

Birstall Bowling Club Newsletter

June 2022

British Isles Championships

Best of luck to **Kat Bowman** who will be representing England at the British Isles Women's Championships which take place in Llandrindod Wells at the end of the month. Kat won the National Junior Singles championship last year and will play against the other British women's junior champions.

Leicestershire will also be represented by Kingscroft's Jamie-Lea Winch who plays in the Singles. Due to Covid, the 2019 winners were unable to play in 2020 and were offered the chance to play off to qualify. Jamie, the 2019 champion, won a play-off 21-19 against last year's champion Stef Branfield.



Bowls England Bowls' Big Weekend

We hosted three events over the last weekend in May and these were well attended with plenty of people trying out the sport for the first time. We even had a visit from Bowls England's Head of Sport Development and Commonwealth Games Team Leader Alistair Hollis. Thanks must go to Steve Bacon who, as Bowls Leicestershire Development Officer, put in many hours of work to ensure the events here and across the county were a success. Thanks also to those who helped out during the weekend welcoming visitors and offering advice and assistance.



National Competitions

We have two teams in the **men's Two Fours** competition. The next matches see Birstall A at home to Blaby A on Tuesday 7th June at 6.00pm, and following victory over Belgrave in the preliminary round, Birstall B are away to Wycliffe on Saturday 11th June at 10.00am.

The **men's Top Club** team will play Hinckley or Leicester at home in the Leicestershire area quarter final after wins against Blaby B and Thringstone.

The **women's Top Club** team are at home to Narborough on the morning of Saturday 11th June.

Members are also involved in individual competitions and you can keep up to date on their progress by visiting the Competitions Portal section at www.bowlsengland.com

County Competitions

John Hurst, Andy Wye, Roger Cooper and Shane Hayes have reached the final of the county fours. They play Joe Dawson's rink in the final later this season with the winners progressing to National Championships which take place in Leamington from 25th August–11th September.

Pa Walker is through to the quarter final of the county two wood singles and plays Jamie-Lea Winch on a date to be confirmed. Due to Jamie's Commonwealth Games preparations this will not be played at the same time as the other three quarter finals on the scheduled date.

These competitions come thick and fast so keep visiting the competitions section of Bowls Leicestershire's website www.bowlsleicestershire.com for the latest updates and results.

Club Competitions

Congratulations to Jo Norton and Dave Smith who won the **Adnett Pairs** competition. Runners Up were Joan Clarke and John Andreae.

The **Saunders Cup** takes place on Sunday 24th July and the entry list is on the mixed noticeboard. This is a two wood mixed pairs competition where you pick your own partners. Four matches of eight ends will be played with the winners being confirmed at the end of play.

League News

The Sands are top of the **Loughborough League** after winning their first four matches with the Lighthouse team in sixth. Sands won the first match between the teams 50-42 (6-2 in points)

In the **Leicester League** we sit top of Division One after winning the first three matches. We play Belgrave in the next round of the knockout cup following a win over Narborough in round one.

The **Ladies Friday Triples League** starts later this month and we have a team in each of the two divisions. Each team consists of two triples (one home and one away) and the first matches are on 24th June against Narborough and Enderby.

Sunday Best Fun Day

On Sunday 3rd July we are having a Sunday Best Fun Day. Starting at 2.00pm you are invited to wear a posh frock or flash suit (along with bowls shoes) and enjoy an afternoon of bowls.

The format will be triples or rinks depending on numbers with teams being drawn on the day. The winners will be the team with the highest shot difference. The cost is just £3.00 per player and includes tea and posh biscuits. Money raised will go to the President's charity Wishes 4 Kids.

Names can be added to the sheet on the mixed noticeboard in the clubhouse.