

SOMERSET PATRONS ASSOCIATION

Circular to all Club Secretaries

25th January 2024



2024 NEWSLETTER

We trust that this season we can fulfil a playing season with some sun on our backs!

On that assumption our secretary has arranged a full programme of matches all of which are mixed except the one for ladies on 11 September.

There are 3 documents enclosed with this Circular:

- a) Match Application Form
- b) Fixture List
- c) Subscription Form -to be completed by the Club and returned to our Treasurer by 30 July 2024

Barrie, Bob and myself Carolle, are the Officers of the Association and we would greatly appreciate Secretaries/Patrons Reps giving a copy of (a) and (b) to each of your members in order to promote the Patrons.

In particular we would like to stress:

- a) our matches are played in a relaxed atmosphere and are suitable for bowlers of all abilities.
- b) Club members may apply for as many or as few matches as suits each individual always bearing in mind their club responsibilities
- c) As all but one of the matches are mixed they present an ideal opportunity for spouses/partners to partake together and to play at clubs that may be outside the range of their usual club fixtures.
- d) £1 per member per season, but it helps our Treasurer if the club pays for all its members by one payment (as many do – thank you). The means by which payment can be made is shown on the Subscription form. You can pay by Cheque or BACS/Internet Banking.

Match Fees – no change

The fee is £12 where post-match food is being provided. The object of the Association is to raise funds for the parent body through organizing matches. Some clubs are now charging the Association meal costs in excess of the value of the food being provided in order to make a “turn” for themselves. *That is sad given the purpose of these matches and with this unfortunate trend we were left last year with no choice but to raise the match fee from £10 to £12.*

As you will have noticed we now have a new treasurer, David Wederell has retired due to ill health and I would like this opportunity to thank David for all his hard work over the years on behalf of the Patrons Association. Our new treasurer is Bob Dickie who is a player who plays for Ilminster and he is also a SBA Board member who is our Webmaster.

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