

Bowls Durham Ladies

Secretaries report 2017

I would like to thank everyone for their support for my first season as Secretary.

This season it was decided to reduce the Stella Logan teams to five rinks instead of six. This was the result of some Counties struggling to get players to nominate for County teams. Durham played through the season with four reserves and all four played on several occasions.

Our league results were disappointing, finishing third in the Northern Counties league and fourth in the Stella Logan league. However it was pleasing to see how well new players integrated into the teams.

We struggled in the Johns Trophy and Walker Cup competitions and hope for better success next year.

This year a new Senior Fours Championship was introduced with the finals to take place at Leamington. Gill Jones presented a trophy for the winners from Durham and it was fitting that Gill's team became the first team to play at this year's Leamington finals.

It was a privilege to support all the ladies who played in the National Finals at Leamington and they should be proud of themselves considering some of the challenging conditions that they faced.

Special mention must go to Ann Anderson who represented Durham in the 4 wood singles, Senior Pairs and Senior Singles and to Fay Slinn and Eileen Horan who were there in the 2 wood singles, the Pairs and the Triples.

Jennifer Parkin from Norton represented Durham as a member of the Junior Northern Counties team who played a Junior team from Scotland at Gosforth Bowling Club. Unfortunately bad weather spoilt the match .

Thank you to all those clubs who were prepared to host County matches and particular thanks to Pelton Fell who hosted two matches. Once again the problem of being able to cater for matches restricts the greens that we can use.

Thank you too, to the clubs who hosted County competitions and finals.

During the season I have been very well supported by the Executive and their input has been greatly appreciated.

Special thanks must go to Fay Slinn for all her tremendous work in organising the County competitions and to Ann Anderson for her hard work as Treasurer.

Once again this year we did not have a lady President but I am extremely grateful to Eileen Atkinson from Bishop Auckland who kindly agreed to act as our President. Eileen was very committed to the task and never missed a game. I am delighted to tell you that she has been nominated to be President in 2018.

I wish you all a happy and healthy close season and hope to see you on the greens again next year.

Sue Almond