

# Birstall Bowling Club Newsletter

July 2024

## County and National Competitions

Congratulations to Jan Everitt, Di Hurst and Pa Walker who have qualified for Leamington by reaching the final of the **ladies county triples** competition. They beat a New Lount triple skipped by Lynn Green in the semi-final. Just missing out in the same competition were Liz Marshall, Janet Wildbore and Pat Davies (subbing for Di Hartop) who lost to Viv Newman's New Lount triple in their semi-final.

We have two representatives in the quarter finals of the **ladies county singles** which take place at Wycliffe on Sunday morning 7<sup>th</sup> July. Pa Walker plays Sutton Bonnington's Louise Bettany and Jenni Golding plays Kat Bowman (New Lount). The semi-finals are played on the same day and both county finalists will qualify for Leamington.

Pa Walker's four were beaten by Sharon Cobb's New Lount team in the quarter finals of the **ladies county fours**.

In the **men's senior fours**, John Hurst (subbing for Roger Bartlett), Gary Greenwood, John Corby and Richard Smith lost out to Bob Burton's Shepshed four in the quarter final.

Our **men's county unbadged** team play Fosseyway away on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July (10.30am). We were beaten by Westcotes by just two shots in the **men's county cup** first round.

Our **ladies county unbadged** team have reached the semi-finals where they will play away to either Loughborough Brush or Sileby in a tie to be played by Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

Nationally, our **Tony Allcock Mixed Two Fours** team have reached the Leicestershire area final following a 32-31 semi-final victory against New Lount. We play Shepshed on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July (6.00pm) at Leicester (neutral green) and all support would be appreciated.

We narrowly lost out to Kingscroft in the Leicestershire area semi final of the **ladies top club**. We were beaten 71-76 on shots after both teams won two disciplines each.

Pa Walker and Shane Hayes have reached the Leicestershire final of the **national mixed pairs**. They play away to either Nigel Warren (Wycliffe) or Chris Moore (Kingscroft) by 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

In the **national mixed fours**, Pa, Shane, Jenni Golding and Roger Cooper were beaten by Steve Wade's four in the Leicestershire quarter final.

Jan Everitt and Shepshed's Jacquie Watson lost to Sue Lemon (Holwell) in the Leicestershire semi final of the **ladies senior pairs**, while Di Hurst and Kate Kyle (Shepshed) were beaten by New Lount's Carol Dixon in the quarter final of the same competition.

We still have players involved in various national and county competitions. Keep looking at the rink reservation diary near the bar to see who is playing at home. You can find up to date information on the websites [www.bowlsengland.com](http://www.bowlsengland.com) and [www.bowlsleicestershire-admin.com](http://www.bowlsleicestershire-admin.com)

### Parks Competitions

Following a win over South Wigston in the quarter final of this year's **Bramley Bowl**, our next match is away to Evington Park in the semi-final on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July (6.15pm). The final will take place at South Wigston on the following Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July (6.00pm).

Parks competition semi-finals take place w/c Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July and finals are the week after. All semi-finals and finals are being played at South Wigston.

### Club Competitions

Entry sheets are up on the mixed noticeboard for this season's three mixed competitions. The **Saunders Cup** will be played on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August. You pick your own partner in this one so you know who to blame before the start! The **Adnett Pairs** takes place on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August with pairs drawn out of the hat, and finally the **Aussie Pairs** is scheduled for Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September. Again, pairs are drawn for this one.

### League News

In the **Loughborough Triples League**, Sands remain top of Division One by despite losing for the first time this season in their latest game away to Shepshed. In Division Two, Lighthouse are still top, five points clear of second place Belgrave. The next round of matches on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July (2.00pm) see Sands at home to Loughborough Greenfields and Lighthouse away to Queens Park.

Six matches have been played in the **Leicester League** our latest of which was a defeat at Blaby. We are currently fifth in the table. The next two fixtures are both at home. We play Kingscroft on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July and Little Bowden on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July (both 6.15pm).

We were beaten by Kingscroft in the **Leicester League Cup** quarter final.

Our team in the **Ladies Friday Triples League** will be playing matches throughout July.

### Chummy Sessions

As you will have seen in an email from Marlene, the Monday chummy has been suspended until the Aussie Pairs competition is concluded. Monday chummy sessions will recommence on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August at 2.30pm. In the meantime, you can still have a roll up amongst yourselves but the sessions won't be organised. The other two sessions on Tuesday evenings and Friday evenings (both 5.45pm for 6.00pm) remain unchanged.

### Drinks Fridge

If the bar is closed after you have played a game, there is a fridge in the kitchen where you can purchase bottles of water, and soft drinks and beer in cans. The prices are on the door. Please leave the money in the tankard in the fridge and make sure that the door is closed when you have finished. Please also take your cans and bottles home with you if possible.