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1. As this is the first newsletter of 2024, your committee would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

## **2. FUNDRAISING**

Thank you to everyone who helped with the selling of the Rotary Club of Yeovil Christmas Draw tickets, again we managed to sell 150 books of tickets and this has raised £825 for our club. Congratulations to Ron our treasurer who sold over 40 books of tickets, more than 25% of the total sold. Your committee attended the presentation recently and the photo shows us being presented with the proceeds of our efforts. We are very grateful to the Rotary club for again promoting the draw which is a valuable source of funding for our club. Monies raised help us fund some of the costs of the indoor rink fees during the winter and transport costs for our matches at other clubs in the summer

Pictured is Frits Sutmoller, president of the Rotary Club of Yeovil presenting the cheque to Ron, who also had the honour of drawing the first prize winning ticket.



### 3. TV LICENCE

Not bowls related but may be of benefit to some of our VI bowlers. If you are blind (or severely sight impaired) and can provide the appropriate evidence, you are eligible to apply for a 50% concession. Your licence will also cover anyone who lives with you. If you are partially sighted (sight impaired) you are not eligible.

For more information please use the following link:

[https://www.tvlicensing.co.uk/check-if-you-need-one/for-your-home/blindseverely-sight-impaired-aud5?WT.ac=reducedfee\\_blind&gclid=Cj0KCQiA2eKtBhDcARIsAEGTG43twlK6p1yJ\\_VYenjiUXX3u5jdZt9-CeR3f2ysZobK5ixl-wOuiFngaArWAEALw\\_wcB&gclsrc=aw.ds#](https://www.tvlicensing.co.uk/check-if-you-need-one/for-your-home/blindseverely-sight-impaired-aud5?WT.ac=reducedfee_blind&gclid=Cj0KCQiA2eKtBhDcARIsAEGTG43twlK6p1yJ_VYenjiUXX3u5jdZt9-CeR3f2ysZobK5ixl-wOuiFngaArWAEALw_wcB&gclsrc=aw.ds#)

### 4. 2024 FIXTURES

As an appendix to this email you will find a list of the fixtures that have been arranged for summer 2024. Towards the end of March, you will receive a printed list of these with a tick boxes to indicate which of these matches you would like to be considered for selection to play or help. We trialled this last year and it proved very helpful to Mo knowing who was available for each of the matches.

### 5. TUESDAY MORNINGS

Thank you to Brian Colvin who has been helping many of you on Tuesday mornings recently. Several of you have commented how useful these practise sessions have been. Please let Mo know if there are any aspects of the game you are struggling with and we will do our best to help.

## **6. TORQUAY VI OPEN INVITATION COMPETITION 2023**

Ron and Mo took part in the invitation triples at Torquay in December and finished in second place, this is Mo's report:

This year's event nearly didn't happen for our bowlers, as the third member of the team from Yeovil was in hospital. The bowler was a lady from London who was guesting for us to make up a triple, as a third bowler was hard to find this year. In order for us to play, each team volunteered a bowler when they had a bye but such is the spirit in the VI bowls world, we weren't short of bowlers. Never having any of these players in our team before was challenging, but we came through it and finished in second place.

This year's competition was run for the first time by a new organising committee who took everything in their stride and the competition was as good as always. With an extra side line of competition this year, they ran a skills test which was run in the breaks. Congratulation to Ron who won a litre of whisky in the skills test. This raised much needed funds for the organising committee plus a good raffle over the two days saw a lot of prizes won throughout the competitors.

# Yeovil Visually Impaired Bowls Club

Club Fixtures 2024				Provisional Fixture List - Issue 1	
Day	Date	Venue	Match	Rinks (to be confirmed)	Contact Details
Thursday-Sunday	2nd -5 <sup>th</sup> May	Weston-s-Mare	Open Invitation Tournament	N/A	N/A
Thursday	16 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Lyme Regis	Friendly Triples	3 (can be 4)	Barry Driscoll 01297 489968 barrydris@yahoo.co.uk
Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Sherborne	Friendly triples	3 or 4	Margaret McKay SherborneBCFixtures@gmx.co.uk
Wednesday	26 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Severalls	Friendly triples	3 or 4	Gerald Meecham gmeecham56@gmail.com
Wednesday	24 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Somerton	Friendly Triples	3 or 4	Sue Withers 01458 448129 suebw6@gmail.com
Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup> August 2024	Yeovil	Summer Challenge Cup Game 1 (Home Leg)	3 or 4	Viv Nicholls 01935 421763 <a href="mailto:Vnicholls1@hotmail.com">Vnicholls1@hotmail.com</a>
Thursday	22nd August 2024	South Petherton	Friendly Triples	3 or 4	Peter Mottram Motty.goodwood@yahoo.co.uk
Wednesday	28 <sup>th</sup> August 2024	Yeovil	Summer Challenge Cup Game 2 (Away Leg)	3 or 4	Viv Nicholls 01935 421763 <a href="mailto:Vnicholls1@hotmail.com">Vnicholls1@hotmail.com</a>

**Our Captain Mo will appreciate your full support.**  
**All other games start at 2.30pm**  
**Dress Code is Greys/white or club tops.**  
**The Start Time for Lyme Regis is 2.00pm**  
**Cost & Transport information at a later date.**