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KINGSCROFT BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER.

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Big Bowls Weekend

Bowls England's Bowls promotion set for the weekend of 26th to 29th May 2023

Kingscroft will be joining in this this year's event with sessions on Sunday 28th between 1.00pm and 5.00pm and again on Monday 29th between 1.00pm and 4.00pm.

This event is the opportunity for anyone to come along and try bowls – all ages and physical abilities. The only equipment needed is a flat pair of shoes as everything else will be provided – free of charge.

Don't be afraid to promote the weekend amongst your family, friends or neighbours. There is a website: Bowlsbigweekend.com that will give a list of participating clubs and has the facility to book a place on line. Pre booking is recommended to give us an idea of numbers and plan our activities and supporters accordingly.

Those of who play regularly know the benefits of bowls. The exercise and social interaction are vital elements of the sport and are key components of maintaining physical and mental well being. It matters not if one is ultra competitive, or someone who just enjoys a roll up followed by tea and biscuit on chummies afternoon, Kingscroft has a place for everyone. Please promote this event.

Top Club Results

The preliminary rounds of the national Top Club have been played. The A team won 4-1 against Soar Valley and the B team lost 2-3 by one shot against Knighton Victoria.

For new members, the Top Club competition consists of 5 games, 2 wood singles, 4 wood singles, pairs, triples and fours, the winner being the first to reach 3 wins. Games are played at County level until the County winners then play against other County winners until reaching the Finals at Leamington.

Last year Kingscroft A were the Leicestershire County winners but lost in the first inter county match. They will be hoping to go further this year.

Coronation Tournament

As part of the celebrations of the Coronation of King Charles III, Kingscroft Bowls club held a tournament on Sunday, 7 May 2023, starting at 2.00pm.

The rules were based on the Bowls England Big Bash – the jack was always placed on the “T” so that bowling distance was adjusted by moving the mat. Scoring was Three, two, one plus a point for touching the jack. A jack in the ditch would be replaced back on the “T” and all woods in the ditch were dead. There would be 4 sets of 5 ends, all picked at random and the entry fees distributed back as prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Entries were open to all members, plus guests and at one point, there were 27 names on the list. However, after cancellations and no shows, the final total was 19 bowlers.

There was a wide range of abilities on show – from International right through to absolute beginner – and when the final scores were in, every bowler had managed to score points



The weather was glorious and the club had been decorated with Union flags and bunting so looked very festive.

Trish Tams had been busy with the knitting needles and had made a spider to be the prize for the bowling spider – donations for Disability Bowls England. Well done to Teg for walking away with the prize. Trish had also knitted crowns to cover chocolate oranges. These were sold with proceeds going to DBE.

The tournament started and for the next couple of hours, the sound of laughter and encouragement permeated across the green.

After 20 ends, the score cards were collected and a winner found. The scores were close but the winner on 40 was Helen Lewis-Wall, second on 39 was Darren Delahay, and after a one wood play off, Jenny Pearson came third on 38, the same score as David Orton. Overall, the tournament was a success and a fitting way to celebrate the Coronation of a new King and Queen. Thanks to all the bowlers for taking part and for making the event so much fun.

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Congratulations Jamie-Lea Marshall

Jamie-Lea, together with Amy Pharoah, Katherine Rednall, Sophie Tolchard and Lorraine Kuhler will be travelling to the Gold Coast, Australia in August this year as the team representing Bowls England in the World Bowls Championships.

Congratulations to Helen Lewis-Wall

Also travelling to Australia will be Helen, as manager of the Para Bowls team – following on from their success at the Commonwealth Games.

A busy summer ahead for Helen as she identifies the team and prepares for the Tournament.

Wins for the Thursday team

The midweek friendlies team has started the season well with wins on their first three games. Scores now appear on the website for these and the Saturday friendly matches so that everyone can follow the results.

The Saturday fixtures have been disrupted by a cancellation (Sweet Pea as their ground not yet ready) and of course, the Coronation weekend.

The Ladies fixtures have not yet started, but alas, their first match against Leicester Ladies has already been cancelled, as Leicester are unable to raise a team.



Sally-Ann Lewis-Wall and Director, Jane Herbert in action at the Para Home Nations Indoor Tournament played in Newport, Wales.

Sally-Ann won all of her games to help Disability Bowls England to a Home Nations Victory.

Obituary: Derek Heath 5/4/1946-26/4/2023

Passed away peacefully at home after a long illness on 26th April 2023, aged 77 years. A much loved husband of Dulcie, devoted dad of Warren and cherished Pop Pop of Georgia-Mae & Ruby-Jayne. Funeral service to take place on Tuesday 23rd May 2023 at South Leicestershire Crematorium, Countesthorpe at 12 noon. Family flowers only please. Donations are being raised in memory of Derek, payable to the 'Donations Fund' which will be forwarded onto Macmillan Cancer Support and Parkinsons UK