

Birstall Bowling Club Newsletter

May 2025

Bowls' Big Weekend

This year's Bowls England's Bowls' Big Weekend takes place between Friday 23rd to Monday 26th May with clubs up and down the country opening their doors to potential new members.

We are running a session on Sunday 25th May between 10.00am – 12.30pm and any help would be appreciated. This can include welcoming visitors, assisting on the green or even making cups of tea and coffee. If anyone can spare some time on the morning, please speak to Gary Kilbourne.



If you have any relatives or friends that would like to try out the sport, bring them down and have an informal game amongst yourselves. Please ensure all players have flat shoes or trainers.

National Competition News

The national competitions are now underway and as well as the individual competitions that members have entered, the club are involved in four National club competitions.

Our **Two Fours** team are at home to Kingscroft on Tuesday 13th May (6.15pm). We are at home to Sileby in the **men's Top Club** on Tuesday 20th May (6.00pm), and our **women's Top Club** team are at home to Fosseyway in a game to be played by Sunday 22nd June. We also have a team in the **Over 60s Mixed Two Fours**. We play Hinckley at home (to be played by Sunday 1st June).

Details of all our participating players in the various competitions are in the Competitions Portal section of Bowls England's website www.bowlsengland.com

County Competition News

The county competitions are getting started this month with the ladies and men's fours. Keep an eye on the rink diary located near the bar to see which games are being played at home. You can keep up to date with the latest results on the county's dedicated competitions website www.bowlsleicestershire-admin.com

Our **men's Unbadged** team are away at Wycliffe in their first game (to be played by Sunday 8th June) and we play Kingscroft in the **County Cup** first round on Friday 13th June (two rinks home and two away).

Our **ladies Unbadged** team begin the defence of their title with an away game at Sileby in a tie to be played by Sunday 22nd June.

Club Competitions

This season's club competitions will be drawn at the club on Tuesday 6th May (7.00pm). The draws will then be put up on noticeboards in the coming days. Please ensure games are played by the closing dates to keep them running smoothly.

There is still time to get your names down for the **Adnett Mixed Pairs** competition. This takes place on Sunday 11th May at 1.30pm. Partners are drawn on the day for this one and there will be three games of six ends (three bowls per player) with the winners being decided on shots difference. The list to add your names is on the mixed noticeboard in the clubhouse.

League News

Both of our teams lost their first matches in the **Men's Loughborough Triples League**. The next fixtures are on Monday 12th May (2.00pm) with Sands scheduled to be at home to Shepshed and Lighthouse away to Wymeswold.

In the **Leicester League** our first match is away at Sileby on Wednesday 7th May, followed by a home game against St Margarets the following week. Matches start at 6.15pm

Our first match in the **Ladies Monday Aussie Pairs League** is at home to Shepshed on Monday 9th June (6.00pm) and the first **Ladies Friday Triples League** game is against Countesthorpe on Friday 20th June.

Bramley Bowl

We play our first round match against Thurmaston at home on Monday 19th May (6.15pm).

Bonus Ball

Those of you who paid your subscriptions by Bank Transfer may not be aware that we are still running the bonus ball every week during the season. If the number you have bought is the same as the bonus ball drawn from Saturday's National Lottery draw, you win £15.00.

Please speak to Treasurer Rick Everitt for further details and to buy a number (or two) for the rest of the season which cost just 50p per week per number.

Social Events

Thanks to everyone who attended the VE Day 80th Anniversary Celebration 1940s and 50s Quiz. Our next social event is a Popmaster Music Quiz on Saturday 31st May. Further details will be displayed shortly on the noticeboard near the bar.

Indoor News

Finally this month, congratulations to everyone who won leagues and cups during the indoor season at Leicester. These include John Hurst and Roger Cooper (Pairs); John, Roger, and Shane Hayes (Triples); Loraine and Stuart Washington (Husband and Wife); and Stuart, Roger Bartlett, Bryan Allnutt and John Corby (Fours runners up).