

FRIENDS OF ENGLISH BOWLING

Bowls is no different to any other sport in that it struggles to find major sponsorship. 'The Friends' was set up in 2005 to provide financial support and development funding for the sport of outdoor flat green bowls in England, most notably at the Men's National Championships at Worthing.

'The Friends' give all of us who have taken part and enjoyed the sport the opportunity to put something back into the game. In other words, individuals who would not be able to support a major championship on their own can still, with others, provide money that can be used to support major championship events and competitions.

Following unification, we are now hoping more men and women will become members so that we can look at any support needed at the Women's National Championships. This year we supported the National Women's Champion of Champions Competition, Two-Wood Singles Championship and Pairs Championship at Royal Leamington Spa.

In addition we continued our support of men's events and supported the junior visits to the Worthing National Championships by youngsters from Buckinghamshire and Northamptonshire.



Wendy King - Winner of the 2009 National Women's Two-Wood Singles Championship supported by the Friends of English Bowling

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR CLUB - BOWLERS DRAW

If the draw did not continue much needed finance of at least £25,000 that went to clubs and supported grass root bowls through ticket sales would be lost.

You can support the Bowlers Draw by selling tickets and encouraging your Club to take part in this excellent fund raising event. The promoter is Graham Clark and you can contact him on 01733 246283 or e-mail: graham647@btinternet.com

BECOME A FRIEND

To become a member of 'The Friends', annual membership is £100 with a one off joining fee of £10. On joining 'The Friends', you will receive a lapel badge and regular newsletters regarding the sport of bowls and updates on our business activities.

You can also nominate to take part in the friendly and social bowls matches that are organised each year - two of which take place on the greens at Worthing and Royal Leamington Spa during the National Championships.

We do have other categories of membership - Corporate and Association - that encompasses Counties, Districts, Associations, Clubs and Societies. Any enquiries please speak to Membership Secretary, Mike Poole, on 01707 320358 or 07793 318144 or e-mail: mikesarapoole@btinternet.com

Bowls England recognises 'The Friends' as a major supporter and because of this members enjoy the same privileges as other sponsors.

This includes free entry at the Men's National Championships, when you can also enjoy the facilities offered in our hospitality tent including complimentary tea, coffee, soft drinks, biscuits and other light refreshments. Hospitality is also available during the Women's National Championships.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Please complete this form in BLOCK CAPITALS

Family Name: _____
First Name: _____
Address: _____
Town: _____
County: _____
Post Code: _____
Telephone No: _____
Mobile No: _____
Email: _____

I would like to become a member of The Friends of English Bowling to support outdoor flat green bowls in various ways in accordance with the Constitution of "the Friends", a copy of which will be supplied to me.

For the purposes of the Data Protection Act I agree that my name, address, telephone number(s) and e-mail address may be entered onto The Friends computerised register of members and that my name may also be entered as a member on the Friends web site.

I enclose a cheque for £110, made payable to the 'Friends of English Bowling' to cover the £10 Joining Fee and my first year's membership fee of £100.

Signed:

Please detach/print off and return completed form with payment to:

Mike Poole, Membership Secretary,
The Friends of English Bowling,
35 Reddings, Welwyn Garden City, Herts AL8 7LA

Telephone: 01707 320358

Mobile: 07793318144

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WHAT THE FRIENDS SUPPORT

“The Friends” are proud to have raised in excess of £130,000 in the last four years that has provided the money needed to support the National Championships and Competitions, plus a series of trips to the Worthing Championships by young bowlers. Here’s a selection of pictures to show how our money was used in 2009.



Club Two Fours -
Shaldon BC, Devon



National Fours -
Blaby BC, Leicestershire



Supporting young bowlers visit to
Worthing Championships



National Pairs -
Dorchester BC, Dorset



National Mixed Pairs -
Kings (Torquay) BC, Devon



Champion of Champions -
John Rednall



Get involved and become a Friend ~
see inside for more details

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