



YBA August Newsletter

It always seems strange to me that as we approach the end of August in so many parts of our county the bowls season seems to be almost over. The greens are at their best and the weather at its warmest but we are preparing for the indoor season or just not bowling.....very strange!! However, a few miles away there are some important matches being played; it's National Finals time at Leamington and some of our successful qualifiers have already competed and many more line up at this prestigious event. If you haven't already considered it, think about a trip out. The quality of bowling is fantastic and we certainly have our Super Sunday coming up over the weekend of Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th September (I suppose that's a Supper Saturday/Sunday really!!). This is when our county mens and ladies teams compete in the last four of the Middleton Cup, the Walker Cup and Balcomb Trophy. So grab your Yorkshire flag and go and make some noise supporting Team Yorkshire!!

Remember keep in touch with fellow bowlers via the Facebook group, **Bowls Yorkshire**; hundreds are doing so and benefiting from live scoring and pictures of key events, oh and hearing first about bowls news in Yorkshire.

COUNTY FINALS DAYS

Last month I reported on the Men's Finals Day at Driffield Rec BC. At the time of 'going to print' the Ladies had not held their Finals Day but did so on Sunday 31st July at Borough Park BC, Redcar. A day that started in the rain but saw the sun shine on the righteous....well it shone anyway, with excellent bowling and the National Finals qualifiers being settled; most of them! A tough scheduling challenge saw some finals needing to be played before or after the Finals Day themselves. Nonetheless, a great day was had, most of us were 'mugged' by a raffle ticket sales person called Angela and another successful Finals Day was concluded. I'm sure all participants and spectators would wish for the greens staff and catering helpers at Borough Park BC to be thanked for making the day so special.

YBA OPEN MEETINGS

I mentioned these last month. Actually I mentioned them the month before as well!! I am just finalising the arrangements for these meetings and I will circulate locations and dates to all club secretaries and ensure information is on Bowls Yorkshire and the YBA website, along with a special YBA Newsletter dealing purely with these meetings and proposals. If you have any burning issues to be discussed just drop me a line. Please come along to these meetings; they are a place for you to hear what the YBA plans are for the future and for you to offer views on what your county association should be doing for Yorkshire bowls. They are not just for club officials but for **all** bowlers.

LADIES BITS & BOBS

All YBA Affiliated clubs should by now have received notification of the ladies end of season Autumn meeting at York Indoor Bowling Club on Monday 3rd October at 12.30pm. All ladies are welcome but only one representative from each club can vote on any issues which may arise. Clubs will also have received details of the forthcoming Ladies Annual Luncheon and presentation of trophies meeting, which will take place on 11th October in York Pavilion Hotel. Tickets available at £20 per head.

Nomination forms for YBA lady Officers, the Northern Counties teams, and competitions for 2023 have also been sent out to all affiliated clubs. The ladies have had a successful season so far, coming second to Cumbria in the Northern Counties matches against Northumberland, Durham and Cumbria.

We wish our Ladies every success in their forthcoming matches and competitions at Leamington.

MEN'S STUFF

He's back!!!! Many will know that due to work commitments John Crowe, the YBA Men's Secretary, has had to take a low profile on YBA matters this season. Well he's back in the saddle now and I for one am delighted. So any 'Men's Stuff' can now go to John (just a reminder his email is ybamsec@gmail.com).

Thanks for all those who came back with ideas for reinstating the Marshall Shield next year. These proposals will go through the Autumn men's section meeting and be reflected, where necessary, at the AGM.

HOT OFF THE PRESS!!

Another proposal for the YBA AGM to sign off will be the creation of a mixed club team event for 2023. The details need to be agreed through the ladies and men's section meetings but we have a trophy and we were thinking of a mixed Top Club....does this sound good?

Regards

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