

LADY CAPTAIN'S REPORT from the LBLI AGM

I attended the L.B.L.I. AGM last week as the Rosslare Bowls Club Delegate and there have been a number of changes made to the Rules in the Pink Book.

1. **Page 20, Rule 2.** One change which will affect everyone who plays in the LBLI Championships is that Ladies Pairs and Fours shall now consist of 21 ends, triples 18 ends and singles 21 shots, This replaces the rule on Page 20, rule 2. As these are the number of ends or shots required for all championships, it is proposed that each Club adopts the same rules.

2. **Inter Association Championships Page 62, paragraph 3** Up to now the lady members of Rosslare Bowling Club and other clubs outside the 50km rule could not participate in the Inter Association competitions, these competitions are played between Northern Ireland, England, Wales, Scotland and Republic of Ireland. The rule stated that

"All League Players are eligible for selection for inter-association matches"

I sent in a Motion on behalf of Rosslare and the other clubs affected to change this rule to enable our members (who did not play in the League because of the 50km ban) to take part in the trials for these matches, and spoke to the LBLI Committee, Club delegates and members at the AGM on it's behalf. A number of people, including some selectors, spoke positively about this change to the rules, and it was almost unanimously carried that the new rule should read:-

"All capitated players of clubs affiliated to the LBLI are eligible for selection for Inter-Association matches" This change comes into effect immediately thus enabling all lady members of Rosslare now and in the future to be considered for the inter-association matches.

The Inter-Association players are chosen from both the Senior and Junior players, the National Championship and International Trials players are chosen from the Senior winners, and some matches took place this year in Cyprus.

3. **Page 25, Rule 6 (in 2010 Pink Book, having been left out accidentally in 2011) Another rule change which will affect our players is that the Club members who won Junior Championships this year are able to play again next year to defend their title, this also comes into effect immediately.**

4. There is an **Open Championship Match** every year, but as we would need 16 players for this, I turned down an invitation to play.

5. **Leagues:-** We were also invited to play in the Saturday or Evening League, using Shankill (if they are agreeable) as our home base. We would need 4 players and 1 substitute prepared to play once a week during the season, so if anyone is interested they can put their names forward.

6. **Friendlies:-** Both Aer Lingus ladies and Bank of Ireland ladies expressed a wish to come to Rosslare to play a friendly match and I left them to contact us when they have a date in mind.

Friday, the cost of the bus is 30Euro and the cost of lunch is 5 Pound Sterling.

I would like to emphasize at this point that a Club Delegate is expected to attend as many LBLI meetings as possible, as we are affiliated.