

Birstall Bowling Club Newsletter

Late August / September 2022

Leamington 2022

Best of luck to Birstall players who are involved in five events at Leamington this year. As always, support for our players would be appreciated. Details of their first matches are below (Timings may be subject to change).

Saturday 27th August 10.00am – **Kat Bowman** and **Deam Walker** – Leicestershire v Kent (Amy Rose semi final)

Tuesday 30th August 12.30pm – **Kat Bowman** and Beth Ward v Warwickshire (Junior Pairs)

Thursday 1st September 9.30am – **Kat Bowman** v Sussex A / Somerset B (Junior Singles)

Wednesday 7th September 9.30am – **Pa Walker** v Bedfordshire A / Northumberland (Singles)

Saturday 10th September 9.30am – **Pa Walker** and **Shane Hayes** v Kent (Mixed Pairs)

Further information about the National Finals (including daily updates) can be found on Bowls England's website www.bowlsengland.com and tickets for each day can be bought in advance through the website www.bowlsengland.com/tickets-benfinals22/ Tickets are £4.00 per weekday and £5.50 on Saturdays and Sundays for adults in advance. Subject to availability, tickets can also be bought on the day for £5.50 during the week and £7.50 at the weekend. There are concessions for anyone 21 and under.

Parking is available on Victoria Park (postcode CV31 3PH) at £5.00 per day or £20.00 for a book of five tickets.

Top Club

Having beaten Derby West End in the previous round, our women's Top Club team are now in the last 16 and face Wigton (Cumbria) on Bank Holiday Monday 29th August (approx. 1.00pm) at Thirsk Athletic Bowls Club, Newsham Road, Thirsk YO7 1QP. Support would be appreciated.

County Competitions

Congratulations to **Jenni Golding** who won the county champion of champions competition, beating New Lount's Sharon Cobb in the final. **Jenni** and husband **Lee** are through to the final of the mixed pairs which takes place at Loughborough Brush on Sunday 11th September (time TBC). **Pa Walker** was runner up in the women's county singles, beaten by Jamie Lea Winch, and **John Hurst, Andy Wye, Richard Smith** (subbing for **Roger Cooper**) and **Shane Hayes** were runners up in the men's fours, losing out to Joe Dawson's Kingscroft four. The men were beaten by New Lount in the semi final of the Atkin Shield (County Cup).

Club Competitions

Club finals day is scheduled for Sunday 18th September with matches being played throughout the day. The full schedule will appear once all semi finals have been completed. If you would like to volunteer to mark a final, please speak to Roger Bartlett or Jan Everitt.

If you were a winner or runner up in any competition last year and have a trophy, can these be returned (cleaned please) to Roger or Jan at the club by Saturday 10th September.

League News

The men finished runners up in the **Leicester League**. Blaby were top having won all ten games. Goodwood and Knighton have been relegated and will be replaced by Kingscroft and Soar Valley.

In the **Loughborough Triples League**, the Sands are top of Division One and need one point in their last game at Fosseway to guarantee the title. The Sands will also be champions if Shepshed fail to win 8-0 in their last game against Thringstone. The Lighthouse completed their games and finished mid-table in the same league.

Quiz Night

A quiz night is being held at the club on Saturday 3rd September at 7.00pm. Please enter your names on the sheet on the noticeboard near the bar if you are attending. There are prizes for both the winning and strongest teams, and refreshments will be available. Entry is £2.00 per person with a maximum of four players per team.

Leicester City & District Parks Association

The Parks Association are looking for a Junior Vice President and committee members ahead of their AGM on Wednesday 23rd November. Nominations (with a proposer and seconder) can be sent by email to Secretary Roger Desborough Moorhead at lcdpba@gmail.com by 1st November. These positions need filling to ensure the association keeps running.

A number of indoor fixtures have been arranged by the association. Roger Bartlett emailed a list out in the middle of August. Please speak to him if you would like it sending to you again.

Coaching Awards

Two Leicestershire coaches are on the shortlist for this year's Coach Bowls coaching awards.

Hinckley's Martin Shipley is in two categories – Coach of the Year and Inclusive Coach of the Year, while Blaby's Gary Toward is nominated for Grassroots Coach of the Year.

You can vote here <http://www.coachbowls.org/awards/awards> but be quick as voting closes at 5.00pm on Friday 26th August.