

Birstall Bowling Club Newsletter

September 2023

Leamington National Finals

Our players were involved in five events at Leamington this year.

Pa Walker reached the quarter final of the Women's Singles, narrowly losing out to Somerset's Stef Branfield who went on to win the competition.

Kat Bowman was a quarter finalist in the Women's Junior Singles. She lost to Warwickshire's Emily Kernick who won the title (adding to her Junior Pairs win). Kat and Holwell's Izzy Pymm got to the last 16 in the Women's Junior Pairs before losing to Huntingdonshire's Chloe Brett and Rebecca Moorbey. Kat was also part of Leicestershire's Amy Rose Women's Under 31 team that were beaten in the semi-final by Kent.

Di Hurst and Shepshed's Kate Kyle reached the last 16 in the Women's Senior Pairs. They lost to Cambridgeshire's Linda Churchman and Cheryl Salisbury who also won the competition.

County Competitions

Good luck to our ladies who are in the women's county finals which take place on Sunday 10th September at Leicester. Pa Walker plays Alison Johnson (Knighton Victoria) in the Champion of Champions at 10.00am. Kat Bowman is in the Junior Singles final against Izzy Pymm (Holwell) at 10.30am, and then, after the usual ridiculously long lunch break, Pa is playing Kingscroft's Julie Wilkins in the Singles final at 2.30pm. On the same day, Kat is also in the Under 25s Open Singles final against Holwell's Ethan Giblett. This is being played at Kingscroft starting at 2.00pm. Support for our finalists would be welcome.

Our men's Senior Four team of Stuart Washington, Dave Holmes, Rick Everitt and Roger Bartlett were just a couple of games from qualifying for Leamington. They were beaten in the county semi-final by Joe Breward's Blaby four.

Julie Beamish, Jan Everitt and Di Hurst lost out to Viv Newman's New Lount triple in the quarter final of the women's county two wood triples.

The men were beaten by Holwell in the quarter final of the County Cup (Atkin Shield).

Club Competitions

Club finals day is scheduled for Sunday 17th September (with a reserve day of 24th September if required) with matches being played throughout the day. The full schedule will appear once all semi finals have been completed.

Eight pairs competed in the **Saunders Cup** and congratulations go to Di and John Hurst who won the competition. Runners Up were Joan Preston and John Andreae.

League News

The men finished fourth in Division One of the **Leicester League** which was won by Kingscroft. Fossey and Soar Valley are relegated and will be replaced by Belgrave and Little Bowden.

In the **Loughborough Triples League**, unfortunately Lighthouse finished bottom of Division One and have been relegated. Last year's champions Sands finished sixth. Shepshed won the league.

Quiz Night

A quiz night is being held at the club on Friday 15th September at 7.00pm with cobs and crisps on sale at the break. Please enter your names on the sheet on the noticeboard near the bar if you are attending so that we can have an idea of numbers for catering purposes.

Portugal Tour

For those who are going on the tour to Portugal between 11th and 18th October, a final meeting has been scheduled for Monday 18th September at the club (7.00pm for 7.30pm start).

Candlelit Bowls

A list is up on the notice board near the bar for anyone who would like to play in the Candlelit Bowls on Friday 29th September starting at 6.30pm. The game will be followed by a fish and chip supper (approximate cost £8.00-£10.00).

Indoor Matches

As the outdoor season will be ending soon, thoughts will turn to the indoor version of the sport. Roger Bartlett has arranged five matches throughout the season. Sheets are in both changing rooms to indicate your availability. All matches are mixed and you don't need to be a member of an indoor club to play.

Parks News

The Leicester City & District Parks Association are holding their Presentation Dinner on Saturday 14th October at Blaby Bowls Club (6.30pm for 7.00pm). Cost is £16.00 per head and information on obtaining tickets etc. is on the noticeboard near the bar.

Entries are now open for next year's Parks competitions. There are six competitions and the fee is £1.50 per player per comp. An entry form is on the Parks noticeboard in the men's changing room. The closing date is 5th November. Please ensure that Roger Bartlett has your payments before that date so that he can collate the club's entries. Semi-finals will take place w/c 15th July and finals w/c 22nd July at South Wigston. If you will not be available for those dates, apparently you have two options – don't enter, or be prepared to find a substitute if you get to the finals. No excuses will be accepted, not even from you!!

Car Park

Just a reminder that due to recent problems, the car park is now being locked again at 9.30pm.