

Birstall Bowling Club Newsletter

September 2021

Leamington Finals

We were represented in a record eight events at Leamington this year.

Jan Everitt, Di Hurst and **Pa Walker** were beaten by Lincolnshire's Kirsty Cox, Caroline Cullum and Amy Gowshall in the women's triples first round. **Jan and Pa** were also up against Caroline and Amy in the pairs, again losing out in the first round.

Roger Cooper and **Shane Hayes**, the county champions, lost in the preliminary round of the men's pairs to Tim Jupp and Craig Morphett from Oxfordshire.

In the men's senior pairs, **Roger** and **John Hurst** beat a Lincolnshire pair in the first round before being defeated by a Northumberland pair in the last 16, while **Roger** lost to Martin Butchers (Isle of Wight) in the first round of the senior singles.

Jan and Jacquie Watson (Shepshed) won their first round tie in the women's senior pairs against an Essex pair, but lost in the last 16 to a Suffolk pair who went on to win the national title.

In the mixed pairs, **Pa** and **Shane** were beaten by a Kent pair in the last 32, and **Pa** was part of Joe Dawson's rink that lost by one shot in the last 32 of the mixed fours to a Surrey four.

Meanwhile, the men won the Leicestershire area of the national top club competition before losing to Wellingborough in the last 32.

County Finals

Congratulations to **Richard Smith** who retained the men's county over 60s singles title, beating **Roger Cooper** in the final.

Richard (subbing for **John Hurst**), **Roger** and **Shane Hayes** were runners up in the men's two wood triples final, agonisingly losing on an extra end to Graham Dudley's Blaby triple.

Having gone into the last end level, **Jan Everitt** and **Pa Walker** just missed out in the women's pairs final against Val Hobart and Jamie-Lea Winch (Kingscroft). And it was déjà vu all over again in the triples final as **Jan, Pa** and **Di Hurst** lost to Val, Jamie-Lea and Louise Delahay.

Club Competitions

Club finals day is scheduled for Sunday 19th September with matches being played throughout the day. If you can assist as a marker or scoreboard turner over, please put your names on the sheets on the noticeboards or speak to Roger Bartlett or Jan Everitt.

Sue Andrews Memorial Triples

Well done to Roger Bartlett, Chris Jarvis and Eric Davies who won the Sue Andrews Memorial triples on bank holiday Monday. Runners up were Andy Ward, Julie Lovell and Alan Chapman.

League News

The men finished runners up in the **Leicester League**. Having won the Charnwood area, we played against Leicester and Blaby in a three-way play off with Blaby coming out on top.

In the **Loughborough Triples League**, the Sands won their last game 6-2 against East Leake and currently sit top of the table on 46 points. Lighthouse drew 4-4 with Loughborough Phoenix and are third on 41. Fosseyway are 4th with 39 points and still have to play their last match which is at St Margaret's. Seven points out of eight available in that game will secure them the league title.

Potters Trip

A reminder that there is a meeting in the clubhouse on Wednesday 15th September at 7.00pm for those who have said that they would like to go to Potters next year. A deposit of £75.00 per person is required at this stage in either cash, or cheque made payable to "Birstall Bowling Club"

Indoor Season

Roger Bartlett has arranged a number of indoor fixtures for Birstall members with availability sheets displayed on noticeboards. Please fill in your name and tick off for the matches that you would like to play. All matches are mixed and most will be followed by a meal.

Presentation Evening

Dependent on sufficient numbers, we are hoping to hold a Presentation Evening on Saturday 6th November at Birstall Golf Club. The cost will be £24.00 per person with the same format as previous years but with a carvery meal. If you would like to attend, please fill in your names on the sheet which is located on the noticeboard next to the bar.

AGM, Proposals and Nominations

The first AGM of the unified club takes place on the morning of Saturday 27th November (venue TBC). Any proposal you wish to put forward must be with secretary Richard Smith by Saturday 6th November. Guidance as to how these should be submitted is on noticeboards. Nominations for club offices should be filled in on the relevant sheets with a proposer and seconder.

Meningitis Research Foundation

The coffee morning held at the end of July raised £300 for this year's Presidents charity, the Meningitis Research Foundation. There are a number of items for sale which are located on the bar along with a donation box for any spare change you may have.