

# Birstall Bowling Club Newsletter

May 2022

## Bowls' Big Weekend

Bowls England's Bowls' Big Weekend takes place later this month with clubs up and down the country opening their doors to potential new members.



The dates and times for sessions at Birstall are Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2.30pm-4.30pm, Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am-12.30pm and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am-12.30pm. We are looking for a number of volunteers to help the events run smoothly. If you have a couple of hours spare over the weekend, please speak to Steve Bacon.

If you have a friend or relative that would like to try out the sport, bring them down and have an informal game amongst yourselves. Please ensure all players have flat shoes or trainers.

Coaching can be arranged at a later date by contacting Steve on 07870 327568 or Di Hartop on 0116 2676245.

## Club Competitions

This season's club competitions have been drawn and are up on noticeboards in the changing rooms with the Open competition draw on the mixed noticeboard in the clubhouse. Please see the information and guidance sheet on the noticeboards and ensure games are played by the closing dates to keep them running smoothly.

The **Aussie Pairs** competition took place on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May. Congratulations to Roger Savill and Stuart Washington who won the Fielding Trophy and to Diane Rudkin and Richard Smith who won the Everitt Plate. The day was a great success and enjoyed by everyone.

The **Adnett Pairs** is on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 1.30pm and at present places are full, however there is a reserve list. This is a mixed pairs competition where partners are drawn on the day. The format is 4 games of 5 ends (3 bowls each) with a 10-15 minute break between matches. The competition is played to a conclusion on the day and the dress code is club shirts and whites.

## National Competition News

The **men's Top Club** team play Blaby B at home in the first round on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am. We have two teams in the **men's Two Fours**. One team is at home to Belgrave which is to be played by 29<sup>th</sup> May and the other team is at home to either Hinckley A or Blaby A to be played by 12<sup>th</sup> June. Teams will be on the men's noticeboard once selected and dates and times will be in the diary. Laurence is also sending out weekly emails with details of upcoming fixtures.

The **ladies Top Club** team are drawn at home to Narborough in a tie to be played by 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

### County Competition News

The county competitions are getting started this month and you can keep up to date with the latest results in the Competitions section of the county website [www.bowlsleicestershire.com](http://www.bowlsleicestershire.com)

The **men's unbadged** team play Kibworth at home on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 10.00am and the **ladies unbadged** team are drawn away to Soar Valley, which is to be played by 26<sup>th</sup> June.

### Parks Matches

A reminder that the Leicester City & District Parks Association have arranged a number of matches this season which any member can play in.

There are ten matches in total, all are played on Sundays, please note that five of these clash with our own mixed fixtures. Match fees are £10.00 per game and travel expenses are paid for away games. Home games are played at Soar Valley. Roger Bartlett sent out an email recently with an availability sheet. Please contact him if you would like it sending to you again.

### League News

The men's **Loughborough Triples League** is now underway on Monday afternoons with the first meeting of the Sands and Lighthouse teams taking place on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 2.00pm.

### Chummy Sessions

We run three chummy sessions a week which are open to all members. These are on Monday afternoons from 2.00pm, Tuesday evenings from 6.00pm and Friday evenings from 6.00pm.

### Candlelit Bowls

Later this season we will be having a Candlelit Bowls night. Please can you save any 1 and 2 litre plastic bottles. These will be filled with sand and a candle to be used to mark out the rinks which will hopefully stop too many bowls going astray in the dark!

### Wishes 4 Kids

The Presidents chosen charity for the year is Wishes 4 Kids. £370 has been raised following the coffee morning, and the bingo night contributed £136. There is a box on the bar for any spare change you may have and there are also wristbands and badges that can be purchased.



### Club Website and Facebook Page

For the latest news about the club, please visit the website [www.birstallbowlingclub.co.uk](http://www.birstallbowlingclub.co.uk) where you can register to receive the latest updates by email. Just click on "Sign up to our Email Alerts" to get notification when a new news item is added. We also have a Facebook page, to visit that, go to a search engine and type in "Birstall Bowling Club Facebook".