

Disability Bowls August 2016 is underway!

Last Saturday not only saw the beginning of the Bowls England National Championships, but also the return of Disability Bowls August. Supported by all of the partners on the Disability Steering Group, Disability Bowls August represents a promotional month showcasing all of the support and advice available for disabled bowlers, clubs and coaches as well as the work being undertaken by some of the key organisations inside and outside of bowls.



Each week the BDA will release a Disability Bowls August newsletter, previewing the events to come throughout the month and reviewing the key pieces of work completed to date.

Love Fisher Brown Award 2016

To open the first Disability Bowls August newsletter, the BDA are delighted to announce the results of the Love Fisher Brown Award 2016, sponsored by AeroBowls UK. The award, which last year was won by Plymouth Life Centre IBC, aims to identify, recognise and reward clubs and other organisations offering participation opportunities for disabled people in bowls.

This year's prize winners are as follows:

- Winners—Scarborough Indoor Bowls Club
- Runner Up—Gateshead Indoor Bowls Club
- Runner Up—Age UK (Faversham)

As winners, Scarborough Indoor Bowls Club will be presented with the Love Fisher Brown Award at a celebration event (date to be confirmed) where Ellen Falkner, AeroBowls UK CEO and three times Commonwealth Gold medallist will be in attendance.

Disability Awareness Day 2016

On Friday 12th August, from 14:30—16:30, the BDA and Disability Bowls England will be running a session at the Bowls England National Championships in Leamington Spa, on C green, for a local Mencap group. The session is designed to showcase and promote an example of the work of the BDA but also to demonstrate the type of sessions clubs could be running up and down the country and the newest, most innovative adaptive equipment available.



Supporting the event will be Commonwealth Games bronze medallists Paul Brown and Bob Love (*above*) in addition to former international team manager, Mo Monkton. If you are in the area, please come along and support this event and let it inspire you to create similar activity in your local areas.

Working with Disabled People in Bowls Module



As part of Disability Awareness Day, Coach Bowls is delighted to be able to offer the 'Working with Disabled People in Bowls' module at a special price of £25. The course starts at 10:00 and concludes at 14:00. If you would like to reserve your place on this course, please telephone the BDA Office on 01664 777001 as there are still a small number of places available. It is essential that people book their place, "walk in's" will not be accepted on the day.