

Birstall Bowling Club Newsletter

October 2023

End of the Season

September was a busy month to end the season with club finals, a visit from a Welsh touring team and Candlelit Bowls amongst the events that took place. As a result, this month's newsletter is a popstastic three page special.

Sunday 1st October saw the club finish the season with a friendly roll up followed by a faith tea with around 35 players enjoying the day.



Club Competitions

Congratulations to the club competition winners and runners up this year. The results are below.

Ladies Competitions:

Championship: Pa Walker, Runner Up: Kat Bowman

Handicap: Jenni Golding, Runner Up: Kathy Pateman

Three Wood: Pa Walker, Runner Up: Cynthia Chapman

Two Wood: Pa Walker, Runner Up: Kathy Pateman

Pairs: Kathy Pateman & Di Hurst, Runners Up: Liz Marshall & Pa Walker

Edith Smith Pairs: Jo Norton & Di Hartop, Runners Up: Bev Stevens & Angie Parkin

Men's Competitions:

Championship: Bob Cooper, Runner Up: Shane Hayes

Handicap: Stuart Washington, Runner Up: Rick Everitt

Maiden: Roger Bartlett, Runner Up: Alan Hastings

Three Wood: Rick Everitt, Runner Up: John Walker

Two Wood: Bob Cooper, Runner Up: Shane Hayes

Pairs: Geoff Stock & Shane Hayes, Runners Up: Stuart Washington & Rick Everitt

Mixed Competitions:

Open: Shane Hayes, Runner Up: Di Hurst

Saunders Cup: Di & John Hurst, Runners Up: Joan Preston & John Andreae

Adnett Pairs: Pat Davies & Dave Smith, Runners Up: Kathy Pateman & John Andreae

Aussie Pairs: Joan Preston & Di Hurst, Runners Up: Roger Bartlett & John Hurst

Sue Andrews Trophy: Irene Coleman, Runner Up: Dawn Logan

England

Kat Bowman was part of the England team that took part in this year's British Isles Under 25 International Series, which was played in Llandrindod Wells, Wales. England narrowly missed out in winning the series. Despite beating eventual winners Scotland and drawing with both Ireland and Wales, England lost out on shots difference.

County Competitions

Congratulations to Pa Walker who won both the County Singles and Champion of Champions competitions at the county finals that were held last month. She beat Kingscroft's Julie Wilkins in the Singles and Knighton's Alison Johnson in the Champion of Champions.

Well done also to Kat Bowman who retained her County Junior Singles title and was runner up in the County Under 25s Open.

Bedwellty Park

On Saturday 16th September we welcomed Bedwellty Park from Tredegar to our club. They were on a four-match tour of Leicestershire and Worcestershire. A great afternoon was had by all with Birstall winning the match. There was some consolation for the Welsh tourists later in the day as they watched Wales beat Portugal in the Rugby World Cup.



Charity News

This year saw the second Super Six competition and it is congratulations to Birstall B who beat Hinckley B 39-31 to win the final. Thanks to everyone who played and supported the event and to John Hurst for organising the tournament again. Nearly £700 was raised for Age UK with both finalists donating their winnings.

The annual game between Birstall and Soar Valley for the St John's Cup was played at the end of August with us winning the trophy. £150 was raised for St John Ambulance thanks to donations of £75 from both clubs.

Skittles Nights

Tom Cowles has kindly volunteered to run the skittles nights this year. These are taking place at the club on Tuesday evenings starting on 10th October at 7.30pm. The cost is just £1.00 per person, and members and their guests are all welcome.

League News

Congratulations to Birstall Mudlarks who won the Ladies Friday Triples League. They will be presented with the trophy at the lunch which takes place at Blaby BC next month.

Parks Indoor Matches

There are six Leicester City & District Parks Association indoor matches that are taking place this winter. An email was sent out on 14th September which included the availability form. If you would like it sending again, please speak to Roger Bartlett or Di Hurst.

Candlelit Bowls

Thankfully the weather was far better than last year and we were able to enjoy an evening of Candlelit Bowls. Around 45 players participated with varying results and not too many candles hit!! This was followed by a fish and chip supper. Thanks go to Marlene and Roger Bartlett for organising the evening and to those who set out the candles and cleared up the following day.



AGM, Officer Nominations and Proposals

This year's Annual General Meeting takes place at Birstall Village Hall (on the corner of Birstall Road and School Lane) LE4 4DH on Saturday 2nd December at 10.00am.

As in previous years, nominations for all club offices should be filled in on the relevant sheets on the mixed noticeboard. Several Role Descriptions have been emailed out but please speak to the current office holder if you would like any information as to what each role involves. We rely on volunteers at the club and without these people who put many unpaid hours in throughout the year, the club would not survive.

Any proposal you wish to put forward for the AGM must be with Honorary Secretary Di Hurst by Saturday 11th November. Information on how to do this was emailed out on 12th September.

All proposals, and nominations for club officers, should include a proposer and seconder.