

This is a summary of Marcia and I attending the County Conference in Coventry and the recent Zoom meeting update. At Coventry we were sitting in random tables of 10, with a BE member at each table. After table discussion, feed back and comments were given and in most cases there was a show of hands. There was no place to ask questions about the budget or much else as we did not even finish the items on the agenda. BE are taking the feedback from the Board Meeting the day before and our points and will be coming back with detailed proposals before the AGM in February. I fear that there will be no time to discuss the final proposals in much the same way as this was given to us at short notice. YOUR THOUGHTS PLEASE.

<u>Competition</u>	<u>Proposals</u>	<u>Comments</u>	<u>CLUB/PLAYER'S COMMENTS</u>
<u>Blue Ribband</u>			
Singles	21 Up		
*Pairs	18 ends	*Described as	
Triples	18 ends	traditional, so why not	
*Fours	18 ends	21 ends? BE not keen.	
Two Wood Singles.	Scrap Competition at Leamington	Keep as a County Comp?	
<u>Performance</u>			
Balcomb and Walker	Ten Player Teams playing four disciplines. Played in regions over a week-end.	The logistics of a week- end could be a problem. Will be played at clubs with two greens.	
White Rose and Amy Rose	Five Player Teams playing four disciplines. Played in regions over a week-end. Counties may enter two teams.	The logistics of a week- end could be a problem. Restriction of two teams not popular with larger counties.	
Singles U17	Aimed at identifying talent at		
Singles U24	least a year before the	Replaces Sutton Winson.	
Pairs U24	international ages.	Unsure of venue?	
<u>Participation</u>			
Mixed Pairs			
Mixed Fours			

Family Pairs	Likely to be scrapped.	Age discussed at length.
Over 65 Singles and Pairs. Increased age limit with Permitted daytime play	Now looking at age limit. Likely to be increased but maybe not 65 as the lack of entries (Income) needs to be considered.	Rename to Masters or similar to avoid confusion with Senior Fours, which remains over 55 as per British Isles competition.
Senior Fours (over 55)		
NEW. Novice Pairs. 3 bowls, 2 sets of 9 ends & 1 end tie break. Possibly swap positions.	Likely new tournament. Name to be considered.	Lengthy discussion about qualification as a "novice" and how it would be enforced.
<u>County Team Spirit</u>		
Middleton & Johns	Continue as 21 ends but as a regional knock out with a plate for first round losers.	Will go to AGM in February for decision.
Mixed Over 65 County Competition in the format of Middleton/Johns with daytime play.	Likely new tournament.	Logistics with the clash of "normal" competitions being played in the evening. Also the detriment to club friendlies.
<u>Club Team Spirit</u>		
Two Fours	Change to an open tournament.	Acceptance that at first the 8 might consist largely of men.
Top Club	6 Players playing 2 bowl triples and 3 bowl pairs in two sessions. Matches to be two 6 end sets with a one end tie break	Original idea of ranking and fixed dates have been dropped.
Tony Allcock Trophy.	Increased age limit with permitted day time play.	

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champion only

