

Birstall Bowling Club Newsletter

Late March/April 2022

Season 2022

Welcome to the 2022 outdoor season. It's a big year for the sport as the Commonwealth Games are being held in England this summer with bowls taking place in Leamington Spa from Friday 29th July to Saturday 6th August.

Presidents Lesley and Dave are looking forward to the season and have chosen Wishes 4 Kids as their charity for the year. If you have any spare change, please put it in the box near the bar.

Subscriptions due: Thanks to everyone who has paid their subscriptions for the year. A gentle reminder that you will not be allowed to play unless your subscription has been paid. Please contact Rick Everitt to arrange payment if you haven't done so already.

Club fixtures: All friendly fixtures for this year have been confirmed. Please help your captains out by indicating your availability on the sheets on the relevant noticeboards and ticking off promptly when the teams are selected.

Club competitions: Please speak to either Jan Everitt or Roger Bartlett to get a form if you haven't entered yet. The cost is £1.00 per comp and the closing date is Thursday 21st April.

Club website: For the latest news about the club, please visit the website where you can register to receive updates by email. The address is www.birstallbowlingclub.co.uk

Social Events

A number of social events have been arranged throughout the season, the first two are below.

Saturday 26th March 10.00am–12.00 noon – Coffee Morning with money raised going to the President's charity. £1.00 entry gets you a cup of tea or coffee and a cake. There will be cakes for sale, Body Shop products, craft work, a raffle and competitions.

Friday 15th April 7.00pm – Bingo Night. Please put your name on the list on the noticeboard if you will be attending, or speak to Marlene so that she has an idea of numbers. Proceeds again go to Wishes 4 Kids and there may be some eggcellent prizes to the winners!

Marlene has arranged a trip on **Friday 16th September to Nottingham Greyhound Stadium**. This is a great night out and names are now being taken. Please speak to Marlene or put your name on the list on the noticeboard. The cost will be £36.50 per person if the 35-seat bus is full. This includes travel, stadium entry and a three-course meal in the restaurant overlooking the track. A £10.00 per person deposit is required at this stage to secure the booking with the stadium.

National and County Competition News

Bowls England. The national competition draws are due to be published on Thursday 1st April and will be found on their website www.bowlsengland.com The national finals will run from Thursday 25th August to Sunday 11th September.

If you've entered a competition, please check the format as in some instances, this differs from the county format below. See the Competitions Portal section of the website for all the details.

Bowls Leicestershire. The county championship and competition draws are on the website www.bowlsleicestershire.com Please be aware that the format (bowls per player and number of ends per match) of certain competitions has changed again so please check before you play your first game. The formats for Championship matches (Leamington qualifiers) are as follows: Singles (2 bowls/21 ends or 4 bowls/21 shots); Pairs (4 bowls per player/18 ends); Triples (3 bowls per player/18 ends); Fours (2 bowls per player/18 ends).

As with last year the number of qualifiers for each championship event at Leamington has been reduced to 48. The 13 counties with the most entries will have two qualifiers.

League News

Loughborough Triples League: Our two teams are in Division 1 and matches start on Monday 25th April with reigning champions Sands away at Belgrave and Lighthouse at home to Fosseyway.

Leicester League: We are in Division 1 with the first match on Wednesday 4th May away at Countesthorpe. The first round of the cup is at home to Narborough on Wednesday 25th May.

Ladies Friday Triples League: We have two teams entered with the first matches scheduled to take place on Friday 24th June.

Parks Matches and Competitions

The Leicester City & District Parks Association have arranged a number of matches this season which any member can play in. An email was sent out in January with a list of fixtures which are all on Sundays. Please speak to Roger Bartlett if you would like the list sending to you again. Please note that five matches clash with our own mixed fixtures.

There are also Parks competitions taking place this year. These are Singles, Pairs, Triples, Fours, Mixed Pairs and Senior Pairs (over 60 at 1st April). These are free to enter and forms are on the noticeboards in the changing rooms.

Bar Staff

Thanks to those who have volunteered to be bar staff for this season. There are still some slots available so if anyone has any spare time and would be willing to do a shift, please speak to Duncan Brown.