

Development Officer – report to SCOA Committee – 21st June 2018

It should be noted that much of BOF Development work is centred on encouraging and promoting opportunities for Juniors in an effort to try to keep more of them in the sport – something which all Clubs are concerned about.

1. **Yvette Baker Trophy/ Shield** – this is progressing very slowly! We had a couple of teams entered for the YB Trophy/Shield Heat at Butterwood but, when this was cancelled, SN got a straight bye into the YBT Final. It was decided to abandon any Yvette Baker Shield Final trial until next year. The draft Rules for the YB Shield competition are currently with Events & Competitions Committee. It is hoped to have them ready for next season, which is the 20th Anniversary of Yvette's great win at the World Champs in Scotland in 1999!

2. **Focus Groups** – Phil Conway has now met the Clubs across the South and has a number of Clubs who have taken up his offer of being a Focus Club. This means that these Clubs have indicated that they would like some support with developing their Clubs. They will get his extra support to help them work at developing their membership and participation. The Club in SCOA which is involved with this so far is BKO.

3. **Youth Strategy** - this report has now been published and is in a short and full version via the BOF website.

4. **Awards & results** – this is a repeat request:

In an effort to give more incentives to Juniors, it would be very helpful if all Clubs could post the results of **all** of their events that have results, including Level D events, as many Juniors & families just do these. This should enable Juniors to qualify for more certificates and for BOF to get these sent out to them. The system is still flawed though as it does involve someone having access to a computer to access the certificates, which can then be printed off. This still needs working on.

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