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Dear B&D Secretaries & Captains,

Welcome to the April B&D newsletter! This newsletter has been sent to all Club Secretaries and Captains. Please share these monthly newsletters with all your members, either by email or displayed in your clubhouse.

This newsletter is shorter than most, due to much of the information already shared in previous months. I therefore hope that all clubs are ready for the upcoming season, and we can start to enjoy getting back out there and playing bowls.

> Fixtures on our websites

All of this season's fixtures are displayed on both the B&DBA and League Republic websites, which can be found at the following links >

B&DBA - [Bournemouth & District Bowling Association](#)

League Republic - [Lawns Bowls in Bournemouth & District - Home](#)

A reminder that the Match Hub feature allows you to see the past stats of the opposition prior to playing, and in the week leading up to the

match will give an AI match preview, predicting the probability of the result.

> BEBC B&D Annual Tournament

The first ever B&D club pre-season tournament takes place at the end of this month - Sunday 27th April! Thank you to those that have already shared with me the captain/main contact on the day, and to Moordown for being the first to get their teams to me. A reminder that all clubs need to share their players no later than 7 days prior to the competition.

Please email me players in Team A and Team B. In the week leading to the tournament, handbooks will be produced for all clubs - one for each team, which will detail all fixtures, rules and information for the day. The sooner all teams get their players to me, the more time I have in producing the handbooks and distributing via email. Please note, the email will have a "Microsoft Publisher" attachment of the handbook, so it is possible that not everyone will be able to open the attachment, but the fixtures will be emailed separately in the email. A physical copy of the handbook will be given out upon registration on the day.

A reminder that parking will be at a premium on the day, so any car-sharing would be beneficial, and arriving with plenty of time.

Good luck to all 16 clubs that are taking part.

> B&D Competitions

Please remember to send in your completed B&D Competition Entry Forms by the end of April. Please send by email to Colin Bingley at bingley.c@icloud.com

> Annual Presentation Lunch

In a correction from what was published in the February newsletter, the B&DBA & B&DWBA joint Annual Presentation Lunch at Hamworthy

Social Club will be held on Sunday 23rd November 2025. This is a week later than previously advertised.

> **General Information**

The list of tournaments is growing. Last month I shared two competitions and this month there are another two! For ease, I have created a list below. Informational posters of the latest competitions can be found in the attachments to this newsletter.

Sunday 25th May

Bournemouth - Invitational Pairs Tournament

Sunday 29th June

Atherley - Open Fours Tournament

Sunday 6th July

Broadstone Wessex - Mixed Open Tournament

Sunday 10th August

Milford-on-sea - Open Triples Competition

> **In remembrance**

The B&DBA were saddened to hear of the loss of Alan Thompson, who was a much loved member at Kings Park BC.

I wish you all a successful year of lawn bowls and look forward to meeting many of you once again throughout the season.

All the best,

Dave Whitt
B&DBA League Secretary