



Meet the Team: Support Staff

With just days until our athletes set off for the Gold Coast, many of us are counting down until our players take to the greens. But behind the team is a group of very passionate people, who work tirelessly in the run up to and during the games to give our athletes every chance of achieving their ambitions.

Hazel Wilson - Wales Lawn Bowls Team Leader and Ladies Team Manager

Dave Harding – Men's Team Manager

Kathy Pearce – Ladies Coach

John Wilson - Para/ VI Team Manager & Director for Julie Thomas

Byron John – Director/Coach for Gilbert Miles

Margaret Wilson – Para/VI support

The team of Hazel Wilson, Dave Harding, Kathy Pearce, John Wilson, Byron John and Margaret Wilson will ensure that our athletes receive the best preparation and support possible – allowing them to focus on putting years of hard work into a personal best performance on one of the sport's biggest stages.

Hazel has been, and will be, the main point of contact between our players and Commonwealth Games Wales ensuring that our athletes are fully prepared and providing guidance for the coaching staff in the build-up to the games. She will ensure that all documentation is in place, the team's kit is prepared and media opportunities are exploited.

In preparation for the games a series of expert lead workshops have been arranged for the players including, nutrition, heat acclimatisation, sports psychology and fitness.

The support team who will accompany the 15 players, are no strangers to the pressure of elite competition and they bring a wealth of international experience. On the green, they have achieved countless honours including World, British and Welsh titles.

The managers and coaches have been preparing the team with regular training sessions as well as preparation events to allow the players to play in their combinations in a competitive environment.

During the games the support staff will continue to have the players as their priority, ensuring that everything they need to compete at their full potential is available to them. They will provide the players with support and advice as well as making the games an enjoyable and memorable experience.

BowlsWales Commented " We are delighted to have such experienced Team Managers and coaches involved within our Team set-up which puts us in a really strong position to perform well at the Commonwealth Games."