

BTBA Talk News Bulletin

BTBA AGM

This year's AGM will be held on 20th May at the Holiday Inn in Luton. Delegates need to make sure that they are registered with head office – please contact admin@btba.org.uk. Further details will be released in due course

Appointment of Martin Webster to the Executive Council

We are delighted to welcome Martin Webster to the Executive Council. Martin brings with him a whole host of experience in the bowling world and will be working very closely with the rest of the Executive Council in his role as Director of Business and Finance.

Appointment of Andy Penny as Director of Coaching

Andy Penny, one of the world's top 100 coaches, has agreed to lead the BTBA coaching team. Andy brings with him some with very ambitious plans.

The existing ETBF courses will continue to be one of the 'foundation stones' of BTBA coaching and the courses will continue to be organised by National Coaching Manager Lee Hart, with Andy bringing enhancements that will ensure we focus our efforts where they provide the maximum benefits to all bowlers and coaches.

Terry Searle, Director of Sport Development said "I am excited by the continual development in coaching. Andy Penny has coached at the highest level in countries around the world. He is one of the few USBC Gold coaches, and is currently working on his accreditation to ETBF Level 3. Bringing his success and over 30 years experience with him, the opportunities this position offers is endless for all involved."

Andy is based in his shop at Go Bowling Dunstable, where he supplies and trains many bowlers, utilising this country's only Specto ball motion analysis system.

Changes to Adult Team England Trials

We have been listening to the feedback from various bowlers and feel that it is time for the original concept of the trials to be adapted. This is to suit the current trends throughout the sport but also the ever-changing financial needs, demands and constraints on the bowlers.

So for this year, there will be no hotels or meals included in the price for the trials. It will be the responsibility of the individual bowler to book and pay for all hotels and meals during the trials. The cost for the trials this year will be £300 and will include lineage, shirts and yes, you heard it here, a PRIZE FUND! This could be up to £1000 per trials - dependent on the number of entries.

For further information please download the new and updated [brochure](#). For those of you who have entered already, Ian Oakley, the newly appointed Adult Team England Manager will be in touch with you shortly.

For those of you who thought, "nope not going to enter this year", have a look! Perhaps this updated trials version will interest you! If you have any queries or questions then please do not hesitate to contact Jo Cundy - jocundy@btba.org.uk.

The England Team want you to see the new developments and that the trials can offer competitive play, prize fund and the opportunity to qualify for the Adult England Team. We look forward to receiving your entry!

Closing date is the 31st March.

Jo Cundy, Head of Elite Bowling

Adult Team England Manager and Selectors Announced

The BTBA is delighted to announce the appointment of Ian Oakley as the new Adult Team England Manager. Ian brings with him a wealth of experience as both a coach and manager, and is looking forward to working with both current and future Team England squad members. I am sure that members will join me in wishing him all the best with his new appointment.

Joining Ian on the England management team as selectors are Kim Johnson and Lisa John. Both players have many years experience behind them in our sport and will bring honesty, transparency and knowledge of bowlers to the selection process.

At this time, the position of Adult Coach is not yet filled, but with a wealth of knowledge out there to tap into, we are sure of continued success.

Finally, I would like to wish all new members of the England team great success and a warm welcome to the squad.

Jo Cundy, Head of Elite Bowling

New Membership Database

We will shortly be unveiling our brand new Membership Database. We are utilising a web-based system which is provided to us by a third party. It will give members the option to log in to their own record to maintain their own details when changes need to be made. It has a member listing which will allow tournament managers and league secretaries to verify the validity of membership cards with completely up to date live data at all times. It will allow members to renew their membership online and set up an automatic recurring payment each year when their membership becomes due. It allows potential new members to join online in just a few easy steps. It has many other features which we are still learning about but are looking forward to sharing them with you in the near future.

One thing that is really important to the efficiency of our new database is that we have an email address for all of our members. If we do not have an email address for our members, they will not be able to login to their own profile and/or receive updates from us. It is really important that we have all of this information from our members. We would therefore ask all of our members who are receiving this newsletter to share its contents with teammates and opponents to get the message out there to as many people as possible. We would ask all members who do not think they have an email address registered with us to contact membership@btba.org.uk confirming their name and BTBA number.

Lisa John, Director of Membership Services