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### 1. Mid Gloucester National indoor triples championships

As storm Eunice had put paid to our players' chances of retaining their national indoor pairs championship, our players were able to compete at Mid-Glos for the national triples at the end of April. The competition was held over two days and was competed for by nine teams on a round robin basis. Mo Perry and Ron Homer, were once again joined by friend Darren Moon and the trio were determined to try and go one better this year and bring home the winner's trophy.

The first session was five games with the top four going into the second round. The second session was a robin of three games and our trio did enough to get into the second round avoiding the plate competition. Even though our team won all of their three games, it was shot difference again this year that put them runners up. We can't take away from Darren how much he loves his bowling, but he had kidney dialysis on the Friday before the comp and had to leave straight away after the presentations to get back for his next session the next day, Monday morning. Best of luck mate, hope everything turns out OK for you. And of course our grateful thanks go to Tina, Darren's partner, who was once again our eyes and help over the weekend.



### 2. Club News

Good luck to Ron and Mo going to the Nationals in Weston from June 19th to 24th.

Congratulations to Ron, who has been selected to join the England team in Australia next February.

### 3. Weston Super-Mare 2022 VI Open Singles 10th Anniversary Competition

The YVIBC enjoyed four days of friendly and very competitive bowling, and returned with a great deal of satisfaction. For the most part we bowled in really nice weather and our members conducted themselves, as you would expect. There were a couple of timing issues with one of our ladies, and no guesses as to who I am referring. Frank Berry in his first ever competition grew in confidence as the week progressed and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The atmosphere in our camp was great, and nobody's head dropped if they found themselves up against one of the best VIs in the country.



The winner this year was a Welsh VI international bowler the second successive year and second place was his stablemate. As you can tell the calibre of player here this year, as always, was very good. An English International bowler broke the record of shot difference in this competition this year, but as he lost a game he didn't even picture at the top. Third this year was a friend of the YVIBC, Phil Dutton from the Taunton VI bowling club. Phil won all his games but shot difference put him third.

I have to say, that there was very nearly the shock of the competition when our Jo Spence (with director Brian Colvin) only lost by 1 shot to our Ron Homer. Ron (with his director Moira Horriben) are very well known on the VI bowls international scene, so this result says it all about how well our members competed, well done to all our bowlers.

Here is a quick look at how our bowlers did:

|               | P | W | L | D | Pts | Shot Diff |
|---------------|---|---|---|---|-----|-----------|
| Frank Berry   | 8 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 5   | -52       |
| Ron Homer     | 8 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 8   | +11       |
| Georgina Park | 8 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 2   | -83       |
| Simon Penny   | 8 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 4   | -63       |
| Mo Perry      | 8 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 10  | +45       |
| Jo Spence     | 8 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 2   | -89       |

We are very fortunate at YVIBC to have such a brilliant following; I refer to those who travel to Weston to support our bowlers over this four day competition. Not only did they watch the bowls but two gave up their time to act as directors. Brian as we know helped Jo to an excellent game against Ron, but our secretary Debbie Guppy came down twice and directed three times and I secretly think she loved doing it. Oh, and of course I forgot, Weston is a favourite for the shoppers amongst us! We look forward to next year's competition which is 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

#### **4. Outdoor bowling**

The return to the outdoor green has got off to a good start, the weather has been kind to us and we have three bowlers who have started their taster sessions after attending the talks by Ron and Mo at Somerset Sight. Welcome to Tony Taylor who has completed his taster sessions and has now joined the club.

#### **5. Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**

Everyone should have received an invitation to the event being held by Yeovil Bowls Club on Saturday 4th June from 4pm onwards. There will be fun bowls games, followed by bingo and music. Everyone attending is asked to bring a plate of food to share, there is a list on the noticeboard in the bar area for you to put your name against what you plan to bring.

Any questions, about this event, please speak to Debbie.

## 6. Summer Fixtures

The game at Sherborne on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June is cancelled. The remaining games are as follows:

| Day       | Date                    | Venue           | Match                       |
|-----------|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Wednesday | 27 <sup>th</sup> July   | Somerton        | Friendly Triples            |
| Wednesday | 10 <sup>th</sup> August | Yeovil          | Summer Challenge Cup Game 1 |
| Thursday  | 25 <sup>th</sup> August | South Petherton | Friendly Triples            |
| Wednesday | 31 <sup>st</sup> August | Yeovil          | Summer Challenge Cup Game 2 |

Please put these dates in your diary and let Mo know which games you are available to play as we need to confirm rink numbers with the clubs that have invited us for matches and make transport arrangements.

## 7. Lyme Regis match report (19th May 2022)

After a lovely lunch in the sunshine at a sun-drenched Lyme Regis, our bowlers were ready to take on the opposition.



A few ends after the start, the rink of Jo Spence, Bill Light and Mo Perry found themselves well ahead with our other two rinks just in the lead. As the game progressed in the heat of Lyme, the rink of Simon Penny, Trevor Guppy and Ron Homer had a real tussle on their hands with their game changing leaders a couple of times.



The rink of Georgina Park, Debbie Guppy and Eric Rendell had a really hard task on their hands. Eric, in only his second proper game, had to play as skip and Georgina had to retire feeling unwell. Even though the odds were stacked against them Debbie brought the rink home victorious, well done guys. Prior to Georgina not feeling well, Jo gave us a scare when she fell over and this was before her usual wine.



As always, we are very grateful to our helpers who give up their time to help the VIs achieve what they did. Also, throughout the game we heard a great deal of praise for Simon Penny, playing as lead he had a great game, well done Si.

With ever changing standards and rules on cleanliness and catering, we weren't able to have the customary tea etc afterwards; this is something that might disappear from the game as we know it altogether. We were able though to have a chat and a drink with our hosts and the following prize draw was a shared success.

To top the day, the Lyme Regis bowls club gave the draw money to us for our funds. Grateful thanks to the Lyme Regis bowls club for their generosity.

