

Birstall Bowling Club Newsletter

September 2018

Leamington 2018

Two Birstall players were part of the Leicestershire team that won the national inter-county Middleton Cup. John Hurst and Andy Wye played in the five games leading up to the final, which was against a Devon team who had won the title for the last three years. The match was tied at 119-119 after 21 ends with an extra end required on all six rinks. Leicestershire won those extra ends 9-1 to secure the title for the first time since 1964.

Meanwhile, Di Hurst played four matches in the Two Wood Championship, reaching the last eight in the country, before losing to Terrie Wombell (Nottinghamshire) 12-16.

In the Junior Singles, Noi reached the third round (the last 16 in the country) before losing to Katie Sturtridge (Cornwall) in her third game of the day, while sister Deam lost out to Lauren Coles (Berkshire) in the first round. Both are also in the Leicestershire team that play against Oxfordshire in the Amy Rose Bowl on Saturday 1st September at Leamington (11.30am), and the experience gained by playing at the championships will surely be good for the future.



Men's County Finals

Birstall are through to play Narborough in the Unbadged Final which takes place on Sunday 2nd September at Countesthorpe with a 10.00am start. Team: Roger Savill, Roger Bartlett, John Lee, Dick Cooper. John Walker, Barry Jarvis, John Andreae, Richard Smith. Support would be appreciated.

Ladies County Finals

These take place on Sunday 9th September at Narborough and four Birstall players are involved, again support would be welcome.

At 10.00am Di Hurst plays Kingscroft's Sally-Anne Lewis-Wall in the two wood and Pa Walker plays Kate Kyle (Shepshed) in the Champion of Champions, while at 2.00pm her daughters Noi and Deam play each other in the junior singles.

Leicester League Cup Final

Unfortunately Birstall lost out in the final of the Leicester League Cup. We were beaten 90-109 by a Countesthorpe team that also won both league matches against us.

Leicester League

As mentioned previously we finished second in the Leicester League. Blaby topped the table on 122 points, Birstall were second on 93 and Countesthorpe third on 76.

Loughborough League

Bragging rights go to the Sands who just pipped the Lighthouse in the Second Division on rinks won. Both teams finished on 59 points, with Sands having won 22 rinks to Lighthouse's 21.5. At the time of writing, the date and time of Sands Captain Brian's open-top bus parade is still unclear.

County Competitions

In the latter stages of the men's county competitions John Hurst, Andy Wye and Dave Smith just missed out in a place in the two wood triples final, losing to Shepshed's Greg Fardell's triple on an extra end in the semi final. John also reached the semi final of the champion of champions, losing out to Bill Brune (Loughborough Phoenix).

Charity Fun Day

The club's charity fun day was held last month and around £300 was raised for the Presidents chosen charity for the year, Birstall BAGS. 32 players were involved in a unique fun game of bowls where everyone played in different positions on the rink. This was followed by a meal and a horse racing game. As you can see there was a relaxed dress code and I probably should have warned you that some readers might find the image below disturbing.



Club Competition Finals

These are due to take place on Sunday 16th September (and possibly Sunday 23rd). Keep a look out on the noticeboards for the schedules and come and watch the finals if you aren't playing.

Thai Meal & Quiz Night

On Friday 14th September (7.00pm for 7.30pm) Pa will be cooking a Thai meal which will be followed by an Alphabetic quiz with prizes!! Cost is £12.00 per person and money raised will go to the BAGS charity. Please put your names on the list by the bar if you wish to attend.

Annual Presentation Dinner

Our annual presentation dinner dance is being held at Birstall Golf Club on Saturday 3rd 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 £24.00 per person.

