

Birstall Bowling Club Newsletter

September 2019

Leamington 2019

Birstall players were involved in seven events at this year's National Championships. Roger Cooper, Shane Hayes, John Hurst and Andy Wye were part of the Leicestershire team that were beaten by Devon in the Middleton Cup semi final. Roger, John, Richard Smith and Dave Smith were in the Senior Fours, losing by just two shots in the last 16 to a Kent four that got to the semi final. Roger was also in the Senior Pairs with Paul Young (who was substituting for John Hurst). They were beaten by two shots in the last 32 by a Herefordshire pair who reached the final.

In the ladies championships, Pa Walker lost in her second game of the two wood singles to Amy Walters (Worcestershire), and she was beaten by Oxfordshire's Caroline Campion in the first round of the four wood singles.

Deam Walker lost out by the narrowest of margins 20-21 in the junior singles first round to Cambridgeshire's Terri Jacobs, and in the fours, Rosemary Groves, Julie Lovell, Jan Everitt and Di Hurst were beaten in the first round by a four from Yorkshire, who went on to reach the semi final.

Deam and sister Noi are both in the Leicestershire ladies team that will play in the Amy Rose Bowl at Leamington. The first round is on Saturday 31st August at 2.30pm against Berkshire on rinks C5 & C6. Support would be most welcome.

To prove what we all know already, bowls is a sport for all ages. Here is Deam, along with Compo, Foggy, Clegg and Howard at Leamington.



Charity Fun Day

The club's charity fun day was held last month and around £400 was raised for the Presidents chosen charity for the year, Heart Link. Players were involved in a unique fun game of bowls where everyone played in different positions on the rink, followed by a faith tea. Almost everyone remembered to hand in their cards at the end, and a great time was had by all. Other events included David's horse racing game, a bottle tombola and a secret auction, with members bidding for lots donated by local businesses. This takes the total raised this year to over £3000 with a number of events still to come.



County Competitions

Birstall successfully defended the Greenwood Cup by beating Bagworth in the final at Leicester. Having won the area with a score of +28 (our other team finished third on +18) we then defeated Wycliffe in the morning semi final. It was a real team effort as of the nine players who played in the area match, we had to make six changes for the semi final due to a clash of dates. Sadly, we could not make it a double on the day, losing to Blaby in the County Cup final at Knighton.

A number of Birstall players are involved in county finals which take place this month, details are below.

Men's Finals – Sunday 1st September at Wymeswold.

10.00am: John Jenkins & Roger Cooper (Over 60s Pairs) v Stuart Millidge (Hinckley)

If John Jenkins, Roger Cooper & Shane Hayes win their Two Wood Triples semi final (played on Friday 30th August), they will be playing in the final at 1.30pm.

Richard Smith is in the Over 60s Singles against Shepshed's Bob Burton with the date, time and venue to be arranged.

Ladies Finals – Sunday 8th September at Blaby.

9.00am: Pa Walker (Singles) v Jamie-Lea Winch (Kingscroft)

9.00am: Rosemary Groves, Julie Lovell, Jan Everitt & Di Hurst (Fours) v Lynn Green (New Lount)

12.00 noon: Pa Walker (Two Wood Singles) v Jan Elliott (New Lount)

12.30pm: Deam Walker (Junior Singles) v Kat Bowman (Thringstone)

League News

Congratulations to the Lighthouse team who topped Division Two of the Loughborough Triples League, with 79 points, five points ahead the Sands who finished runners up. Both should now be promoted to Division One for next season.

We finished runners up in the Leicester League. Blaby topped the table on 178 points, we were second on 160 and Countesthorpe third on 125. Due to the weather, the last round of matches were not played with the points shared.

Club Competition Finals

These are due to take place on Sunday 15th September (and possibly Sunday 22nd). Keep a look out on the noticeboards for the schedules and come and watch the finals if you aren't playing.

Quiz Night

There will be a quiz at the club on Friday 6th September starting after the chummy has finished at approx. 7.30-8.00pm with prizes for the best and strongest teams. Entry is just £2.00 per person with refreshments available.

Annual Presentation Dinner

Our annual presentation dinner dance is being held at Birstall Golf Club on Saturday 2nd November (6.30pm for 7.00pm) and the menu and list to append your names and select your choices is on the wall near to the bar. Cost for this is £25.00 per person.

