competition Secretary.

(27 Aug 2017)

**ESSEX WIN BALCOMB TROPHY**

Essex were triumphant at Leamington Spa in winning the National County Top Two Fours Balcomb Trophy for the first time - they were beaten finalists in 2013. They first beat Berkshire by a single shot in the semi-final and then beat the fancied Devon side by 14 shots in the final. Essex made one change for the final with Edward Morris returning after competing in the morning Mixed Pairs final where he, with Elaine Score, was unfortunate to go down by one shot on the final end to defending champions Amy and Andy Walters.

Essex bt Berkshire 40-39

James Fuge, Neil Jackson, Charlie Butcher, Jamie Holmes lost to Scott Winskill, Darren Holder, Neil Jones, Gary Stacey 13-22

Steve Mitchinson, Ray Bone, Sam Moss, Andrew Squire bt Andy Piper, BJ Byles, Lloyd Sabatini, Andrew Knapper 27-17

Final

Essex bt Devon 43-29

Neil Jackson, Charlie Butcher, Jamie Holmes, Edward Morris bt Lee Haywood, Ian Lesley, James Webber, Jamie Chestney 23-11

Steve Mitchinson, Ray Bone, Sam Moss, Andrew Squire bt Ollie Lucas, Louis Ridout, Rob Paxton, Sam Tolchard 20-18

(30 Aug 2017)

#### COUNTY SHIELD FINAL - CHANGE OF VENUE

The final of the County Shield will not be played as per the ECBA schedule. This is due to Romford BC (hosts) being involved in the inter county play off of the National Top Club Competition (v Sandy Conservative Bedfordshire) and that the majority of the club members will be away supporting the team, leaving no officials to host the final.

Essex County BC and Wanstead BC have provisionally been asked if they could host the final. Both clubs are still involved in the competition and if available the losing club will host the final against Chelmsford BC on 10th September.

(2 Sep 2017)

#### ESSEX WIN NATIONAL MIXED FOURS

Essex's Sue Kemp, Elaine Score (The Springhouse), Mark Nullmeyers (Wanstead Central) and Edward Morris (Essex County) have won the 2017 Bowls England Mixed Fours competition at Leamington Spa. They defeated Oxfordshire's Carol Galletly, Katherine Hawes, Mark Sykes and Howard Watts 23-16 in the final. Kemp, Score and Morris were the runners-up in the 2016 final. Essex have now won this event on four occasions since 1991 and have been runners up three times.

Semi-Final. Essex beat Herefordshire's Tracey Powell, Marian Wheatley, Ryan Atkins and Shaun Jones 24-9.

Final. Essex beat Oxfordshire 23-16

Picture

(4 Sep 2017)

#### BRIAN HOBBS - UPDATE

Handbook Editor Brian is now at home recovering from his surgical procedure and is progressing very well.

(5 Sep 2017)

#### COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018

At the County Executive meeting held on 4 September, it was agreed that the format for the County Fours would be altered as follows for the 2018 season.

Rather than being played on consecutive Fridays, the Fours will be played off in a block earlier in the season. The dates for each round are as follows:

Preliminary Round - on 14 May

First Round - on 15 May

Second Round - on 17 May

Third Round - on 24 May

Fourth Round - on 1 June

Quarter Final - on 6 July

Semi Final - on 14 July

Final - on 28 July

The remaining County Championships will be played as previously on consecutive Mondays (Singles), Tuesdays (Pairs) and Thursdays (Triples), dates will be published in the 2018 County Handbook.

(6 Sep 2017)

#### SENIOR INTERNATIONAL TRIAL

Bowls England have invited Edward Morris (Essex County) and Andrew Squire (Maldon) to attend the Men's Senior International Trial to be held on Saturday 23 September 2017 at Royal Leamington Spa.

Romford's Steve Mitchinson has been preselected for the 2018 international team and will not be required to attend the trial.

(10 Sep 2017)

#### SHIELD FINAL

Sunday 10 September 2017

Chelmsford 75 Essex County B 70

P Kyffin 19 P Bowyer 12

T Little 13 N Jackson 22

M Gardner 22 A Lyons 13

I Dooley 21 D Dar 23

Pictures Gallery 1

(17 Sep 2017)

#### MISCELLANEOUS FINALS RESULTS

Sunday 17 September 2017 at Braintree BC

Double Fours, Hood Cup, Unbadged, Benevolent and Secretaries Cup Singles

Results

Pictures Gallery 1

(17 Sep 2017)

#### EASTERN COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Saturday 16 September 2017 at Cambridge and County BC

Pat Finney and Graham Smith were Bedford Cup winners beating Alan Willer and John Ottaway (Norfolk) 20-19 on an extra end. Ryan Mann lost 21-19 to Norfolk's Tom Segolo in the Junior Singles. The remaining Essex participants, Singles, Two Wood Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours all lost at the Semi-Final stage but consolation for Essex was winning the Eastern Counties League.

Picture Gallery 2

Final ECL Table

(14 Oct 2017)

#### REGISTRATION AND COUNTY FORMS

To All Club Secretaries:



Please note very few returns have been received so far and only 17 days remain before the closing date for submissions. Late returns are a perennial problem and last year caused the administration of registration and the draw for county competitions to be delayed well into January, this subsequently delayed the publication of the County Yearbook. A repeat of this situation will not be accepted this year. Please submit your club returns as soon as possible and no later than 31 October.

J Tully

Competition Secretary

(30 Oct 2017)

#### **BENEVOLENT FUND CHRISTMAS GRANTS**

Applications for Christmas Grants should be made to the Fund Treasurer, Tony Ellis, as soon as possible. Full details on page 218 of the County Handbook.

(30 Oct 2017)

#### **COUNTY LUNCHEON AND PRIZE GIVING**

Sunday 5 November 2017 at Stock Brook Manor Country Club, Queens Park Avenue, Nr Billericay CM12 0SP, 12.30pm for 1.00pm

(31 Oct 2017)

#### **COUNTY LUNCHEON AND PRIZE GIVING - WINE ORDERS**

Due to the high volume of numbers attending the County Lunch (234), Stock Brook have suggested guests may want to pre order their wine.

They will take pre orders up to Friday afternoon 3 November and are offering a 10% price reduction if guests pre order.

Wine List    Order Form

(3 Nov 2017)

#### **ONLINE ENTRY FOR 2018 BOWLS ENGLAND COMPETITIONS**

The online entry facility for the 2018 Bowls England National Competitions is now live. This system allows participants to enter by completing a form and make payment with a credit or debit card. Please note that a separate submission and payment must be made for each different named entrant. Only the named entrant of the team/side need apply as other names will be gathered on completion of the first match. Entries can be made here: <https://bowlsengland.247.tv/index.php?p=enter>

The closing date for all competitions is 1st February 2018. If you have any questions please contact [tom@bowlsengland.com](mailto:tom@bowlsengland.com)

(10 Nov 2017)

#### **ESSEX BOWLING ASSOCIATION**

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held at the Millennium Hall Great Baddow C.A. Club, Recreation Ground Baddow Road Gt. Baddow Chelmsford CM2 9RL on Saturday 2nd December 2017, at 10.30am.

Agenda        Minutes of Previous AGM

(18 Nov 2017)

#### **ECBA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting of the Essex County Bowling Association was held on Saturday 18 November 2017 at the RHP BC.

The agenda with the various reports had previously been sent to all member clubs and officers of the association.

Past President (2009) Keith Riley proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring officers.

Sandy Dron (Upminster) was elected to the post of Junior Deputy President and replaced Grays Town's Terry Mizen who moves up to Senior Deputy. The retiring President, Mark Cohen was awarded Honorary Life Membership of the Association and installed Graham Smith (Aveley) as the 2018 President. He spoke with considerable emotion of the pride he had experienced in his year of office. Graham suitably replied and said the charity for his year would be the Essex and Hertfordshire Air Ambulance. Prior to the AGM, the President Elect hosted a luncheon at the Princess Marie Louise club for 32 officers and guests, including 11 Past Presidents.

(29 Nov 2017)

#### BOWLS ENGLAND COUNTIES MEETING

Held at St Johns Hotel Solihull on Saturday 25 November 2017

[View details](#)

(4 Dec 2017)

#### BOWLS ENGLAND MEN'S DINNER & PRESENTATION

Saturday 24 February 2018, 6pm, at Hilton Hotel, Paradise Way, Walsgrave Triangle, Coventry. Tickets £31, (£3 supplement for Cheese & Biscuits). Three course meal, Prize giving and Evening entertainment. Dietary requirements, vegetarian or allergy, to be notified with your order.

County Administrator Tony Ellis is willing to facilitate the Dinner bookings and submit them to Bowls England. Cheques should be sent to him, made out to "Bowls England", by Thursday 18 January 2018. Anyone attending and staying the night, please make their own Hotel bookings. Rooms are available priced £67 single & £77 double. To book contact Hilton on 02476 603 000 and quote ABOWL

(20 Dec 2017)

#### ESSEX BOWLING ASSOCIATION AGM - MINUTES

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