

SUSSEX COUNTY BOWLS - MEN'S SECTION

CLUB CELEBRATION MATCHES

PROCEDURE TO APPLY

Any club that wishes a Presidential Celebration Match, where the President(s) will bring a team to play against their club, should apply to the Men's County Match Secretary - with a copy to the Men's County Secretary. This action should be taken at least one year prior to the event and preferably two years in advance to allow planning.

Clubs should consider at what time of year they wish to hold their celebration match and then peruse the current County Diary to obtain some idea of dates that may be available in the following year. Dates that are shown as being 'free' or where Celebration matches are arranged in the current diary may be possible.

The County do not 'normally' hold County Friendly or Presidential matches:

- a) On two consecutive days due to possible problems obtaining players;
- b) During the two weeks in July when County Quarter and Semi finals of Competitions are being
- c) During the period in August when the President(s) is/are at Leamington Spa.
- d) On Fridays that are VP Billingham League or Pullen Cup match days.

Other weekdays and 'possibly' weekends, may be available, so after considering the current County Diary, clubs should where possible, at time of application, indicate a minimum of three preferred dates on which they consider they may wish to host their Celebrations match.

This procedure applies for both Men's matches and Mixed matches, which may also be requested and arranged subject to subsequent agreement by the Women's Section President and Secretary.

Clubs should clearly indicate whether they wish the match to be, **a Men's match or a Mixed match**. This will allow the Match Secretary, Secretary and Women's Secretary if applicable, to ascertain where it is possible to fit such a match into the County Diaries.

Celebration Matches will normally be granted for 50th, 60th, 75th and Centenary anniversaries and for 25 year stages after that. Matches for other anniversaries and special events, such as opening of a new Club House may be granted at the discretion of the County President, generally dependant on how many applications have been received in any one year.

ARRANGEMENTS AND PROVISIONS

For all matches the County President(s) will normally bring a team of six rinks Men (or mixed if requested) which will include a number of Senior Officers and a selection of players from all over the county.

Matches will usually start at 2.00 pm and Clubs should ensure tea/coffee and light refreshments such as sandwiches or rolls are available - for purchase - before the game. Numbers of guests will normally be notified five days in advance of the date of the fixture.

Following the match Clubs should normally provide a two course meal for players and guests.

Such matches are played at the invitation of a club and are not subject to Match Fees or any other charges, but after the match the County President(s) will make a donation to the host Club's Funds to assist with the cost of - both players and guest meals. The Club should consider running a raffle for their Clubs benefit - to assist in offsetting the cost of the day.

Clubs should apply separately, to the Women's Section Secretary, if they wish to have two separate Men's and Women's matches.