

The Extra End

The Newsletter of the ESMBA



Welcome



Welcome to the new Bowls Season. After the past couple of years, it is good to be back to normal again. The ICC Returns this season with a revamped system and a 2 division Premier series. The Committee have been working hard behind the scenes and are introducing a new development grant scheme, and our new partnership with the BDA. We welcome new Committee Members; Brab Hallows as Umpires Director, James Scoins as Development Officer, and Robin Armstrong as Competitions Organiser. I wish you a good season bowling and many successes.

Brandon Whittaker.
ESMBA President

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Diary

- 22nd & 23rd October – ESMBA TLH Festival (Torquay)
- 19th & 20th November – British Isles Championships (Belfast)
- 20th November – England Under 21 Academy vs Northamptonshire

England Ladies



Thanks go to Scottish Short mat bowling Federation and to Debbie Cochrane for hosting the recent Ladies international fixture. Our 23 strong team made the long journey on the 1st weekend of October to complete against Scotland Ladies in Stranraer. An international format was played and consists of 3 rounds of rinks, scoring 2 per mat and 2 bonus points for the overall shot win, and a Top 14 round of disciplines where 1xsingle (Kate Williams - Captain) 1xpair (Bridget Hallows and Jo Streeter) 1xTriple (Shannon Mead, Jo Featherstone and Carole Preece) and 1 x rinks (Sally Thorneycroft, Sonia Burden, Janice Sansom, and Nadine Bailey) and (Lesley Fennel, Di Rundle, Christine Harvey and Tracey Bailey) in this round each mat scored 2 per win. England won all but one mat in this round to put them in a strong position. The Final score was 35 -11 to England Ladies

This is the 3rd time the fixture has been held and it will be the ESMBA's turn to host next year, when the team look forward to renewing the friendships and the rivalry with the Scottish team



SAFEGUARDING NEWS

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COACHBOWLS LEVEL 1 COURSE

A Short Mat Level 1 Coaching Course has been arranged in conjunction with CoachBOWLS. It consists of Online Modules, and Practical's. These Practicals will take place at Solihull Indoor Bowls Club

Contact coachingdirector@esmba.co.uk for more details and to see if you qualify for an ESMBA Coaching Bursary

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ESMBA OPEN RESULTS

OPEN PAIRS – 3/9/22
Held at Mote Park IBC



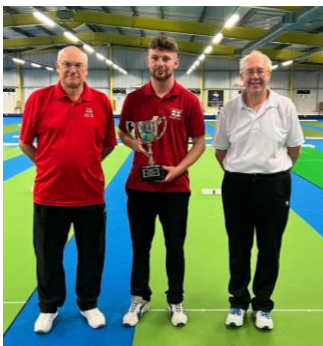
Winners: Nathan Caines &
Adam Easthope

OPEN FOURS:
Held at March IBC



Winners: Thomas Perris,
James Smith, Sam Harvey
& Paul Pomeroy

OPEN SINGLES – 1/10/22
Held at Solihull IBC



Winner: Alex Kley

News from Devon: Margaret Elliott Pairs

On Saturday 24th September the Seasons competitions started at ISCA with the Margaret Elliott Pairs. The competitions saw 19 pairs descend on to the venue and these pairs were split into 6 groups. With all the teams progressing to the knockouts, the groups standings determined if you had to play a preliminary round. With the group stage and the preliminary round taking place in the morning the afternoon saw a straight knock out with the remaining teams until we were left with two. In what was a rerun of last years final. Lee and Alan Woodacre (Goodleigh) faced Marcus Cattell and Steve Collins (Christow) with the Christow pair winning 13-1 and retaining the title.



England Under 21 Academy

The ESMBA are pleased to announce that the England Under 21s have been rebranded and are now England Under 21 Academy.



The members who have joined the Academy will receive structured coaching from the two CoachBowls Level 2 qualified ESMBA members who have been assigned the task of further developing this initiative.

It is envisaged that the Academy team will also play matches at various venues around the country and invite under 21s in those and surrounding counties to join us for the day.

It is hoped that this will generate greater interest from our younger members and give them an insight into opportunities within Short Mat Bowls outside of club bowling.

Individuals, Clubs and County Associations are all requested to be involved in the development of the Academy, one benefit is we are not limited to numbers and there is no lower limit on how many sessions a player must attend.

Individuals can attend any session without invitation, preferably by appointment so that the correct paperwork can be completed in advance, please email brian@esmba.co.uk and then just make themselves known on arrival to Brian Baker or Martin McGregor.

Likewise, Clubs and Counties can nominate members to attend please follow procedure as above. The Academy are always looking for venues to host one of their days and if any county would like to promote the sport in their area, please contact us for more information.

Age criteria there is no lower limit, but the player must be under 21 at the beginning of the membership year i.e., on the 1st of September.