

Birstall Bowling Club Newsletter

October 2022

Leamington National Finals

The Bowls England National Finals took place last month with our players involved in five events.

Kat Bowman and Whitwick's Beth Ward were runners up in the women's junior pairs, losing out to Worcestershire's Izzie White and Maddie Burgess in the final. **Kat** was also in the junior singles, she lost to Hannah Maslen (Sussex) who went on to reach the semi final.

Leicestershire's Amy Rose team, including **Kat** and **Deam Walker** were beaten by a strong Kent in the semi final with Kent going on to win the title.

Pa Walker reached the quarter final of the women's singles before losing to Suffolk's Sal Butcher, and **Pa** and **Shane Hayes** were quarter finalists in the mixed pairs, beaten by Kent's Leah Bamford and Michael Fisher.



In their first season of entering the competition, our women's Top Club team just missed out on a place at Leamington as they were beaten 2.5-1.5 by Wigton (Cumbria) at Thirsk in the last 16.

County Competitions

Congratulations to **Kat Bowman** who won the county junior singles competition to go with her junior pairs title. She beat New Lount's Alice Atkin in the final. Well done also to **Jenni** and **Lee Golding** who finished runners up in the county mixed pairs. They just lost out to Eric Peat and his daughter Sarah in the final.

Next year's county competition entry forms are pinned up in the changing rooms. If you wish to enter, please fill in the sheets by the middle of November. A list of play on or play by dates is also there so that you can plan well ahead. Entries cost £3.80 per player for each Leamington comp and £2.50 per player for each non-Leamington comp.

Officer Nominations

As in previous years, nominations for all club offices should be filled in on the relevant sheets on the mixed noticeboard with a proposer and seconder. Many of the Job Descriptions are located there as well. We rely on volunteers at the club and without these people who put many unpaid hours in throughout the year, the club would not survive.

League News

The Sands clinched top spot in Division One of the **Loughborough Triples League** for the second successive year winning 12, drawing one and losing just one of the 14 matches played. A 4-4 draw against Fosseway in their last game secured the title.

Saunders Cup

Congratulations to **Pa Walker** and **Shane Hayes** who won this year's Saunders Cup competition, beating **Jan Everitt** and **Andy Wye** after an extra end in the final. Eighteen pairs were split into two groups with each pair playing four games before the group winners played off in the final.

Charity News

The first Super Six competition was a great success. Thanks to everyone who played and to John Hurst for organising the tournament. It concluded with Bagworth beating Hinckley in the final which took place on our green. Almost £500 was raised during the competition for Age UK.

The annual game between Birstall and Soar Valley for the St John's Cup was played at the end of August with us winning the trophy. £150 was raised for the local St John Ambulance branch thanks to donations by both clubs.

Presentation Evening

The annual Presentation Evening is being held on Saturday 12th November (6.00pm for 6.30pm) at Birstall Golf Club. Details of the menu and the sheet to fill in your names along with your menu choices is located on the noticeboard next to the bar. The cost is £26.00 per person.

Christmas Dinners

Pa is doing Christmas Dinners again this year which take place at the club on Saturdays 10th and 17th December (6.30pm for 7.00pm). The cost is £18.00 per person. At the time of writing, the 17th is full but there are spaces on the 10th to put your names and menu choices on the sheet, which is pinned on the noticeboard next to the bar.

Parks News

The Leicester City & District Parks Association are holding their Presentation Dinner on Saturday 19th November at Leicester Indoor Bowls Club (7.00pm for 7.30pm). This will be a carvery meal followed by the presentation of trophies, with the price decided dependent on the number of attendees. Please let Roger Bartlett know by Friday 14th October if you wish to attend.

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 was emailed to members at the end of August and entries need to be with Roger Bartlett by Friday 28th October. Semi finals will take place w/c 17th July and finals w/c 24th July at South Wigston. If you will not be available for those dates, you apparently have two options – don't enter, or find a substitute. No excuses will be accepted!!