

Birstall Bowling Club Newsletter

August 2019

Leamington 2019

Birstall will be represented in seven events at the National Championships which are taking place at Leamington Spa this month.

Roger Cooper, Shane Hayes, John Hurst and Andy Wye are all part of the Leicestershire team hoping to retain the Middleton Cup that was won in such dramatic fashion last year.

Deam Walker has qualified again for the Junior Singles; Rosemary Groves, Julie Lovell, Jan Everitt and Di Hurst are in the Fours, and Pa Walker is in both the Singles and Two Wood Singles.

John Hurst, Richard Smith, Roger Cooper and Dave Smith are in the Senior Fours, while John and Roger have also qualified in the Senior Pairs. I've been asked by one member of the quartet to mention the fact that the qualifying age for these two events is 55!

Birstall players first games at Leamington this year. Timings and rinks are subject to change.

Saturday 3rd August 9.30am:

Roger Cooper, Shane Hayes, John Hurst and Andy Wye (Middleton Cup Semi Final). Green D Leicestershire v Devon

Sunday 4th August 9.30am:

Deam Walker (Junior Singles). Green A5 v Cambridgeshire B

Monday 5th August 2.00pm:

Rosemary Groves, Julie Lovell, Jan Everitt and Di Hurst (Fours). Green D2 v Yorkshire A

Tuesday 6th August 2.00pm:

John Hurst, Richard Smith, Roger Cooper & Dave Smith (Senior Fours). Green D5 v Dorset/Norfolk

Thursday 8th August 2.00pm:

Pa Walker (Singles). Green B3 v Oxfordshire A

Tuesday 13th August 2.00pm:

Pa Walker (Two Wood Singles). Green C3 v Berkshire B

Friday 16th August 2.00pm:

Paul Young (substitute for John Hurst) & Roger Cooper (Senior Pairs). Green D2 v Herefordshire

Support would be greatly appreciated but if you aren't able to make it to Leamington, you can keep up to date with the latest scores by visiting www.bowlsengland.com

County & National Competitions

Players were also close to qualifying for Leamington in a number of other events.

Jan Everitt reached the semi final of the county singles, losing to Kingscroft's Jamie-Lea Winch, while Deam Walker, Marlene Bartlett and Pa Walker got to the same stage in the triples before being beaten by Lynn Green's New Lount triple.

In the men's county competitions, Roger Cooper and Shane Hayes lost to Holwell's Chris Rodgers and Neil Hope in the pairs quarter final, and Andy Wye was also beaten by Hope in the singles quarter final

In the national mixed fours Pa was part of a rink that lost by just four shots in the East Midlands area final to Martin Spencer's four from Lincolnshire.

Parks Competitions

Congratulations to Grahame White who won the Parks Singles for the third time in the last four years by beating Western Park's Steve Dean 22-16 in the final. Commiserations but also well done to Marlene and Roger Bartlett who finished runners up in the Mixed Pairs, losing out by two shots in the final to Caroline & Chris Bancroft-Taylor (Shakespeare Park). Trailing 8-19 with just four ends left, they picked up nine shots without reply to fall just short, losing 17-19.

Charity Fun Day

The club will be holding a charity fun day on Sunday 4th August starting at 2.00pm to raise funds for Heart Link. A unique fun game of bowls will take place followed by a faith tea. There is a form on the notice board near the bar for you to enter your names, together with what your contribution to the tea will be. Various other activities will be taking place including a bottle tombola which prize donations would be most welcome. We have kindly been donated several items by local businesses. It has been decided to auction these off to club members via sealed bids (if you haven't seen the list, please speak to Marlene Bartlett). All bids must be in sealed envelopes with your name and the lot number clearly stated on the envelope and handed to Marlene by the start of the fun day on Sunday 4th August. Envelopes will be opened on the day with the highest bid for each lot winning the item.

Atkin Shield Final

Birstall have reached the final of the County Cup (Atkin Shield) following victory over St Margaret's in the semi final. Our opponents in the final will be Blaby, who beat Shepshed in their semi final. The final takes place on Sunday 25th August (10.00am) at a green to be advised. Support would again be appreciated if you aren't playing.