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National Championships 2018

*Have you got a County Flag?
Please feel free to display it during the National Championships 2018 at Melton Mowbray*

Diary

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| 7 & 8 th April 2018 | National Championships; Mixed Fours, Under 18's and Over 55's |
| 12 th , 13 th , 14 th & 15 th April 2018 | National Championships; Singles, Pairs, Fours, and Triples |
| 21 st & 22 nd April 2018 | England Trials (Senior Squad, Ladies, and Under 21's)
ICC Finals |
| 27 th , 28 th , 29 th April 2018 | TLH Top Club Weekend. |



World Champions 2018
Triples: Danny Langdon, Ryan Knight, Adam Smith
Manager: Brandon Whittaker
Fours: Gareth Davies, Dominic Reed, Alan Jones, Chris Willies

England's World Championship Team, jetted off to the cool climates of Stromstad, Sweden for the 2018 World Championships, and returned with 2 World Championship titles, 2 third places, and the Nations Trophy.

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Trials Information:

England Trials Forms are now on the website.

The Trials, for England Senior Squad, Under 21's and Ladies will take place at Tamworth IBC. (Preferred Day is Saturday 21st April due to ICC Finals on Sunday 22nd April)



World Championships Third Places:
Triples: Craig Strong, Ross Dunkley, Adam Easthope
Fours: Lawrence Moffat, Anthony Fautley, Lee Toleman, Paul Pomeroy

Safeguarding

Has your Club or County Safeguarding officer changed? Do their details need updating?

Has your County Team Captain or Manager got a DBS Certificate?

Please Contact
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England Under 21's enjoy a superb and deserved victory over Wales in Carmarthen.

England emerge victorious in Carmarthen with a whopping 50points to Wales' 14.



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We would like to hear from you!

What would you like to see in these monthly newsletters? County competitions? Club news? Special Achievements? Let us know by emailing james@esmba.co.uk

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***Please check the
Website for Start
Times, and try to
arrive atleast
15minutes before
the start of play.***

In my own Words..... By David Glennister.

I started playing Short Mat Bowls back in April 1990 at a small club in Devon called Abbotskerswell. This was just a way of getting my father interested in something after his Cancer operation. The general idea was for him to continue and for me to carry on playing Ten Pin Bowls. Things didn't work out as planned, in our first season at Abbotskerswell we won the Club Pairs and I was hooked, Ten Bin Bowls was no more.

League Titles and Club trophies followed, before I got a lucky break (Literally) to play for the County team. I went to the Devon Trials but failed to make the cut in only my second season, but fate was to see that I got a place after all. One of my club members who had secured a county place, went on a cruise and broke his Ankle on the gang plank on returning, a replacement was needed and that was me. After getting in the team I never looked back and have been a County team player for nearly every year since then.

More open competitions have followed along with County titles and two years playing in the England squad with the highlight being my Silver Medal at the British Isles. Another highlight was being runner up in the National Triples. A move to Dorset and a retirement from the game for a couple of years only saw me want to come back and win more, which I have and the the last two years have seen me take on the role of "A" team manager for Dorset which has given me a new lease of life in the sport again at the age of 57.

I have mellowed a bit over the years and winning isn't as important as it once was, don't get me wrong I still want to win National Titles and the ICC competitions, but now I also enjoy competing with my Fiancée and we have already one several competitions locally together.

So it has come full circle I started playing with my dad and now play with my Fiancée, I get just as much enjoyment these days from being club Captain at Wool SMBC and Dorset "A" Team Manager as I do from playing.

So we come to the actual question, What does Short Mat mean to me ?, well I guess the short answer is everything, the long answer is 28 years of Fantastic sport at all levels, club to Country. Meeting so many people I can now call friends from across the UK and Europe. Short Mat Bowls is a sport that is for All Ages, All Sexes and all Abilities.

My only regret is that I didn't find the sport Earlier.

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Have you ever.....



Thought about becoming an Umpire??

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DORSET OPEN AUSTRALIAN PAIRS AND OPEN FOURS



**Saturday 12th &
Sunday 13th May 2018**

Dorset Open Entry Forms can be downloaded
from:

www.dorsetsmba.co.uk/open/open.html

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