

Birstall Bowling Club Newsletter

August 2021

Leamington 2021

The National Championships take place in Leamington Spa later this month and things are a bit different this year as you need to buy tickets to attend if you are spectating. These are priced at £4 per day for adults and £1 for under 18s if purchased in advance, increasing to £5 and £2 on the day (subject to availability).

All attendees will have to either take a Lateral Flow Test (LFT) within 24 hours of arrival at the venue and be able to show proof of a negative test via an email or text from the NHS or show a photo of the negative test. OR have evidence of double vaccination via the NHS app, a letter from the NHS or your Vaccination card. If you have neither of these, you will be asked to take a LFT on arrival, and will not be allowed access until the result has been read 30 minutes later.

Dates and times may be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances, but at the time of writing our bowlers are scheduled to compete in their first matches as follows:

Saturday 21st August 9.30am or 12.30pm – Women's Triples – Jan Everitt, Di Hurst and Pa Walker

Sunday 22nd August 9.30am – Men's Pairs – Roger Cooper and Shane Hayes

Monday 23rd August 9.30am or 12.30pm – Women's Pairs – Jan Everitt and Pa Walker

Wednesday 1st September 2.00pm – Men's Senior Singles – Roger Cooper

Thursday 2nd September 9.30am or 12.30pm – Mixed Pairs – Pa Walker and Shane Hayes

Friday 3rd September 9.30am – Women's Senior Pairs – Jan Everitt and Jacquie Watson

There may be three matches per day and competitions are concluded in two days. Draws can be found in the "Competitions Portal" section of Bowls England's website www.bowlsengland.com
All information regarding ticket sales and guidance etc. is in the "National Finals 2021" section.

We have three more chances of qualifying and communication will be sent out as soon as possible when results are known.

Pa plays in the county two wood quarter final on Sunday 8th August at Shepshed (10.00am). If she wins that and the semi final on the same day she will qualify. **Pa** is also part of Joe Dawson's rink who are in the Leicestershire area final of the national mixed fours, while **John Hurst and Roger Cooper** are in the Leicestershire area final of the men's national senior pairs. The winners of both these finals will also compete at Leamington.

County and National Competitions

Congratulations to **Roger Cooper and Shane Hayes** who are county pairs champions and qualify for Leamington following victory over Hinckley's Martin Shipley and Stuart Millidge in the final.

Fresh from his appearance at Wimbledon's centre court, **Roger** beat Mick Spencer (Brush) 21-20 in the Leicestershire area final to qualify in the national senior singles.

Jan Everitt, Di Hurst and Pa Walker qualified for the triples with victory over Carol Dixon's New Lount triple in the county semi final.

Jan and Pa beat New Lount's Sharon Cobb and Lynn Green in the county pairs semi final to also qualify. **Julie Lovell and Noi Pimprasan** were beaten semi finalists in the same competition.

In the national senior pairs **Jan** (who tells me she's only just old enough) and Shepshed's Jacquie Watson are through, winning the Leicestershire area final against **Di** and Kate Kyle (Shepshed).

Shane and Pa beat **Steve Beamish** and Kat Bowman (Thringstone) in the Leicestershire final of the national mixed pairs and will now play in the last 32 at Leamington.

In other competitions, **Pa** and **Shane** were both area semi finalists in the national champion of champions, **Richard Smith** was a semi finalist in the county secretary's singles, **Janet Wildbore** was a quarter finalist in the county unbadged singles, and the men were county cup quarter finalists, losing out to Blaby, and were beaten by Holwell in the area quarter final of the national club two fours.

The men play Countesthorpe away on Sunday 8th August (10.00am) in the national top club area semi final. If we win, we will play Blaby for a place in the national last 32.

Club Competitions

Well done to Dawn and Steve Logan who won the **Saunders Cup** which was played on Sunday 25th July. Runners up were Marlene and Roger Bartlett with Sue and Richard Smith third.

This year's club competitions are reaching the latter stages. Anyone who has club trophies from 2019 is asked to return the cups (cleaned please) to Roger Bartlett or Jan Everitt.

League News

There is just one game to go in the regular season of the **Leicester League** and a win will see us top the Charnwood area table before an end of season play off.

The **Loughborough Triples League** is just over halfway through with Lighthouse second on 25 points, four behind leaders Fosseway. Sands are third on 23 points with a game in hand. Sands beat Lighthouse 54-48 (6-2) in the match between the two Birstall teams.