

Birstall Bowling Club Newsletter

May 2023

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 event runs from Friday 26th to Monday 29th May and dates and times for sessions at Birstall will be announced shortly.

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.

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 takes place on Sunday 7th May (1.30pm). There will be four games of six ends (4 bowls per player) and the winners are decided by shots difference. The dress code is club shirts and whites, and partners are drawn on the day. At the time of writing there are still three places available, however time is running out. Please speak to Roger Bartlett by Friday 5th if you haven't entered yet.

The **Adnett Pairs** is on Sunday 28th May at 1.30pm and a list is on the mixed noticeboard to add your name. This is a mixed pairs competition where partners are drawn on the day. The format is 3 games of 6 ends (3 bowls each) with the winners determined by shots difference. The competition is played to a conclusion on the day and the dress code is club shirts and whites.

National Competition News

The national competitions get underway shortly with the **men's Top Club** team away to Shepshed in the preliminary round on Saturday 6th May (10.15am). The **men's Two Fours** team are at home to Burbage on Friday 12th May (6.15pm). The **women's Top Club** team are at home to Narborough on Saturday 20th May (10.00am).

We also have a team in the **Tony Allcock Trophy** for the first time. This is an over 60s mixed two fours competition. We play Holwell at home on Sunday 14th May (10.00am).

Members are also involved in various competitions with details in the Competitions Portal section of Bowls England's website www.bowlsengland.com

County Competition News

The county competitions are getting started this month. These come around quickly with two or three rounds being played in a week. Keep an eye on the rink diary located near the bar to see which games are being played at home. You can keep up to date with the latest results in the Competitions section of the county website www.bowlsleicestershire.com

The **men's unbadged** team play Oadby at home on Sunday 4th June at 10.00am and the **ladies unbadged** team are drawn at home to Kirby Muxloe, which is to be played by 25th June.

The first round of the **men's county cup (Atkin Shield)** takes place on Friday 7th July. We play Coalville with two rinks at home and two away.

League News

In the **Leicester League** our next match is at home to Fossey on Wednesday 10th May (6.15pm)

The next fixtures in the men's **Loughborough Triples League** are on Monday 15th May (2.00pm) with Sands at home to Quorn and Lighthouse away to Fossey.

The **Ladies Friday Triples League** gets underway on Friday 23rd June.

Chummy Sessions

A reminder that we run three chummy sessions a week which are open to all members. These are on Monday afternoons 2.00pm for 2.30pm, Tuesday evenings 5.45pm for 6.00pm and Friday evenings 5.45pm for 6.00pm.

Super Six

Following the successful launch of the Super Six competition last year, John Hurst is running it again with money raised going to Age UK. The competition starts on Friday 11th August and we have two teams entered with each team playing four matches. Please enter your name on the sheet on the mixed noticeboard if you would like to play.

Spray Chalk for Sale

If you have the good fortune to play with bowlers who keep hitting the jack, our Treasurer Rick Everitt has spray chalk for sale at the bargain price of £2.50.

Club Website and Facebook Page

For the latest news about the club, please visit the website 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"