

February 2024

# The Extra End

The Newsletter of the ESMBA



## NEWSFLASH

The ESMBA have heard that Group/Umbrella Insurance Policies appear to be a thing of the past and are being discontinued. Due to late notification, this has placed some counties who placed this kind of policy on behalf of their clubs in a difficult situation. Clubs can still obtain insurance but have to do so directly. The ESMBA however have a very competitive insurance scheme for all our affiliated clubs managed through Sutton Winson, if your club needs advice, please contact Chloe Alleyne at Sutton Winson direct telephone 01444 251151 who will be pleased to help.

## Under 21 International

We would like to wish the England Under 21 Academy the best of luck against Wales on the 10<sup>th</sup> March at Carmarthen

Brian Baker takes his team to Wales as the defending champions, having held the trophy for several years.

## National Championships 2024



## National Over 55 Pairs

The National Over 55's Pairs Championship was contested by 64 Pairs, with the Final being played in good spirits between Surrey (Steve & Sue Tuttle) and Northamptonshire (Chris Weston & Dave Ekins) The Northamptonshire Pair came out eventual winners, maintaining Northamptonshire winning record. Another Northamptonshire pair has previously won it 3 years running.

## National Mixed Fours

The National Mixed Fours Championship was contested by a record 64 teams at Solihull Indoor Bowling Club.

Essex 3 (Linda Lambert, Maureen Binstead, Steve Killington and Anthony Fautley) beat Gloucestershire 1 (Jo Featherstone, Jill Dooley, Mike Dooley and Saul Featherstone)



## Competition Corner

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| <b>Australian Pairs</b><br><b>Sat 11th May 2024</b>  | <b>Fours</b><br><b>Sun 12th May 2024</b> |
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| For full details and an Entry form please contact<br>Margaret Hall on <a href="mailto:marg-johnhall@outlook.com">marg-johnhall@outlook.com</a> or 01929 556181 |  |

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## World Championships, Ireland 2034

We would also like to wish the England Worlds Squad the best of luck in Ireland on the weekend of the 17/18<sup>th</sup> March.

## News!

Does your club or county have any news they would like featured in the newsletter? Please contact James Scoins – [james@esmba.co.uk](mailto:james@esmba.co.uk) if you would like to contribute an article or pictures to a future edition of 'The Extra End'.

## Mailing List

If you, or someone you know wishes to join the Newsletter Mailing list; please contact James Scoins – [james@esmba.co.uk](mailto:james@esmba.co.uk) to be added.

## Club Health Checker



The Club Health Checker is a free, online self-assessment tool that will identify the challenges faced by your bowls club and highlights areas for targeted growth.

Through the completion of a 30-minute questionnaire a customised report is created which offers resources and suggestions on how to improve the clubs' areas of development. It is recommended that clubs use this resource at least once a year to help measure their baseline participation, growth, and impact. The Club Health Checker is available to all clubs affiliated to BDA partnership NGBs which include Bowls England, English Indoor Bowling Association, British Crown Green Bowling Association and English Short Mat Bowling Association.

The Club Health Checker is not a 'Pass or Fail' assessment but rather a tool to help committees assess the current condition of the club and identify areas for development. The report is as accurate as the information you input, and to ensure that the report reflects your club's position, it is important to answer the assessment honestly.

We recommend that the Club Health Checker is completed as a committee due to the information required to complete the assessment. To ensure your club's continued development and health, we also recommend using the Club Health Checker on an annual basis.

The Club Health Checker will be available from mid-march on the Bowls Development Alliance Website

<https://bowlsdevelopmentalliance.com/club-development/club-health-checker/>

## BDA Week of Learning



Beginning on the 11th March, we will be offering a range of FREE webinars covering topics including: Fundraising, Inclusion, Recruitment and Safeguarding.

Registration forms can be found on our Education Platform (<https://bowlsdevelopmentalliance.com/education/>) and spaces for each workshop are limited.



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### Development Material

Did you know that the ESMBA has a range of Development Literature, from Posters to informative leaflets?

ENGLISH SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

play Short Mat Bowls



For more information about Short Mat Bowls and the ESMBA please take a leaflet today

To find out more about Short Mat Bowls in your area please follow the QR Code or email [enquiries@esmba.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@esmba.co.uk)



These are available from the Development Officer or can be picked up at any ESMBA Fixtures or Events.

Digital Copies are available on the ESMBA Website – Club Support.

ENGLISH SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

Development Support from the ESMBA and Bowls Development Alliance

Access to the ESMBA Grant and Loan Schemes

Our Personal Accident Insurance covers all members for Short Mat Bowls related activities

Support from the National Governing Body for Short Mat Bowls

Access to our network of Qualified Coaches

What does my Membership get me?

Opportunities to play at all levels from Club, to International

Low Annual Registration Fee, which includes the Personal Accident Cover

Specialist Civil Liability and Equipment Insurance Scheme for Clubs, Leagues and Associations

Many more benefits being added, join and become part of your national association

Our Website: [www.esmba.co.uk](http://www.esmba.co.uk) enquiries@esmba.co.uk



Please contact James Scoins, ESMBA Development Officer: [james@esmba.co.uk](mailto:james@esmba.co.uk) if you would like some for your Club or County.

### Under 21 Academy Squad vs Wales 2024

Manager: Brian Baker  
Assistant: Martin McGregor

|           |                     |             |                |         |                 |         |                 |
|-----------|---------------------|-------------|----------------|---------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|
| Daniel    | <b>Agar</b>         | Dyllan      | <b>England</b> | Matthew | <b>Harwood</b>  | Chloe   | <b>Suffolk</b>  |
| Annabelle | <b>Almond</b>       | Thomas      | <b>England</b> | Freddie | <b>Hergt</b>    | Kacy    | <b>Suffolk</b>  |
| George    | <b>Almond</b>       | Millie      | <b>Froud</b>   | James   | <b>Kley</b>     | Oliver  | <b>Todd</b>     |
| Sid       | <b>Burton</b>       | Matilda     | <b>Green</b>   | Roman   | <b>Kopinski</b> | Leo     | <b>White</b>    |
| Abbi      | <b>Chant</b>        | Christopher | <b>Hall</b>    | Meghan  | <b>Millward</b> | Michael | <b>Williams</b> |
| Devlin    | <b>Church</b>       | Christopher | <b>Hardman</b> | Keri    | <b>Palmer</b>   | Alfie   | <b>Woods</b>    |
| William   | <b>Clarke</b>       | Matthew     | <b>Hardman</b> | Rufus   | <b>Rymell</b>   | Jake    | <b>Wynn</b>     |
| George    | <b>Crane-Lupton</b> |             |                | Liam    | <b>Southern</b> |         |                 |

### England World Championship Squad 2024

Manager: Stephen McAlister  
Assistant: James Trott

| A Section      |                 |         | B Section      |                    |        |
|----------------|-----------------|---------|----------------|--------------------|--------|
| <i>Singles</i> | <b>Worden</b>   | Matty   | <i>Singles</i> | <b>Kley</b>        | Alex   |
| <i>Pairs</i>   | <b>Woods</b>    | Jason   | <i>Pairs</i>   | <b>Featherston</b> | Saul   |
|                | <b>Willies</b>  | Chris   |                | <b>Knight</b>      | Ryan   |
| <i>Triples</i> | <b>Pye</b>      | Jack    | <i>Triples</i> | <b>Knight</b>      | Jack   |
|                | <b>Brown</b>    | AJ      |                | <b>Harvey</b>      | Sam    |
|                | <b>Smith</b>    | Adam    |                | <b>Hale</b>        | Josh   |
| <i>Fours</i>   | <b>Hogden</b>   | Danny   | <i>Fours</i>   | <b>Easthope</b>    | Adam   |
|                | <b>Stagg</b>    | Richard |                | <b>Caines</b>      | Nathan |
|                | <b>Best</b>     | Gary    |                | <b>Strong</b>      | Craig  |
|                | <b>Framptom</b> | Jody    |                | <b>Dunkley</b>     | Ross   |

### Sutton Winson Website Promotion



## Want to raise extra funds for your club?

With our 'Pitch-in' initiative, we give money back to your Club when your members get quotes for home or car insurance through us. Everyone wins!

Find out more here: <https://www.suttonwinson.com/pitchin/>

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## Coaching Corner



Introducing Coaching Corner, in each issue we will include a task for players to try.

Draw to beat both bowls in the ditch using both hands.

3 points for each bowl that beats the shot (inside the yellow line)

1 point for each bowl that is drawn inside the blue line. Maximum 12 points.

