

## Report on Seend Short Mat Bowls Club 15/5/2023

It's an ill wind' as they say – the tragic destruction by fire of the Bromham Social Centre meant that many of their Short Mat Bowls Club members descended on Seend in order to continue to play their sport and became members of our club – in fact at present 11 of our total membership of 29 are Bromham refugees, for which we are very grateful, as our numbers had been decreasing over the last couple of years.

Of the 31 Seend residents who formed the original SMB club in 1999 after a Village Appraisal had indicated a desire to be able to play some sort of bowls I am the only one remaining in the club.

Our numbers are boosted by players from Trowbridge (2), Calne (6), Melksham (1) and Market Lavington (2).

Teams from Seend club play in the Wiltshire Summer and Winter Leagues, our best results dating from a couple of years ago, and some of us play in the County Tournaments, with occasional success.

The Wiltshire County Team includes 4 players from our club, and a recent success was for the Team to reach the Final of the Inter- Counties Knockout competition, beating several other Counties en route.

Unfortunately, we were beaten in the Final by Cheshire, but it was our best achievement to date.

The Seend Short Mat Bowls Club meets in the Community Centre on Monday evenings and Thursday afternoons – new members would be welcomed.

Colin Waldeck (Secretary, Seend SMBC).