

Pauline Beecroft - YBA Ladies' President 2024



Hello Everyone.

How honoured I am to represent Yorkshire this coming year as Ladies' President 2024? Quite a daunting task after such a successful year in 2023 but I am looking forward to the challenge (sort of).

I knew nothing about bowling until the year 2002 when our village, Bishop Monkton, built and opened a new bowling green. This was under the direction, in part, of my husband, Mervyn, who also knew nothing about bowling (he was a golfer) but he had the foresight to see that a bowling green would be a great asset to our already busy village sports complex. He encouraged me to have a go, which I did, and I took to it like a duck to water and have never looked back. I was made Ladies' Secretary the following year (we had no leagues) and this was a position I held for about 15 years. We soon progressed and joined two leagues.'

At the same time, I became Ladies Captain of Bishop Monkton Bowling Club, a position which I held for around 10 years. During this time, we were entering County competitions and somehow in 2015, I managed to represent Yorkshire in the four wood singles at Royal Leamington Spa (shock horror!). This was my one claim to fame until last year (2023) when I was part of the team who made it to Leamington in the senior fours! My dream was to go there again as a team, and it happened. I have also enjoyed being part of the winning Stella Logan team in 2016 and being part of the winning Northern County team in 2018.

This year I welcome Helen Walker as our Vice President, who I know along with others, will keep me right and I believe we will work well together.

I would like to thank all the officers of the Yorkshire County Bowling Association for all their different work for our great county. May I wish you all, individuals and clubs, a successful and happy season in 2024.

Love *Pauline*.