

Norfolk Bowls Association

**Hon. League Secretary Report to the Men's Annual General Meeting on 8th
December 2019**

The 2019 season was a very good one apart from some horrendous weather in the early stages. This led to two fixture dates almost completely being wiped out and a total of 47 games were postponed but thanks to the co-operation of the Clubs the difficulties of replaying the fixtures were overcome.

The new rules regarding the registration of 12 players for the A team where clubs have more than one team appears to have worked well but if any Clubs have any comments to make as to whether they worked or not or how they could be improved then please make your views known.

Unfortunately one team were forced to withdraw halfway through the season due to lack of players and I know a few other teams did struggle to field full teams for some fixtures but my thanks go to the Secretaries and Captains of all of the teams who have a hugely difficult task at times.

Congratulations to Norfolk Bowling Club A for winning the Premier Zone and to all of the Zone winners and St Lawrence for winning the W P Baker Cup and Shipdham for winning the Hansells Cup.

The league format for next season has been finalised and the major change I have made is that there is now only one Central zone which will mean that all but two of the zones have at least 8 teams. This will mean that all clubs will have a fuller programme of fixtures unlike last season when three zones only had 6 teams and ten fixtures. This will also mean that the Hansells Cup format will be affected as there will only be three zone two winners so this matter will need to be addressed. There has been an extra team added to South 2 Zone as Wymondham Dell C has re-joined the league making a total of nine teams. Therefore, there will be additional fixtures in this Zone which may mean their fixtures will finish later than the other Zones but well in time for the Hansells Cup Finals.

Finally, I must thank to all of the Committee for their support and help during the season and to Allan Covell for his hard work and support in dealing with the website.

I look forward to any comments you wish to make and will try and answer any questions you may have.

Mark Elliott
Hon. League Secretary