

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow Bowlers

As I settle into the role of President of West Lothian Bowling Association, I do so with a great deal of pride, but temper this with an understanding that the weight of responsibility lies heavy on me, as I recognise the depth of history and expectation that comes with the job.

For those that do not know me – and I suspect that will be the majority of you – I have been involved in bowls for over 18 years and despite that length of time, remain a self confessed fairly average bowler, who makes up for lack of skill and talent on the green with virtues of enthusiasm and optimism.

In my term of office I will bring these virtues to the role of President and feel confident by having a strong, innovative and competent committee working alongside me, that the high standards created by all those that have went before me will be continued.

In evidencing the strengths of the committee, I highlight the current ongoing project, which under the chairmanship of Gary Smith, is leading a working party to bring the possibility of unification to the various bowling sectors within West Lothian, where all such bowling will be under the governance of one controlling county authority.

My watchwords through my term of office will be “**Consolidation**” (Consolidating all that is good with bowling in West Lothian) and “**Continuation**” (Continuing and building on the successful 2018 season).

My direct goal will be to visit as many of the 34 clubs as I can throughout the season to watch and support, and personally introduce myself to as many bowlers as possible.

As I sign off, I offer my best wishes for all the Association members, and the realistic hopes that we, as a county, retain the Hamilton, Purdie and also the Bowls Scotland National Ladies Pairs title.

Yours in Sport

Tommy Sutherland
President West Lothian Bowling Association