



2015 ENDSLEIGH SENIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

The July fixtures in the **ENDSLEIGH** Senior County Championship will confirm this season's semi-finalists with only Shropshire in Section Four likely to have guaranteed their place in the last four.

They have a 106 chalk advantage over second placed Staffordshire, who they meet in their final match, and it is going to take a mighty result from their opponents to overhaul them at the top of the league even though a Staffordshire victory will see them both finish level on points. Staffordshire will need a repeat of their result against the Isle of Man in which they inflicted a 106 chalk defeat on the Manxmen. Shropshire meanwhile got past Lancashire by 65.

The winners of Section Four will play the winners of Section Three. Here it is a straight fight between the defending champions Warwick & Worcester and Yorkshire to see who makes it to the semi-final. Both sides are level on points after two matches played, the latest seeing the champions losing by 40 at Potteries & District but their home side saved the day with a 66 chalk victory. Yorkshire finished 2 chinks off a triple figure victory over Merseyside winning home and away. Whoever wins between the top two will qualify for the semi-finals although Warwick & Worcester can afford to draw as they have a 1 chalk aggregate advantage. In the other match, again the Potteries & District can afford to draw their match with Merseyside as they have a far superior aggregate advantage with both sides on nil points.

Sections One and Two are pretty much identical to each other in points scored and aggregate differences. Derbyshire hold the advantage in Section One after their 68 chalk victory over Cumbria maintained their 100% start. They now play Cheshire in their final match of the section, Cheshire losing to Greater Manchester by 32 in the June fixtures. Cumbria need a big result against Greater Manchester to avoid finishing bottom of the section.

Wales won a hard fought encounter with North Lancs & Fylde in Section Two claiming victory by just 14. They now face bottom side South Yorkshire who lost by 35 to North Midlands. However, should Wales lose and North Lancs & Fylde or North Midlands win, either side could overtake the Welshmen at the top of the table.

Results of all senior and junior matches can be viewed on the BCGBA website. The match cards are posted prior to each round of matches once they have been received by all counties. Following the completion of each match the individual scores will be posted, usually within 24 hours, when they can be downloaded and/or printed. The links below will take you to the respective pages.

SENIORS: <http://crowngreenbowls.sharepoint.com/Pages/BCGBASeniorCountyFixtures.aspx>.

JUNIORS: <http://crowngreenbowls.sharepoint.com/Pages/BCGBAJuniorCounty.aspx>.



2015 DRAKES PRIDE JUNIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

YORKSHIRE won the big match in the **DRAKES PRIDE** Junior County Championship when they inflicted a 30 chalk defeat on defending champions, Warwick & Worcester.

Yorkshire's Danny Teale got the home side off to a tremendous start with 21-3 opening card at Broad Oak BC, one of ten Yorkshire winners in a 54 chalk victory. Warwick & Worcester took the spoils over at the George BC where Adam Patrick led from the front with a 21-8 opener while Jack Whitehead closed the match with the same card. Yorkshire though battled hard to come away from the George with a creditable 24 chalk defeat. With just the July fixtures remaining, South Yorkshire stand in the way of their neighbours clinching the **Section Three** title and a place in the semi-finals. They overcame a young North Lancs & Fylde team with some ease to set them up nicely for their forthcoming derby.

The three-team **Section One** will be decided when Shropshire, last season's runners-up, take on Staffordshire next month. Staffordshire made their season's debut with a narrow 14 chalk victory over Greater Manchester who now qualify for the Supplementary County Championship in August. The two met in the semi-final stage last year with Shropshire coming out on top by 64 on that occasion.

Wales have almost certainly booked their place in the semi-finals with another big win in **Section Two**, this time over Lancashire by 104. They struggled at home to win by just 18 but their strong away side came back from the Red Rose county with all twelve winners. Merseyside opened their account with a 39 chalk victory over Potteries & District. They won by 60 at home claiming ten winning jacks but lost by 21 away where they took four of the first five games, four of them to single figures!

With still no matches played in **Section Four**, Derbyshire and North Midlands will play their only match of the round-robin stage with the winners going straight through to the semi-finals.



LYNN GOES THE DISTANCE

As reported in previous editions of the BCGBA Newsletter, Globegig co-presenter, Lynn Pritchatt, completed her Swimathon in some style, finishing her 1.5 kilometre swim with six minutes to spare from the allotted 60 minutes allowed to complete the distance.

Her aim was not only to complete the swimathon but to raise funds for Marie Curie Cancer Care. Her target was £180 but she ended up with a tremendous total of £1500 for this worthy cause.

Lynn is thrilled that so many people generously supported her challenge and donated money to such a worthy cause and says a big thank you to everyone. Shortly, she will be researching her next challenge which she aims to do outside of the bowling season.

SENIOR MERIT / CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS UPDATE



Derbyshire have announced their draw for this season's Individual Merit final day. Thirty-two qualifiers from their vast county will battle it out for their coveted title on Sunday 28th June at High Lane Conservative Club. Play commences at 11am.

Six-time champion, Andrew Spragg, Dave May (2013), John Dewey (2012) and Darren Carter (2002 and 2005) are the former winners who have made it through to finals day.

Derbyshire have six qualifiers for the BCGBA Senior Individual Merit. The four semi-finalists will qualify outright with the losing quarter-finalists competing in a play-off for the two remaining places.

Darren Carter (Stretton Anglesey) v Chris Barlow (Bush BC); Paul Balfour (Kings Newton) v Glynn Holmes (Egstown); Rob Treece (Rolls Royce) v Paul Walton (Hope Construction); Dave Redfern (Alvaston & Boulton) v Dave Gregory (Birch Hall).

Peter Conway (South Manchester RBL) v Adam Hartley (Alvaston & Boulton); Paul Stretton (Belvedere) v Craig Shore (Burbage); Dave Rigby (South Manchester RBL) v Ed Furniss (Rowditch); Jonathan Chapman (Great Moor) v Dan Petcher (Netherseal).

Andy Spragg (Old Whittington) v Ian Brown (Stretton Anglesey); Dave May (Stretton Anglesey) v Alan Hoy (Woodley Sports); Wally Redfern (Swadlincote Catholics) v Tony Batchelder (Marehay); Paul Bradley (Burbage) v Richard Gill (Rolls Royce).

John Dewey (Belvedere) v Clive Lomas (Whaley Bridge); Dave Parkin (Egstown) v Lewis Belcher (Belvedere); Andy Fearn (Swadlincote Catholics) v Craig Pearson (Rowditch); Steve Barber (Chapel Park) v Matt Milsom (Netherseal).

JACK & JEAN ISHERWOOD VETERANS INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2015 Jack & Jean Isherwood Veterans Individual Championship, sponsored by **GROCONTINENTAL**, returns to the greens at Prees Cricket & Recreation Club, Brades Road, Prees, Shropshire SY13 2DX and takes place on Wednesday 1st July. Thirty-two qualifiers from the various County Associations will not only be playing for the title but also a place in the BCGBA Champion of Champions in September. Play gets underway at 10am and the draw will be posted on the BCGBA website.



SHORT MARKS

- The BCGBA Chief Executive, John Crowther, is this year's winner of the British Crown Green Referees Society Patron's Day. Details in the next edition
- Wales are the 2015 British Crown Green Ladies Veterans County Champions. Details in the next edition.
- Almost 3,000 new registrations have been received so far this season.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS, 2016

Sunday, 20 March	World Club Championship – Preliminary Rounds
Sunday, 27 March	World Club Championship – Preliminary Rounds
Sunday, 03 April	World Club Championship – Preliminary Rounds
Sunday, 10 April	World Club Championship – Preliminary Rounds
Sunday, 17 April	World Club Championship – Finals (Last 8)
Sunday, 01 May	Endsleigh Senior County Championship matches
Sunday, 08 May	Drakes Pride Junior County Championship matches
Sunday, 05 June	Endsleigh Senior County Championship matches
Sunday, 12 June	Drakes Pride Junior County Championship matches
Sunday, 03 July	Endsleigh Senior County Championship matches
Wednesday, 06 July	Jack & Jean Isherwood Veterans Championship at Prees Cricket & Recreation Club, Shropshire
Sunday, 10 July	Drakes Pride Junior County Championship matches
Thursday, 14 July	Veterans County Championship – Preliminary Rounds at four regional venues
Saturday, 30 July	Senior Individual Merit (in Wales)
Thursday, 04 August	Veterans County Championship Finals
Saturday, 06 August	Junior Individual Merit (in North Midlands)
Sunday, 07 August	Endsleigh Senior County Championship Semi-Finals Endsleigh Senior Supplementary County Championship
Sunday, 14 August	Drakes Pride Junior County Championship Semi-Finals Drakes Pride Junior Supplementary County Championship
Sunday, 04 September	Endsleigh Senior County Championship Final
Sunday, 11 September	Drakes Pride Junior County Championship Final
Saturday, 24 September	Champion of Champions at the Waterloo Hotel, Blackpool
Saturday, 01 October	Centenary Mixed Pairs Championship

WORLD CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

The five year agreement with Irlam Steel Recreation Club for the hosting of the World Club Championship has now ended. The BCGBA would like to thank the Committee and members of Irlam Steel for the tremendous support they have provided over the past five years which has seen some outstanding play on their two excellent greens.

St Josephs (North Lancs & Fylde) were the inaugural winners in 2011, and won again in 2013. Lloyd Hotel (British Parks) won in 2012, M&B Cheslyn Hay (Staffordshire) won last year and Thongsbridge (Yorkshire) are the current champions.

This now means that the BCGBA are looking for a new host venue for their 2016 competition and beyond.

If your Club wishes to be considered as the host venue then, in the first instance, you will need to contact the BCGBA CEO, John Crowther, who will be able to give you all the details of what is required to host such an event. The CEO can be contacted on 07753 959369 or jac21up@aol.com.

BRITISH CROWN GREEN LADIES BOWLING ASSOCIATION

SECTION ONE

	Pld	PTS	AGG
North Derbyshire	2	4	+54
North Midlands	2	2	+12
Cumbria	2	2	-9
North Shropshire	3	2	-11
Dudley	3	2	-46

SECTION TWO

Wales	3	6	+123
Yorkshire	3	4	+262
Greater Manchester	2	2	+6
North Warwickshire	2	0	-57
Wirral	2	0	-334

SECTION THREE

Lancashire	3	6	+72
Shropshire	2	2	+114
North Lancs & Fylde	2	2	+75
South Staffordshire	2	2	-13
Cheshire	3	0	-248

SECTION FOUR

Warwick & Worcester	3	6	+218
South Yorkshire	3	4	-27
Mid Cheshire	2	2	-6
Staffordshire	2	0	-77
Burton	2	0	-108

SENIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

LANCASHIRE and **WARWICK & WORCESTER** can become the first counties to reach the semi-finals of the British Crown Green Ladies Senior County Championship when the second round of June fixtures are played at the end of the month.

Lancashire's 54 chalk victory over Cheshire in Match Day 3 leaves them four points clear at the top of **Section Three** with an unblemished record.

Victory over North Lancs & Fylde will see them qualify as champions.

South Staffordshire got their first points of the season thanks to a single chalk victory over North Lancs & Fylde.

Warwick & Worcester can qualify without playing as they have a bye week in **Section Four**. Their 81 chalk victory over closest challengers, South Yorkshire, leaves them almost untouchable at the top with a massive advantage. Mid Cheshire opened their account with a narrow 4 chalk victory over Staffordshire.

Section One is the tightest group with North Derbyshire two points clear at the top of the table. They beat Cumbria by 54 to claim top spot with North Shropshire's 17 chalk victory over Dudley leaving them, and the chasing pack, all on two points each.

Yorkshire have the chance to overtake Wales at the top of **Section Two** if they beat Greater Manchester in their final match. They lost by 10 overall to Wales in their last match but their superior aggregate may not be enough. Wales sit out the next match so will know a win in their final match will see them qualify. Either North Warwickshire or Wirral will finally get points on the board when they meet in the other section match.

SUNDAY 28TH JUNE

Section 1

Cumbria v North Shropshire @ Levens BC (LA8 8NF) / Prees Cricket & Recreation Club (SY13 2DXU)

North Derbyshire v North Midlands @ Buxton Park BC (SK17 6NW) / Coundon BC (CV6 1GP)

Section 2

Greater Manchester v Yorkshire @ Royton Cricket Club (OL2 5TX) / Paddock Cricket & BC (HD1 4TX)

North Warwickshire v Wirral @ Haunchwood S&SC (CV10 9NH) / Tranmere BC (CH42 6SH)

Section 3

Lancashire v North Lancs & Fylde @ CPA Bowling & SC (BB4 8QT) / St Michaels BC (PR3 0TQ)

Shropshire v South Staffordshire @ Bicton BC (SY3 8EL) / Stafford BC (ST16 1BH)

Section 4

Burton v Mid Cheshire @ Stretton Anglesey BC (DE13 0EQ) / Frodsham Red Lion (WA6 7AG)

South Yorkshire v Staffordshire @ Penistone BC (S36 6AB) / Birches Head Hotel (ST1 6LL)

Club Matters Update

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Sport England's Club Matters is the essential one-stop shop of free support for sports clubs. Since the launch of Club Matters in February 2015 more than 10,000 clubs have registered to benefit from the tools and resources available. Here is an update on how your club can benefit too

Club Matters Roadshow

The Club Matters Roadshow will be visiting **Walsall on 7 July**. Come along for your chance to get hands on with all of the support available and meet the Club Matters team. Click here to find out more about the [Club Matters Roadshow](#).

Understand the changes to CASC

Government made changes to the CASC rules on 1 April 2015. If you are a CASC club or thinking of applying, make sure you know what the changes mean to your club with Club Matters' interactive online resources. Click here to find out more about the [changes to CASC](#).

Register to Club Matters to benefit from all of the free resources available...

- Online support
- Workshops
- Mentoring
- Club Improvement Plan
- Club Views
- Clubmark

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