

# Birstall Bowling Club Newsletter

August 2023

## Leamington 2023

Club members have qualified in three events at Leamington this year. We are also expected to have representation in the Women's Under 31 Amy Rose semi final. The full schedule is due to appear on Bowls England's website shortly once all qualifiers are known. Our players first games are shown below (details are correct at the time of writing but are subject to change).

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August 9.30am – Leicestershire Under 31s v Kent Under 31s (Amy Rose semi-final)

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August 1.00pm – Di Hurst & Kate Kyle v Middlesex (Women's Senior Pairs)

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August 3.00pm – Pa Walker v tbc (Women's Singles)

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 9.30am – Kat Bowman v tbc (Women's Junior Singles)

Hoping to join them are Stuart Washington, Dave Holmes, Rick Everitt and Roger Bartlett who have reached the semi-final of the men's Senior Fours. They play Gary Toward's Blaby four at Narborough on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August (9.30am) and all support would be welcome. If they win that match and the final later the same day, they will qualify as Leicestershire's representative.

Bowls England's website [www.bowlsengland.com/aviva-national-finals/](http://www.bowlsengland.com/aviva-national-finals/) has all the information about Leamington with tickets available to be bought in advance from £4.00 per day for adults. Daily parking is available on Victoria Park (postcode CV31 3PH) at £5.00 per day.

Di Hurst is in the last 32 of the Women's Senior Pairs (Over 55) with Shepshed's Kate Kyle. They beat New Lount's Sharon Cobb and Lynn Green in the Leicestershire final.

Pa Walker is in Women's Singles having beaten Shepshed's Jackie Jones and Hinckley's Elaine Barrett in the county quarter and semi-finals respectively to qualify.

Kat Bowman has reached the county women's junior singles final to also qualify, beating Tegan Grewal (Kingscroft) in the county semi-final.

Kat was just one game away from qualifying in the Women's Two Wood Singles, losing out to New Lount's Carol Dixon in the county semi-final. Jan Everitt was just beaten by Shepshed's Kate Kyle in the quarter final of the same competition.

In the men's county two wood competition, John Hurst was also one game away from a trip to Leamington. He was beaten by Kingscroft's Jonathan Green in the county semi-final.

Finally, in the women's pairs, Jenni Golding and Di Hurst were beaten in the county quarter final by Kingscroft's Julie Wilkins and Pam Sutton, and in the men's county singles, Andy Wye lost out 19-21 to Fynn Kyser (Countesthorpe) in the quarter final.

### **England**

Congratulations to Kat Bowman who has been selected to play for the England team in this year's British Isles Under 25 International Series. This takes place in Llandrindod Wells, Wales on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September and involves matches against the other home nations.

### **County and Parks Competitions**

As well as the Leamington qualifiers mentioned above, there are also the county competitions that have been taking place throughout the season.

Well done to our ladies unbadged team who reached the county final for the first time. They were narrowly beaten by six shots against Shepshed in the final.

Pa Walker beat Cath Locking (Kingscroft) in the Champion of Champions semi-final and will now play in the final on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September at Leicester (time tbc).

Marlene Bartlett and Jodi Lewis were both quarter finalists in the unbadged singles. Marlene lost to Sutton Bonington's Louise Bettany while Jodi was beaten by Holycroft Park's Dena Abbott.

Meanwhile, we had representatives in the latter stages of the Leicester City and District Parks competitions which took place at South Wigston. All reached the semi-finals. Roger Bartlett in the singles, both Roger and Marlene Bartlett, and Loraine and Stuart Washington in the mixed pairs, and Loraine, Stuart and Bill Jones in the triples.

### **Club Competitions**

Club finals day is on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September, and the aim is to get all club competition semi-finals completed by the end of August if possible so that the schedule for finals day can be arranged in good time as players may be involved in more than one final.

### **League News**

There are three games left in the Loughborough Triples League with both of our teams in the bottom half of Division One. The second game of the season between Lighthouse and Sands takes place on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August (2.00pm). In the Leicester League there are two games to go and we sit in the bottom half of Division One. Our next game is on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August when we play Soar Valley at home (6.00pm).

### **Security**

You will have seen emails sent by Secretary Diane regarding security at the club. If you are the last to leave the club at any time, please ensure that the away changing rooms, kit cupboard and clubhouse doors are all locked and that the door to the men's changing room is closed. We are not insured if doors are left open and damage or theft occurs.