



2015 ENDSLEIGH SENIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

The Isle of Man Crown Green Bowling Association make their long awaited debut in the Senior County Championship, sponsored once again by **ENDSLEIGH**, with the 2009 Crosfield Cup winners and last season's semi-finalists, Shropshire, their first opponents in this ground breaking season.

Years of behind the scenes planning has gone into this momentous day and on Sunday 3rd May their dreams will become a reality as they play their eagerly anticipated first match at Peel Sunset Bowling Club.

Elsewhere, defending champions, Warwick & Worcester, open up their campaign against Merseyside where they are hoping for a good start to put them on the road to a fourth consecutive title. Last season's runners-up, North Midlands, face Wales while semi-finalists, Greater Manchester, take on Derbyshire in a repeat of the 2008 final.



Section One.

Cheshire v Cumbria @ Owley Wood Recreation Club (CW8 3LS) / Kirkby BC (LA17 7TG)

Derbyshire v Greater Manchester @ Stretton BC (DE13 0HA) / Tonge BC (M24 2DQ)

Section Two.

North Lancs & Fylde v South Yorkshire @ Kirkham Cons (PR4 2YE) / Hallamshire Proprietary BC (S10 1NB)

North Midlands v Wales @ Atherstone Grove (CV9 1ES) / Bradley BC (LL11 4DA)

Section Three.

Merseyside v Warwick & Worcester @ Heswall RBL BC (CH60 7RF) / Moor Lane BC (B6 7AA)

Potteries & District v Yorkshire @ Florence T&BC (ST3 4EB) / Meltham BC (HD9 5QT)

Section Four.

Isle of Man v Shropshire @ Peel Sunset Club (IM5 1PB) / Sinclair BC (TF1 5AD)

Lancashire v Staffordshire @ Garswood Hall BC (WN4 8LU) / Hammerwich C&BC (WS7 0JQ)



2015 DRAKES PRIDE JUNIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

The **DRAKES PRIDE** Junior County Championship has been rocked by the news that two County Associations have withdrawn their teams from this season's competition. Cheshire, who did not compete in last season's championship, and Cumbria, do not have enough players to field full sides and reports that other counties are struggling with numbers could lead to a re-think of the competition format. If a rule proposal had gone through at this year's Rules Revision Meeting in January to reduce the sides to 10 at home and 10 away, it may well have been that the 2015 season would have had a full complement of teams.

As a result of this, Staffordshire, in Section One, will now have a bye in May and will play the losers from the Greater Manchester v Shropshire fixture in June, playing the winners from this fixture in July. Cheshire were in the three-team Section Four which means the winners of the Derbyshire v North Midlands clash, likely to be played in July, will go through to the semi-finals. Fingers crossed they don't draw!

Section One.

Greater Manchester v Shropshire @ North Chadderton BC (OL9 0EW) / Allscott S&SC (TF6 5EH)

Section Two.

Lancashire v Potteries & District @ Scarisbrick NSC (L40 9RR) London Road BC (ST5 1LZ)

Merseyside v Wales @ Manor Road BC (CH44 1BZ) / Llay Miners Welfare BC (LL12 0TH)

Section Three.

North Lancs & Fylde v Yorkshire @ The Canberra Club (BB2 7LF) / Kirkheaton C&BC (HD5 0JN)

South Yorkshire v Warwick & Worcester @ Mosborough MW BC (S20 5AD) / Moor Lane BC (B6 7AA)

BARRIE COTTERELL RIP

The crown green bowling world was shocked by the news that former British Crown Green Referees Society Secretary, Barrie Cotterell, passed away on Friday 17th April in a Staffordshire hospital. A few days earlier Barrie had suffered a major stroke.

He had played an active role in the BCGBA up until his retirement as BCGRS Secretary in 2013 and was rewarded for his many years of service to the game with Life Membership of the governing body.

Barrie was secretary and currently president of the Cannock League and served on the Staffordshire County committee where he was an Honorary Life Member.

Barrie's funeral will take place at 11am on Friday 1st May at Stafford Crematorium, Tixall Road, Stafford ST18 0XZ.

The BCGBA expresses their condolences to Barrie's family and his many bowling friends.



2015 WORLD CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Yorkshire champions, Thongsbridge, are the 2015 BCGBA World Club Champions, following their 43 chalk defeat over the 2012 winners, Lloyd Hotel (Cheshire), 162 - 119 at Irlam Steel Recreation & Social Club, Manchester. Top lady bowler, Katrina Earl, represented the sponsors, **REHAU**, and made the presentations along with BCGBA President, Barry Massey, in his first official duty.

Thongsbridge were rarely troubled all day opening with a 34 chalk victory over Meole Brace then reaching the final at the expense of defending champions, M&B Cheslyn Hay, by 12. Lloyd Hotel meanwhile were in two tough matches en-route to the final. A narrow 1 chalk victory over Stretton Anglesey thanks to a crucial strike by Ben Phillips in the last game saw his side through where they would face Kings Heath Park who themselves won by 1 chalk in their match with Dudley Dell. Lloyd's got through this match with 9 chalks to spare.

In the final Thongsbridge were the dominant force with team captain, Chris Kelly, leading by example with a 21 - 7 opening card, one of five Thongsbridge winners. Lloyd's were equal on winning games after six jacks but their best, 21-17, was not enough to dent the Thongsbridge advantage whose winners all scored heavily.



QUARTER-FINALS

Rolls Royce (Derbyshire) 125 v 150 M&B Cheslyn Hay (Staffordshire)

Thongsbridge (Yorkshire) 155 v 121 Meole Brace (Shropshire)

Kings Heath Park (Warwick & Worcester) 141 v 140 Dudley Dell (Staffordshire)

Lloyd Hotel (Cheshire) 143 v 142 Stretton Anglesey (Derbyshire)

SEMI-FINALS

M&B Cheslyn Hay (Staffordshire) 138 v 150 Thongsbridge (Yorkshire)

Kings Heath Park (Warwick & Worcester) 138 v 147 Lloyd Hotel (Cheshire)

YORKSHIRE LADIES OFF TO A FLYER

Yorkshire, Waterloo Cup winners for the last two seasons, are determined that there will be no hat-trick success in 2015 as they aim to capture the main County Championship trophy in the BCG Ladies Senior County Championship. And what a start they made as they annihilated Wirral Ladies in Section 2 by an overall 237 chalk romp. They won all but three of the 24 individual games with Julie Best winning to nil.

Cumbria top Section 1 after their 34 chalk victory over Dudley while North Lancs & Fylde toppled Cheshire by 76 in Section 3. Warwick & Worcester lead Section 4 thanks to their 64 chalk triumph over Burton.

SUNDAY 17TH MAY

Section 1. Dudley v North Midlands; North Derbyshire v North Shropshire

Section 2. North Warwickshire v Yorkshire; Wales v Wirral

Section 3. Cheshire v Shropshire; Lancashire v South Staffordshire

Section 4. Burton v South Yorkshire; Staffordshire v Warwick & Worcester

The BCG Ladies are using the excellent MB Results Service to record all their team and individual scores in this season's Senior County Championship. All the draws for each match showing which player is playing who, will be posted on the website prior to the date of the scheduled match. Once a match is complete, all scores must be entered by midnight on the day of the match for all to view. League Tables and Averages will be updated as scores are entered. To view all the results from Match Day 1 log on to <http://crownngreenbowls.sharepoint.com/Pages/BCGLadies.aspx> and click on the Senior County Championship link at the top of the page.

NEW MILL RETAIN LADIES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

New Mill (Yorkshire) retained their British Crown Green Ladies Club Championship title in the first of a busy programme of competitions for the ladies association.

A change in format saw the qualifying rounds played at two different greens in the Whitchurch area – Bridgewater BC and Chester Road BC with the semi-finals and final played at the District Club.

Wharton Cons (Mid Cheshire), winners in 2010, played the defending champions in the first semi-final and although the winning jacks were shared, four each, New Mill reached their second successive final thanks to three single figure winners in the 9 chalk winning margin. In the second semi Rolleston (Burton & District) got past Marehay (South Derbyshire) by 10 chalks winning six of the eight games. The match got off to an explosive start with Nicky Potts (Rolleston) cancelling out Gayle Riley's 15-7 opening card for Marehay.

New Mill were determined to keep hold of the title they won last season at the expense of three-time winners St Oswalds (Cheshire). They opened with a 15-5, 7, 8 and 9 to open up a commanding 31 chalk lead at the half-way stage. Rolleston hit back by claiming the next three cards, two to 15-11 and a timely 15-3 card by Hannah McDonald reducing the deficit to 11. However, Susanne Howarth got the holders back on track with a 15-6 card to give them overall victory by 20.

All results are on the BCG Ladies web pages at <http://crownngreenbowls.sharepoint.com/Pages/BCGLadies.aspx>.



2015 CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

Saturday 26th September, 10am

Waterloo Hotel, Blackpool

Saturday 28th March	Cumbria Merit - Steve Porter
Sunday 29th March	Tony Pagett Open - Dan Petcher
Sunday 5th April	Coors Meole Brace Open - Andy Hughes
Sunday 12th April	CCF Open - Russell Pegram
Saturday 9th May	Isle of Man Merit
Saturday 23rd May	Merseyside Merit
Sunday 24th May	Spring Waterloo
Monday 25th May	Yorkshire Merit
Saturday 30th May	North Lancs & Fylde Merit
Saturday 20th June	Greater Manchester Merit
Sunday 21st June	Potteries & District Merit
Sunday 21st June	Staffordshire Merit
Friday 26th June	Isle of Man June Festival
Sunday 28th June	Cheshire Merit
Sunday 28th June	Derbyshire Merit
Sunday 28th June	North Midlands Merit
Sunday 28th June	Shropshire Merit
Sunday 28th June	South Yorkshire Merit
Sunday 28th June	Warwick & Worcester Merit
Sunday 28th June	Wales Merit
Wednesday 1st July	Jack & Jean Isherwood Grocontinental Veterans Championship
Saturday 4th July	Cleckheaton Sports Classic
Saturday 11th July	Hillcrest Classic
Saturday 25th July	Flowfit Senior Individual Merit
Friday 31st July	Fleetwood Bowls Festival
Sunday 9th August	British Parks Merit
Saturday 15th August	Briggs Equipment UK Junior Individual Merit
Friday 11th September	Isle of Man September Festival
Wednesday 16th September	Autumn Waterloo
Thursday 17th September	Talbot Trophy
Sunday 20th September	Midland Masters

RESERVE COMPETITIONS (in order)

Spennymoor Masters (05/09/15), Brighthouse Classic (19/09/15), Navigation & Railway Open (12/07/15), Pudsey Classic (27/08/15), Rastrick Classic (09/08/15), Wharton Cons Open (30/08/15), George Masters (2014) – **Gary Ellis**, Carlsberg Richmond Classic (09/08/15), Elland Open Classic (31/05/15), Lea Hall Open (2014) – **Glynn Picknell**, West Melton Victory Cup (09/08/15), Wrockwardine Wood Open (2014) – **Matt Fellows**

LYNN'S CHARITY SWIM

Globegig co-presenter, Lynn Pritchatt, completed her Swimathon in some style raising over £1400 in sponsorship, all of which will go to Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Lynn was required to swim 1.5 kilometres in 60 minutes but she flew up and down the pool to finish in a record time of 54 minutes beating her personal best along the way.

COMPETITION NEWS

To advertise your Open Competition please send your details to 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

0606 / THE DUNLOP LADIES OPEN SINGLES, THE PRESIDENT'S CUP (Dunlop Sports & Social Club, Coventry CV6 4BE)

A one-day competition on Saturday 6th June (10am) **Entry Fee (64 limit):** £10 per player to Alyson Evans, 16 Old Meeting Yard, Leicester Street, Bedworth CV12 8JR - 07931 239 972 - alyson.evans@sky.com. **Cheques:** payable to Dunlop Bowls Club. **Prize Money:** Winner £300, Runner-up £150, Semi-Finalists £75, Quarter-Finalists £30, Last 16 £15. **Notes:** All raffle proceeds will go to Breast Cancer Research - wear something Pink!

0711 / £860 BRETHERTON INSTITUTE SINGLES (Parish Institute, Bretherton PR26 9AB)

Qualifying, JULY – Saturday 11th (10am, 1pm, 4pm, 7pm) **Final (last 16):** Sunday 12th July (12pm). **Entry Fee (64 limit):** £10 to Graham Pilkington – 01772 498882 – 07835 957 590. **Prize Money:** Winner £200, Runner-up £140, Semi-Finalists £80, Quarter-Finalists £40, Last 16 £25. **Notes:** Sponsored by BlindZarus. Confirmed players travelling together will be kept apart. All games 21up, off 2 in qualifying. Bar, refreshments.

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.

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.

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 or Steve Clamp, 5 Barcroft Street, Colne BB8 9PZ – 07967 328 841 – sclamp4@sky.com. **Cheques**, payable to PWCGBA. **Notes**. Two games to qualify for finals.

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.

0925 / 31up OPEN SINGLES (Waterloo Hotel, Blackpool FY4 2AF)

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.