

Birstall Bowling Club Newsletter

July 2023

National and County Competitions

Nationally, our **ladies top club** team were beaten by Kingscroft 1-3 in the Leicestershire final.

Pa Walker is through to the quarter final of the **ladies county singles**. This is being played at Westcotes on Sunday 9th July (10.00am) with the semi-finals to follow later in the day.

Kat Bowman and Jan Everitt have both reached the **ladies county two wood** quarter finals. The quarter and semi-finals both take place at Countesthorpe on Sunday 16th July.

We play Sileby away on Thursday 6th July (2.00pm) in the **ladies county unbadged** quarter final.

In the **men's county cup**, we play Coalville in the first round on Friday 14th July (6.00pm) with two rinks at home and two away.

Our **men's county unbadged** team play Fleckney at home on Sunday 23rd July (10.00am).

We still have players involved in national and county competitions. You can find up to date information on the websites www.bowlsengland.com and www.bowlsleicestershire.com

League News

In the **Loughborough Triples League**, following defeats in the latest round of matches our teams occupy the bottom two places in Division One. In the first game between our two teams, Sands were victorious 7-1. This was followed by a thunderstorm that flooded the green. The second fixture takes place on Monday 7th August with Lighthouse looking for revenge.



The **Leicester League** is at the halfway stage and we are currently fifth in the table. We were beaten by Kingscroft in the League Cup quarter final, and as a result, have rearranged our home league game against Fosseway (postponed earlier in the season) for Wednesday 26th July.

Our two teams in the **Ladies Friday Triples League** will be playing matches throughout July.

Super Six

Following the success of last season's Super Six competition, John Hurst is running it again this year. We have two teams entered with matches being played on Friday mornings in August and early September. Money raised will go to Age UK.

Parks Competitions

We were beaten by Abbey Park in the Bramley Bowl competition but we still have players who are involved in the latter stages of the individual competitions. The draw sheets are in the men's changing room. Parks semi-finals take place w/c Monday 17th July and finals are the week after. All semi-finals and finals are being played at South Wigston.

Club Competitions

These are progressing well so please continue to ensure that all games are played before the closing date. For the men, last 16 matches need to be completed by Saturday 15th July and quarter finals by Saturday 12th August. Ladies quarter finals need to be played by Monday 24th July and semi-finals by Monday 21st August.

The Saunders Cup is due to take place on Sunday 6th August and a list will be up shortly on the mixed noticeboard to enter your names.

Bedwellty Park BC

On Saturday 16th September we welcome Bedwellty Park Bowls Club for a friendly fixture. The club, from Tredegar, Wales, will be playing four matches on a tour with fixtures against Leicester, Belgrave and Pershore as well as ourselves. A list is on the mixed noticeboard for you to enter your names if you would like to play. The men also have a fixture at Ashby on the same day.

Bowls England President Deepak Tanna will be with us as a guest and he will be presenting the club with a plaque to commemorate the official opening of the visitors changing room.

Volunteers Required

There are still days during the season when the bar isn't open due to a lack of volunteers. If you can help, please speak to Duncan Brown. Training can be given if required. At present, members who are already volunteering are being asked to serve at the bar when it is not their turn, which is unfair to them if they have just come to watch a game. Please bear in mind that there may be some occasions when you will not be able to get a drink if the bar is shut!

We are also looking for volunteers to set out the rinks each day for a week at a time. All that this now involves is opening the club up and moving the rink markers to the relevant colour, as players are being asked to bring mats, jacks, scoreboards and ditch markers out themselves. If you can help, please speak to Roger Savill.

Bowls Shoes

Members and visitors are reminded that they should change their footwear before going onto the green. If you arrive at the club and go straight onto the green in the shoes you are wearing, there is a risk of contaminating the green with anything that could be picked up outside the club.