



## **President**

Paul Potts

## **Vice Presidents**

David Eckton

Norman Perry

## **Report of Trustees**

*Gareth Jones, Ceri Lewis, Ceri Jones, Graham Merriman & Sheila Cosker*

**October 2023 – September 2024**

### **Membership**

In 2024 the club had 52 members. 28 men, 18 ladies as full members, 1 Junior and 5 social members. Congratulations to Sheila Cosker who served as Junior Vice President for West Glamorgan Ladies, Ceri Lewis who served as President to Port Talbot District League and Martin Johnson who continued in his role as Team Manager for West Glamorgan.

### **Leagues**

**The men** played in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division of the Neath League. The team won all 14 games in the league, finishing as undefeated champions.

Two teams played in the Port Talbot League.

Bryn Welfare played in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division and the newly formed Bryn Kites played in the 4<sup>th</sup> Division.

Bryn Welfare played 16 games in Division 2, winning 8 games and finishing in 5<sup>th</sup> place.

Bryn Kites played 18 games, winning 11 and finishing in 4<sup>th</sup> place.

### **CARRUTHERS SHIELD**

The club played in the round robin matches but failed to progress to the knockout stage.

**The Ladies** played in the West Glamorgan County Afternoon and Evening Leagues. They played a total of 25 games. They finished 10<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon league and 7<sup>th</sup> in the Evening League.

The trustees would like to express their thanks to the Selection Committees for their efforts and fully appreciate how difficult it is to maintain a fair approach to selection while adhering to the wishes of the membership and the ROTA system. The trustees also appreciate the support given to the ladies' team by some of the men and to the ladies who supported the men's teams.

### **Competitions**

**Ladies** - Many of the Ladies competed in Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours.

For the first time, Bryn Ladies were represented at the County Semi Finals. Pam Taylor and Suzanne Dix were in the Pairs, Pam Taylor, Sharon Davies and Dilys Davies played in the Triples. They didn't get through to the finals.

The ladies are to be congratulated. They are making good progress and as they gain more experience they are improving their game.

**Men** - 17 Men (including 1 Junior) entered Local and County Tournaments.

Martin Johnson won the Briton Ferry Singles Open.

A successful year with pairs (Gareth Jones and Howard Daniel), triples (Tommy Davies, Leighton Newport and Howard Daniel) and 4s (Doug Johnston, Brian Hughes, Clive Davies and Gareth Jones) all reaching Final Days at Llandrindod.

### **West Glamorgan**

Six men played in the West Glamorgan President's Team.

Seven Ladies represented the county – Sheila Cosker, Pam Taylor, Sharon Davies, Karen Newport, Suzanne Dix, Dilys Davies and Jo Matthews.

## **Bryn Welfare Bowls Club Tournament 2024**

The ladies singles competition was won by Sharon Davies and the men's competition was won by Martin Johnson.

The mixed doubles competition was won by Christine Williams and Martin Johnson

## **The Green and Pavilion**

The Trustees continued the contract with Absolute Grasscare who carried out work on the Green, provided materials and consulted with the Green Committee.

Under the direction of Absolute Grasscare the club took responsibility for cutting, verticutting, spiking and the application of Compost Tea.

Poor weather conditions in the Spring and early summer meant that progress of the Green was at least 2 weeks behind. For example numerous applications of moss control were washed away by rain before it could take full effect. Rotation of the direction of play and moving of rink markers were an important part of preventing wear and tear.

Throughout the year repairs, maintenance and further improvements were made.

- a) Replaced the ditch edging along the bungalow side.
- b) Refurbishment of 2 benches
- c) Additional water storage tank was installed.
- d) All hedges attended.
- e) Flower Garden maintained.
- f) Purchase of new patio tables and chairs.
- g) Installation of a CCTV system.
- h) The council repaired path to side gate and improved path to double gates.

## **Other Events**

The Trustees were delighted by the visits of Cwm Calon Social Day Centre and wish to commend Mick and Sheila Cosker for the work they did in organising and helping the youngsters enjoy the experience of playing bowls and then providing tea and biscuits for them and their carers on the patio afterwards.

A successful Fun Day was held towards the end of the season when many friends and relatives of members joined in the activities.

The club hosted the West Glamorgan President's Team on three occasions. After the matches the Ladies put on a meal at the Bryn Rugby, Sports and Social Club. The trustees would like to thank the wives of some members for coming to the rescue to help out in the last of these visits.

The 2024 Club Tour to Torquay was another success and we received warm welcomes at Kings Bowling Club and Babbacombe Bowling Club.

The club joined other organisations in the village to lay a wreath on Remembrance Sunday at the Bryn War Memorial. (Nov 2023)

Serious health issues of the Secretary and Men's Captain meant that their duties were picked up by other members of the Committee and the Men's Vice Captain.

The resignation of the Chairman and his decision to step back from Chair of the Green Committee added to this burden and the Trustees are thankful for the extra work taken on by the Committee and other members.

The continuation and success of the club is central to every decision the Trustees make and we are very grateful for the contributions and support of the members.



# **Bryn Welfare Bowls Club**

## **Treasurer's Report 2023 / 24**

### **Income**

Membership Fees	£ 2,700.20
Bonus Ball	£ 1,532.00
Rink Collection	£ 1,958.12
Raffles	£ 398.00
Donations	£ 744.14
Catering	£ 1,604.76
Miscellaneous	£ 647.67
Grant (Welsh Gov.)	£ 7,000.00
Tour 2023	£ 17,649.98
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 34,234.87</b>

### **Expenditure**

Green Maintenance	£ 5,330.98
Equip. & Materials	£ 5,778.43
Fees & Utilities	£ 825.67
Insurance	£ 514.20
Catering	£ 759.07
Miscellaneous	£ 1,421.73
Tour 2023	£ 17,425.47
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 32,055.55</b>

**SURPLUS**    Income - Expenditure    £ 34,234.87 - £ 32,055.55 = **£ 2,179.32**

**TOTAL FUNDS 30/09/2024**  
C/F 30/09/23   +/-   SURPLUS  
£ 9033.93 + £ 2,179.32  
**£ 11,213.25**

**Balances Held @ 30/09/24**  
Petty Cash -        £     74.03  
Current Acc. -     £ 2,147.20  
Business Acc. -    £ 8,992.02

**TOTAL -            £ 11,213.25**

**Treasurer - G. Merriman**

**Auditors**

**D. Johnston**

**S. Davies**

**Date 26/11/24**



# Bryn Welfare Bowls Club

Registered Charity No. - 1170686

<http://brynwelfarebowlsclub.wales>

## Auditors Report 2023 / 24

Auditors – Sharon Davies and Doug Johnston

The Accounts for the year 2023 / 24 were presented on 26<sup>nd</sup> November 2024.

Information for examination were :-

- a) Cashbook – day to day record of Income and Expenditure
- b) Spreadsheets – detailing Income and Expenditure under various headings and collection and payment of money for the club's Tour to Weston- Super- Mare.
- c) Cheque Books
- d) Paying In Books
- e) Bank Statements
- f) Invoices
- e) 2022 / 23 End of Year Balances.

Start of year balances were confirmed.

Bank Statements were examined and cross referenced with entries in the cashbook, spreadsheets, cheque books and paying in books.

Receipts were examined and cross referenced with entries in the cashbook and spreadsheets.

Accuracy of the figures in the cashbook and treasurer's report were checked.

2023 / 24 End of Year Balances were confirmed.

Sharon Davies

S Davies

Doug Johnson

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