



## 2015 WORLD CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

The BCGBA World Club Championship, sponsored by **REHAU**, gets the 2015 season under way on Sunday 22nd March when all matches will once again be played at Irlam Steel Recreation Club (Manchester Road, Irlam M44 6AJ).

The current champions, M&B Cheslyn Hay (Staffordshire), are back to defend their title and if successful in their opening match on Sunday 5th April could face two-time champions St Josephs to qualify for finals day two weeks later. The only other winners in the competitions four year history, Lloyd Hotel, make their return on the final qualifying Sunday, 12th April.

All sessions, including the final day (last 8) on Sunday 19th April, commence at 11am and details of all the team and individual results will be available on the BCGBA website, [crownngreenbowls.sharepoint.com](http://crownngreenbowls.sharepoint.com), to view and/or download.

### Sunday 22 March

**No.1 Green:** Kings Heath Park (Warwick & Worcester) v Abergele (Wales); Hoghton (North Lancs & Fylde) v Levens (Cumbria)

**No.2 Green:** Esclusham (Wales) v Tixall (Cheshire); King George V (Warwick & Worcester) v Thongsbridge (Yorkshire)

### Sunday 29 March

**No.1 Green:** Maltby (South Yorkshire) v Rolls Royce (Derbyshire); Abram Parish (Lancashire) v New Brighton Quarry Vikings (Merseyside)

**No.2 Green:** Stretton Anglesey (Derbyshire) v Meltham (Yorkshire); Bradfield (South Yorkshire) v Newport (Shropshire)

### Sunday 5 April

**No.1 Green:** Lindal (Cumbria) v M&B Cheslyn Hay (Staffordshire); Hilltops (Lancashire) v St Josephs (North Lancs & Fylde)

**No.2 Green:** Dudley Dell (Staffordshire) v Springbank 'Dogs' (Greater Manchester); Onchan (Isle of Man) v Brooke Hotel (Merseyside)

### Sunday 12 April

**No.1 Green:** Lloyd Hotel (Cheshire) v Dukinfield Central (Greater Manchester); Meir Social (Potteries) v Willenhall Nordley (Staffordshire)

**No.2 Green:** Meole Brace (Shropshire) v Florence T&B (Potteries); Queens Park (Cheshire) v Haunchwood (North Midlands)

### Sunday 19 April

Final (last 8) – 11am

## COMMERCIAL AND COMPETITIONS OFFICERS APPOINTED

Two of the three BCGBA officer vacancies have now been filled following the appointment of a Commercial Officer and Competitions Officer. This just leaves the position of Development Co-ordinator to complete the officials for 2015.

Mel Evans, MBE, was appointed Commercial Officer and has already been hard at work securing a number of sponsors in his first month in position. **REHAU** are the new sponsors of the World Club Championship while **GROCONTINENTAL** return as sponsors of the Jack & Jean Isherwood Veterans Championship. **FLOWFIT** will continue with their sponsorship of the Senior Individual Merit and Champion of Champions while **BRIGGS EQUIPMENT UK** will join forces with **FLOWFIT** to sponsor the Junior Individual Merit. **FORTIS SPORTS SOLUTIONS** are to supply shirts for the Senior Individual Merit, Junior Individual Merit and Champion of Champions in a deal worth around £2,500 to the BCGBA. In addition Mel has secured £6,750 with various sponsors towards the cost of the live streaming of the Senior Individual Merit, Junior Individual Merit and both the men's and ladies Champion of Champions. He has also secured sponsorship with **OSPREY** Water Management for the British Crown Green Ladies Champion of Champions.

During the winter months, Mel hosted two live streamed Crown Green "chat shows" broadcast from the excellent Globegig TV studio in Blackpool. Mel and the team were overwhelmed by the response attracting almost 4,000 viewers. Repeats of all Globegig productions can be found at [www.globegig.com/crowgreen](http://www.globegig.com/crowgreen).

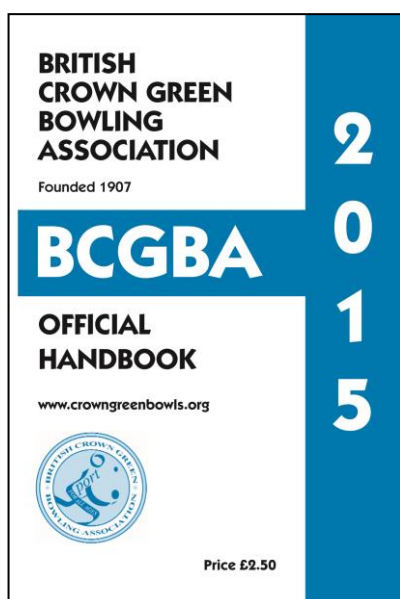
John Coxill takes over as Competitions Officer with immediate effect and has a brief settling in period before the World Club Championship gets underway. John comes with a wealth of experience in this role having served as Competitions Officer for his county, Shropshire, along with various roles within local leagues in his area.

Both gentleman are wished every success in their new roles.

## BARBARA RAINSBURY RIP

It is with great sadness to report on the passing of Barbara Rainsbury, the former secretary at Staffordshire County Bowling Association. Barbara had to give up her role due to her illness and sadly passed away in her sleep at the end of February. The BCGBA offer our sincere condolences to her family, bowling colleagues and friends.

## HANDBOOK ON ITS WAY



The 2015 BCGBA Handbook is being distributed to County Secretaries at their annual meeting later this month.

Packed with information which includes the Association Rules, competition results and all the individual scores from last season's senior and junior County Championships amongst others.

The British Crown Green Ladies also have a section containing all their information and details for the coming season.

If you would like to have your own personal copy, please contact the CEO - John Crowther, 94 Fishers Lane, Pensby, Wirral CH61 8SB. You will need to send a cheque for **£3.50** (cheques payable to BCGBA) which will cover the ever increasing postage & packing.

## **EARLY CHRISTMAS PRESENT FROM LOTTERY GRANT**

All Saints Grange Bowling Club received a special Christmas present when a new spectator pavilion was completed on Christmas Eve as a result of funding from "Awards for All" Lottery Grant. The conservatory type spectator facilities includes carpet flooring, chairs, cushion and tables.

The Clayton-le-Moors club has been awarded almost £9,000 to improve spectator facilities – and hopes it will encourage more people to take up the sport of crown green bowls now the work has been completed.



All Saints Grange were one of many North West local groups projects to secure a share of National Lottery funding from "Awards for All".

And club Secretary Laurie Denton, is thrilled at the funding boost which totalled £8,914.

"I am delighted that we have been awarded the funding from "Awards for All" Lottery fund to carry out improvement to the spectator facilities at our bowling club," he said.

"We are committed to promoting a safe and caring environment in which older people can enjoy taking part in a game of crown green bowls and other activities that encourage the good health and well-being of our members."

But now we have a new spectator shelter thanks to the funding – which will help keep the club's 'recycled teenagers' happy!

"We have been bombarded with adverse weather conditions, heavy rain and storms over the past two years but now with the help of "Awards for All" we will be able cope even better than we have done before.

"We have a recorded membership of over 100. The club was first formed in 1910 as part of the Parish Church Institute, we have a very progressive management committee and are well known locally as 'recycled teenagers'!"

"We are delighted to receive this award and thank "Awards for All" for their help and guidance throughout the application process'.

### ***"Awards for All" Lottery Grant Press Release***

*This is a project by a community organisation in Lancashire. The group will use funding to install a conservatory like viewing pavilion and games room, for older and disabled members of the community. This will provide beneficiaries with a warm and suitable place to socialise and watch crown green bowling, with the aim of reducing loneliness and social isolation'. Total Award - £8,914.*



## 2015 CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

The list of qualifying competitions for this year's BCGBA Champion of Champions, sponsored by Flowfit, has been announced. Thirty-two champions will qualify throughout the season culminating with the finals being played at the Waterloo Hotel, Blackpool, on Saturday 26th September (10am).

As usual, the list is divided between BCGBA related events and Invited Open Competitions. If any player from these competitions wins on more than one occasion then the reserve competitions list will come into play and they will then get their chance to play at Blackpool. In 2014 all the reserve competitions were used and in fact additional reserve competitions were needed.

### **BCGBA RELATED EVENTS**

Flowfit Senior Individual Merit  
Briggs Equipment UK Junior Individual Merit  
Jack & Jean Isherwood Grocontinental Veterans Championship  
16 County Merit winners  
British Parks Merit

### **INVITED OPEN COMPETITIONS**

Autumn Waterloo  
Midland Masters  
Isle of Man June Festival  
CCF Open  
Coors Meole Brace Open  
Spring Waterloo  
Talbot Trophy  
Tony Pagett Open  
Isle of Man September Festival  
Fleetwood Bowls Festival  
Hillcrest Classic  
Cleckheaton Sports Classic

### **RESERVE COMPETITIONS (in order)**

Spennymoor Masters  
Brighouse Classic  
Navigation & Railway Open  
Pudsey Classic  
Rastrick Classic  
Wharton Cons Open  
George Masters (2014) – **Gary Ellis**  
Carlsberg Richmond Classic  
Elland Open Classic  
Lea Hall Open  
West Melton Victory Cup  
Wrockwardine Wood Open (2014) – **Matt Fellows**

# COMPETITION NEWS

To advertise your Open Competition please send your details to [bcgbanews2@btinternet.com](mailto:bcgbanews2@btinternet.com)

## *Please Note.*

*Reference numbers at the beginning of each competition is the date of the final day (i.e. 0517 is 17th May)*

*Any prize money quoted is subject to a full entry of bowlers*

## **NEW COMPETITIONS**

### **0628 / £1,200 HORWICH RMI 31up HANDICAP (Horwich RMI Bowling Club, Bolton BL6 5NZ)**

**Qualifying:** MAY – Friday 22nd (6.30pm), Sunday 24th (6.30pm), Friday 29th (6.30pm), Sunday 31st (6.30pm) JUNE – Friday 5th (6.30pm), Sunday 7th (6.30pm), Friday 12th June (6.30pm), Sunday 14th (6.30pm). **Sub-Final (last 16):** Friday 19th June (6pm). **Final (last 8):** Sunday 28th June (5.30pm). **Entry Fee (64 limit):** £12 per player to Keith Andrews – 64 Shrewsbury Road, Heaton, Bolton BL1 4NN – 07743 051 307 / 01204 846 716. **Cheques:** payable to Horwich RMI Bowling Club. **Notes:** All games 31up of 5. Win two games to qualify for sub-finals. Draw made on the green before start of play each night.

### **0712 / £800 PHILIP WRIGHT MIXED DOUBLES (Colne Cricket & Bowling Club, Colne BB8 0RF)**

**Qualifying:** JUNE – Sunday 14th (6pm), Sunday 21st (6pm), Sunday 28th (6pm), JULY – Sunday 5th (6pm), **Final (last 8):** Sunday 12th July (5pm). **Entry Fee (32 limit):** £15 per pair to Daryl Wright, 98 Alkincoats Road, Colne BB8 9QQ – 07841 129 795 – [djwright33@ntlworld.com](mailto:djwright33@ntlworld.com) or Steve Clamp, 5 Barcroft Street, Colne BB8 9PZ – 07967 328 841 – [sclamp4@sky.com](mailto:sclamp4@sky.com). **Cheques:** payable to PWCGBA. **Notes:** Two games to qualify for finals.

### **0925 / 31up OPEN SINGLES (Waterloo Hotel, Blackpool FY4 2AF) – additional dates added**

**Qualifying:** JUNE – Sunday 14th (6pm), Sunday 21st (6pm), Sunday 28th (6pm), JULY – Sunday 5th (6pm), **Wednesday 29th (5.30pm)**, Thursday 30th (5.30pm), Friday 31st (5.30pm), AUGUST – Saturday 1st (5.30pm), Monday 3rd (5.30pm), Thursday 6th (5.30pm), Friday 7th (5.30pm), **Saturday 8th (6pm)**, **Wednesday 12th (5.30pm)**, Thursday 13th (5.30pm). **Final (last 32):** Friday 25th September (11am). **Entry Fee (128 limit):** £20 per player to The Bowls Manager, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo Road, Blackpool FY4 2AF – 01253 406 724 / 07986 799 299 – **Cheques:** payable to Waterloo Bowling Club. **Prize Money:** All entry fees will be returned in prize monies. **Notes:** Open to male and female bowlers. **Ten/twelve** players each evening. **Two/three** games to qualify, all games off 5.

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Please remember that Promoters of bowling contests inviting or accepting entries from outside the County staging the event, after applying to their County Authority for approval, must apply to the BCGBA and pay an Annual affiliation fee of £6.00 at least 28 days before the commencement of the contest. The application must state the name of the Club and venue where the contest is being held and the Secretary of the local County Authority must be notified that such application has been made. Such contests shall be deemed 'Open Contests'. No final stages or qualifying rounds of open competitions shall be contested on the date of and within the County Association where the BCGBA Senior Merit Finals are taking place.

**No approval shall be granted at any level for any contest which does not possess Public Liability cover**

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## **PREVIOUSLY ADVERTISED**

### **0517 / MENS PAIRS (Waterloo Hotel, Blackpool FY4 2AF)**

A one-day competition on Sunday 17th May (11am). **Entry Fee (32 limit)**: £12 per pair to The Bowls Manager, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo Road, Blackpool FY4 2AF – 01253 406 724 / 07986 799 299 – **Cheques**: payable to Waterloo Bowling Club. **Prize Money**: All entry fees will be returned in prize monies.

### **0524 / SPRING WATERLOO (Waterloo Hotel, Blackpool FY4 2AF)**

**Qualifying**: APRIL – Wednesday 29th (1pm), Thursday 30th (1pm), MAY – Friday 1st May (1pm), Saturday 2nd May (11am), Wednesday 13th (1pm), Thursday 14th (1pm), Friday 15th (1pm), Saturday 16th (11am). **Final**: Sunday 24th May (10am). **Entry Fee (256 limit)**: £10 per player to The Bowls Manager, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo Road, Blackpool FY4 2AF – 01253 406 724 / 07986 799 299 – **Cheques**: payable to Waterloo Bowling Club. **Prize Money**: All entry fees will be returned in prize monies. **Notes**: Three games to qualify, all games off 5.

### **0809 / LADIES PAIRS (Waterloo Hotel, Blackpool FY4 2AF)**

A one-day competition on Sunday 9th August (10am). **Entry Fee (32 limit)**: £12 per pair to The Bowls Manager, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo Road, Blackpool FY4 2AF – 01253 406 724 / 07986 799 299 – **Cheques**: payable to Waterloo Bowling Club. **Prize Money**: All entry fees will be returned in prize monies. **Notes**: This competition is now full, reserve list in operation.

### **0816 / JUNIOR WATERLOO (Waterloo Hotel, Blackpool FY4 2AF)**

A one-day competition on Sunday 16th August (10am). **Entry Fee**: £5 per player to The Bowls Manager, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo Road, Blackpool FY4 2AF – 01253 406 724 / 07986 799 299 – **Cheques**: payable to Waterloo Bowling Club. **Prize Money**: All entry fees will be returned in prize monies. **Notes**: Open to bowlers, male or female, aged 18 years and under.

### **0821 / OVER 50's OPEN (Waterloo Hotel, Blackpool FY4 2AF)**

A one-day competition on Friday 21st August (9.30am). **Entry Fee**: £8 per player to The Bowls Manager, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo Road, Blackpool FY4 2AF – 01253 406 724 / 07986 799 299 – **Cheques**: payable to Waterloo Bowling Club. **Prize Money**: All entry fees will be returned in prize monies. **Notes**: Open to bowlers, male or female, aged over 50 on Friday 21st August 2015. All games off 5.

### **0828 / WATERLOO CONSOLATION (Waterloo Hotel, Blackpool FY4 2AF)**

A one-day competition on Friday 28th August (9.30am). **Entry Fee (64 limit)**: £10 per player to The Bowls Manager, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo Road, Blackpool FY4 2AF – 01253 406 724 / 07986 799 299 – **Cheques**: payable to Waterloo Bowling Club. **Prize Money**: All entry fees will be returned in prize monies. **Notes**: Open to male bowlers, who are not in the last 64 of the Autumn Waterloo Handicap. All games off 5.

### **0913 / LADIES WATERLOO (Waterloo Hotel, Blackpool FY4 2AF)**

**Qualifying**: JUNE – Saturday 6th (11am), Saturday 13th (11am), Saturday 20th (11am), Saturday 27th (11am). **Final**: Sunday 13th September (10am). **Entry Fee (128 limit)**: £10 per player to The Bowls Manager, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo Road, Blackpool FY4 2AF – 01253 406 724 / 07986 799 299 – **Cheques**: payable to Waterloo Bowling Club. **Prize Money**: All entry fees will be returned in prize monies. **Notes**: Two games to qualify, all games off 5.

**0916 AUTUMN WATERLOO HANDICAP (Waterloo Hotel, Blackpool FY4 2AF)**

**Qualifying.** JULY – Monday 27th (1pm), Tuesday 28th (1pm), Wednesday 29th (1pm), Thursday 30th (1pm), Friday 31st (1pm), AUGUST – Saturday 1st (11am), Monday 3rd (1pm), Tuesday 4th (1pm), Wednesday 5th (1pm), Thursday 6th (1pm), Friday 7th (1pm), Saturday 8th (11am), Wednesday 12th (1pm), Thursday 13th (1pm), Friday 14th (1pm), Saturday 15th (11am). **Last 64.** Saturday 12th September (10am), **Last 32.** Monday 14th September (10am), **Last 16.** Tuesday 15th September (10am), **Final (last 8).** Wednesday 16th September (10am). **Entry Fee (512 limit).** £10 per player to The Bowls Manager, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo Road, Blackpool FY4 2AF – 01253 406 724 / 07986 799 299 – **Cheques.** payable to Waterloo Bowling Club. **Prize Money.** All entry fees will be returned in prize monies. **Notes.** Three games to qualify, all games off 5.

**0918 MIXED DOUBLES (Waterloo Hotel, Blackpool FY4 2AF)**

**Qualifying.** MAY – Saturday 9th (11am), Sunday 10th (11am), Saturday 30th (11am), Sunday 31st (11am). **Final.** Friday 18th September (10am). **Entry Fee (64 limit).** £12 per pair to The Bowls Manager, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo Road, Blackpool FY4 2AF – 01253 406 724 / 07986 799 299 – **Cheques.** payable to Waterloo Bowling Club. **Prize Money.** All entry fees will be returned in prize monies. **Notes.** Two games to qualify, all games off 4.