



2015 SENIOR INDIVIDUAL MERIT

Saturday 25th July, 10am

**Florence Tennis & Bowling Club
Stoke-on-Trent (ST3 4EB)**



The stage is set for the British Crown Green Bowling Senior Individual Merit, sponsored by **FLOWFIT**, where 64 of the country's finest will be hoping to become the 100th winner of this coveted title.

The last time the finals were played at Florence was in the millennium year of 2000 where Graeme Wilson claimed his first senior merit title with a 21-13 victory over Richard Brittan. Wilson added a second title in 2004 when he beat Kerry Morris 21-19 at Rolls Royce in Derby. This year Wilson, the Yorkshire champion, will be aiming to join Joe Gleave (Lancashire) and Dick Meyrick (Shropshire) who are the only other players in the competition's history to have won the title on more than two occasions and his opening game is against the Cumbrian champion, Steve Porter.

Only three other former winners have made it through to this year's finals – Matt Gilmore (2001), Glynn Cookson (1997) and Michael Leach (1984).

Merseyside champion, Matt Gilmore, who beat Wilson in the 2001 final at Llay Miners Welfare (Wales) 21-16, faces Josh Hale who came through a tough final day to win the Warwick & Worcester Merit. Glynn Cookson, runner-up in this season's Cheshire Merit plays Ashley Tattersley from Yorkshire while Michael Leach, the North Lancs & Fylde winner, takes on Ben Percival from North Midlands.

Admission is £10.00 with reserved seats a further £10.00. Food and drinks will be available all day but spectators are reminded that they are **NOT** allowed to take their own food and drink into the venue or their own chairs.

THE DRAW

Stuart King (Yorkshire)	v	Steve Morrey (Cheshire)
* Lee Dale (Potteries & District)	v	* Leighton Roberts (Wales)
Terry Wood (North Lancs & Fylde)	v	Gareth Herbert (Warwick & Worcester)
Ed Furniss (Derbyshire)	v	Matt Horton (North Midlands)
Gary Haslam (South Yorkshire)	v	* Billy Speed (Lancashire)
* Graeme Wilson (Yorkshire)	v	* Steve Porter (Cumbria)
Peter Farmer (Shropshire)	v	Ryan Prosser (Warwick & Worcester)
Paul Evans (Staffordshire)	v	Ian Brown (Derbyshire)
Terry Glover (Merseyside)	v	James Wilcox (Yorkshire)
Chris Slater (Wales)	v	Natty Tonks (North Midlands)
Darren Wellings (Shropshire)	v	* David Bradford (Isle of Man)
Andy Saunders (Warwick & Worcester)	v	Andy Murray (Greater Manchester)
Paul Dudley (Greater Manchester)	v	Ben Harris (Warwick & Worcester)
Adam Hartley (Derbyshire)	v	Scott Fisher (Yorkshire)
* Andy Gibbs (North Midlands)	v	Michael McDonnell (Cheshire)
Karl Simpson (Potteries & District)	v	* David Poole (South Yorkshire)
Mike Holden (Greater Manchester)	v	Graham Gardiner (Warwick & Worcester)
Glynn Cookson (Cheshire)	v	Ashley Tattersley (Yorkshire)
Joe Callan (North Midlands)	v	Trevor Quayle (Isle of Man)
Andrew Moss (Shropshire)	v	Phil Maddox (Wales)
Danny Ferris (Potteries & District)	v	* Steve Barber (Derbyshire)
John Brown (Lancashire)	v	Adam Jones (South Yorkshire)
Roy Moxham (Cumbria)	v	* Craig Barker (Staffordshire)
Steven Lewis (Warwick & Worcester)	v	Liam Griffin (Yorkshire)
Peter Jones (Wales)	v	Nick Tideswell (Potteries & District)
* Josh Hale (Warwick & Worcester)	v	* Matt Gilmore (Merseyside)
Darren Carter (Derbyshire)	v	Andrew Cairns (Yorkshire)
Ben Percival (North Midlands)	v	* Michael Leach (North Lancs & Fylde)
Richard Gill (Derbyshire)	v	* Tom Vickers (Cheshire)
Tonie Moxham (Cumbria)	v	Paul Hallett (Wales)
Craig Newton (Yorkshire)	v	Steve Freer (Warwick & Worcester)
* Rob Roden (Shropshire)	v	Mick Brown (Staffordshire)

*** Denotes County Merit Winner**



2015 ENDSLEIGH SENIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

SECTION ONE	Pld	PTS	AGG
Cheshire	3	4	+81
Derbyshire	3	4	+29
Greater Manchester	3	2	-32
Cumbria	3	2	-78
SECTION TWO			
Wales	3	6	+69
North Midlands	3	4	+46
North Lancs & Fylde	3	2	-27
South Yorkshire	3	0	-88
SECTION THREE			
Warwick & Worcester	3	5	+148
Yorkshire	3	5	+147
Merseyside	3	2	-223
Potteries & District	3	0	-72
SECTION FOUR			
Shropshire	3	6	+188
Lancashire	3	4	-31
Staffordshire	3	2	+74
Isle of Man	3	0	-231

The semi-final line-up is now known following the completion of the qualifying section matches at the beginning of the month. **Cheshire** will play **Wales** with **Warwick & Worcester** facing **Shropshire**.

All eyes were on the top match of the day, the defending champions Warwick & Worcester and fierce rivals Yorkshire. Both sides went into their final match level on points with the midlanders a solitary aggregate point ahead at the top of the section. And what a match these two played out as, when all 24 game scores were added up, they could not be split, drawing the match 422 each. Both sides had 9 home winners but the big scores came at The George, Warley. Thomas Hanson got Yorkshire off to a great start, winning 21-8 but Greg Smith's 21-1 for the defending champions proved pivotal in the outcome of the match.

Shropshire, as expected, progressed undefeated in Section Four but they only just kept up the 100% record by beating Staffordshire by 4. In the other match, Isle of Man's debut season ended with a 6 shot defeat by Lancashire but they did manage to win their home leg by 25.

Wales finished top of Section 2 with an unblemished record thanks to an overall 15 shot victory over South Yorkshire while Cheshire's victory over Derbyshire by 21 was enough to pip them to top spot after both sides finished level on points.

SUNDAY 2nd AUGUST 2015

Endsleigh Senior County Championship Semi-Finals (2pm)

Cheshire v Wales @ Winsford C&C, CW7 4AN / Trefnant BC, LL16 5UE

Shropshire v Warwick & Worcester @ Pontesbury BC, SY5 0QZ / Ye Olde Knowle BC, B93 8QA

Endsleigh Senior Supplementary County Championship (10am)

@ Pilkington Social & Recreation Club, off Doncaster Road, Kirk Sandall, Doncaster DN3 1HP

GROUP ONE: Derbyshire, North Lancs & Fylde, Staffordshire, Yorkshire

GROUP TWO: Greater Manchester, Lancashire, Merseyside, North Midlands



2015 DRAKES PRIDE JUNIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

SECTION ONE	Pld	PTS	AGG
Shropshire	2	4	+118
Staffordshire	2	2	-40
Greater Manchester	2	0	-78
Cumbria (withdrawn)			
SECTION TWO			
Wales	3	6	+438
Merseyside	3	4	-90
Lancashire	3	2	-152
Potteries & District	3	0	-196
SECTION THREE			
Yorkshire	3	6	+371
Warwick & Worcester	3	4	+321
South Yorkshire	3	2	-103
North Lancs & Fylde	3	0	-589
SECTION FOUR			
Derbyshire	1	2	+47
North Midlands	1	0	-47
Cheshire (withdrawn)			

There were no shock results in the final section matches with the semi-final line-up almost confirmed before the start of the afternoon's play. The only exception was in **Section Four**, as due to the withdrawal of Cheshire, the normal three-team section was reduced to just two – Derbyshire and North Midlands. In a close match at Weddington Social Club, North Midlands won on home turf by 14 but lost heavily at Stretton No 1 by 61 to give Derbyshire an overall 47 chalk victory and a place in the semi-final where they will take Yorkshire.

Yorkshire finished **Section Three** unbeaten and rounded off their qualifying matches with a resounding 114 chalk victory over neighbours South Yorkshire. They won home and away allowing their opponents just five winning cards.

Wales also finished off their qualifying in some style with a 142 chalk victory over Potteries & District and, like Yorkshire, won home and away. They finished their **Section Two** campaign with a positive aggregate of 438 over the three matches they played.

Last season's runners-up, Shropshire, defeated Staffordshire by 54, the side they beat in the 2014 semi-finals. Following the withdrawal of Cumbria they only had to play two Section One matches and having beaten Greater Manchester by 64 in their opening match victory over Staffordshire kept the unbeaten record preserved.

SUNDAY 9th AUGUST 2015

Drakes Pride Junior County Championship Semi-Finals

Shropshire v Wales @ Wrockwardine Wood BC, TF2 7AB / Benllech BC, LL74 8SR

Derbyshire v Yorkshire @ Henhurst BC, DE13 9TB / Brockholes BC, HD9 7AL

Drakes Pride Junior Supplementary County Championship

@ Fox Lane Sports & Social Club, Fox Lane, Leyland PR25 1HB

GROUP ONE: Lancashire, Staffordshire, Warwick & Worcester, Potteries & district

GROUP TWO: Greater Manchester, Merseyside, South Yorkshire, North Midlands

LEACH WINS BATTLE OF THE LEGENDS

Michael Leach (North Lancs & Fylde) and Noel Burrows (Cheshire) turned back the clock to the days when they were prominent in the open competition circuit to meet in the 2015 BCGBA **GROCONTINENTAL** Jack & Jean Isherwood Veterans Championship final. The two legends proved they are still a force to be reckoned with as they battled their way through the five games each in the soaring heat at the excellent Prees Cricket & Recreation Club in Shropshire. Leach eventually won the final 21-11 to become a double qualifier for the Champion of Champions in Blackpool having already qualified as North Lancs & Fylde Merit champion.

Both players had comfortable opening wins, Leach 21-12 over Terry Bosworth (Derbyshire) and Burrows 21-11 against Bill Tarrell of the home county. In the Second Round Burrows defeated Leach's county colleague, Peter Harrison 21-14 but Leach himself was pushed all the way to a 21-20 victory over John Clarke from the Shropshire County.

The Quarter-Finals saw both players face South Yorkshire opposition. Leach beat Tommy Silcock 21-13 while Burrows defeated David Mallinson 21-14 to progress to the last four. Here, Leach was again a comfortable winner in his 21-14 win over Ian Farimond (Potteries & District) but Burrows just edged out Wales' John Bonatti 21-19.

There was only one previous winner in this year's field. Alan France, winner in 2013, lost out to Dave Clarke of Warwick & Worcester 21-17 in the First Round. Another First Round loser was the only lady bowler who made it through to finals day. Jane Jones (Wales) suffered a 21-16 loss to Shropshire's John Clarke.



Michael Leach with sponsor Ray Grocott

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Results can be viewed via the BCGBA website link,

<http://crowngreenbowls.sharepoint.com/Pages/BCGBAVeteransMerit.aspx>.

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS UPDATE

Two more players have got their name in the 2015 **FLOWFIT** Champion of Champions line-up following two final nights in Yorkshire.

Chris Kelly denied Graeme Wilson a double qualification when he won the Cleckheaton Sports Classic with a 21-17 victory. Kelly had led 15-7 at one point but saw off a late challenge from Wilson to get within a point of Kelly at 16-17 only for the Thongsbridge man to rally and claim the title. The following week, **Gary Ellis** won the Hillcrest Classic, defeating Robert Hitchen 31-20 in the final.

As reported above, Michael Leach's victory in the Jack & Jean Isherwood Veterans Championship sees him as a double qualifier which opens the door to the first of the competitions on the Reserve List now being promoted to the main qualifying competitions. The Spens Masters winner now gains a place in the 32-strong field at Blackpool. Last season all competitions on the Reserve List were used through double qualifications and **James Davison**, after his 21-18 victory over Callum Wraight in the Elland Open Classic, will be hoping for more of the same, though thanks to Gary Ellis already appearing on the Reserve List twice his name has moved up a few places to sixth reserve.



2015 CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

Saturday 26th September, 10am

Waterloo Hotel, Blackpool

Steve Porter	Cumbria Merit
Dan Petcher	Tony Pagett Open
Andy Hughes	Coors Meole Brace Open
Russell Pegram	CCF Open
Dave Bradford	Isle of Man Merit
Billy Speed	Lancashire Merit
Matt Gilmore	Merseyside Merit
Chris Mordue	Spring Waterloo
Graeme Wilson	Yorkshire Merit
Michael Leach	North Lancs & Fylde Merit / Jack & Jean Isherwood Grocontinental Veterans Championship
Steve Copeland	Greater Manchester Merit
Lee Dale	Potteries & District Merit
Craig Barker	Staffordshire Merit
John Kennish	Isle of Man June Festival
Tom Vickers	Cheshire Merit
Steve Barber	Derbyshire Merit
Andy Gibbs	North Midlands Merit
Rob Roden	Shropshire Merit
David Poole	South Yorkshire Merit
Josh Hale	Warwick & Worcester Merit
Leighton Roberts	Wales Merit
Chris Kelly	Cleckheaton Sports Classic
Gary Ellis	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
Saturday 5th September	Spennymoor Masters
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)

Brighthouse Classic (19/09/15), Navigation & Railway Open – **Gary Ellis**, Pudsey Classic (27/08/15), Rastrick Classic (20/09/15), Wharton Cons Open (30/08/15), George Masters (2014) – **Gary Ellis**, Carlsberg Richmond Classic (09/08/15), Elland Open Classic – **James Davison**, Lea Hall Open (2014) – **Glynn Picknell**, West Melton Victory Cup (09/08/15), Wrockwardine Wood Open (2014) – **Matt Fellows**

BRITISH CROWN GREEN LADIES BOWLING ASSOCIATION

SENIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

SEMI-FINALS – SUNDAY 16th AUGUST – 2pm

Cumbria v Yorkshire

Lancashire v Warwick & Worcester

SECTION ONE	PTS	AGG	
Cumbria	6	+122	Cumbria emerged as Section One champions from a day that started out with any one of three teams still in with a chance of reaching the semi-finals. They easily accounted for North Midlands, one of the other teams in the mix, by 90 chalks overall. North Derbyshire, the other team fighting for a last four finish, defeated Dudley by 13 chalks overall to finish runners-up, missing out on top spot on aggregate.
North Derbyshire	6	+60	
North Midlands	4	-71	
North Shropshire	2	-52	
Dudley	2	-59	
SECTION TWO			Wales suffered a surprise defeat by North Warwickshire to hand Yorkshire the Section Two title and a place in the last four.. The Welsh ladies had been impressive in their previous qualifying matches which included a notable victory over Yorkshire. Despite winning by 49 at home they suffered meltdown away from home going down by 72 chalks at Weddington Sports Club where the North Warwickshire side only dropped three chalks.
Yorkshire	6	+306	
Wales	6	+100	
North Warwickshire	4	+25	
Greater Manchester	2	-49	
Wirral	2	-382	
SECTION THREE			Lancashire, who completed their matches in the last round of fixtures, had already qualified for the semi-finals by winning Section Three undefeated.
Lancashire	8	+82	
Shropshire	4	+97	
North Lancs & Fylde	4	+93	
South Staffordshire	2	-113	
Cheshire	2	-159	
SECTION FOUR			Warwick & Worcester secured their place in the last four with a 74 chalk victory over Mid Cheshire. They went into their final Section Four match knowing they could afford to lose and still qualify but they did what was required to ensure the defending champions, South Yorkshire, would remain in second place.
Warwick & Worcester	8	+255	
South Yorkshire	6	-11	
Mid Cheshire	4	+18	
Burton	2	-148	
Staffordshire	0	-114	

SUNDAY 16th AUGUST – 10am

Mavis Dearden Supplementary County Championship

at a venue to be advised

Group 1: Mid Cheshire, North Derbyshire, North Warwickshire, Shropshire

Group 2: North Lancs & Fylde, North Midlands, South Yorkshire, Wales

KAREN GANT IS SENIOR MERIT CHAMPION

KAREN GANT (Yorkshire) came through a top class field in the British Crown Green Ladies Senior Individual Merit, sponsored by **CASSONS COACHES**, to prove a worthy champion on the tough greens at Haunchwood BC, Nuneaton. In the final she got the better of Sarah Fox from neighbours South Yorkshire 21-15.

There were four former winners in the 64 line-up – Maggie Barnes (North Midlands) 2005, Sarah Hey (Wales) 2007, Maliza Herbert (Warwick & Worcester) 2011 and the defending champion, Nicola Boulton (Mid Cheshire) – with two making early exits, one going out in the second round and one in the semi-finals. Defending champion, Nicola Boulton, crashed out in the first round to the 2007 winner, Sarah Hey 21-14. Hey herself was so close to reaching the final again but lost out to the eventual winner at the penultimate stage. Maggie Barnes lost 21-16 to Kelly Round (Warwick & Worcester) while after a fairly comfortable 21-11 opening win over Margaret Shore (Greater Manchester) Maliza Herbert bowed out in the second round to Wendy Jackson (Burton & District) 21-15.

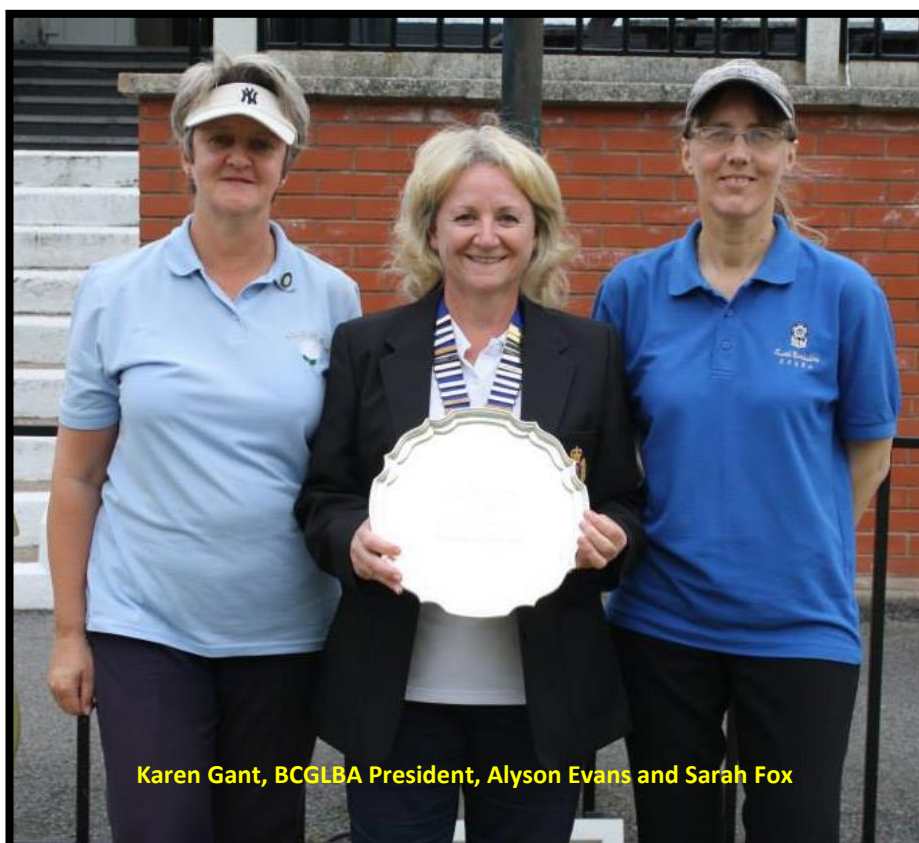
But the day belonged to the two finalists and in particular the winner Karen Gant.

Gant made her intentions known from the start with an impressive 21-8 opening victory over Caroline Bushell (Cumbria) while Fox outsmarted Mandy Basterfield (Dudley & District) 21-11. In the second round Gant was a comfortable 21-14 winner over Janelle Pertoldi (Greater Manchester) with Fox beating Jennie Adams (North Midlands) 21-16. The last sixteen produced three 21-20 games, a 21-19, a 21-18 and a 21-17 from Gant who faced her toughest game so far in defeating the three-time Champion of Champions winner, Katrina Earl (South Yorkshire). Fox had an easier game in her 21-12 success over Jean Barnes (Wirral).

The quarter-finals through to the final were played on the same green. Gant faced the two-time Junior Merit

champion, and fellow Yorkshire colleague, Alicia Ormsby, and progressed to the semi-finals courtesy of a 21-13 victory. Fox also faced Yorkshire opposition in Nichole Farrar and came through a 21-15 winner. Both semi-finals were close run affairs with Gant ending Sarah Hey's hopes of adding to her 2007 title with a hard fought 21-19 victory while Fox won a close battle with former Champion of Champions winner, Wendy Jackson (Burton & District), 21-17.

Quarter-Finals. Christine Davies (North Warwickshire) 15 Wendy Jackson (Burton & District) 21; Nichole Farrar (Yorkshire) 15 Sarah Fox (South Yorkshire) 21; Alicia Ormsby (Yorkshire) 13 Karen Gant (Yorkshire) 21; Sarah Hey (Wales) 21 Louise Cotton (Shropshire) 19. **Semi-Finals.** Wendy Jackson 17 Sarah Fox (South Yorkshire) 21; Karen Gant 21 Sarah Hey 19. **Final.** Sarah Fox (South Yorkshire) 15 Karen Gant (Yorkshire) 21.



Karen Gant, BCGLBA President, Alyson Evans and Sarah Fox

All the scores can be viewed on the BCGBA website.

COMPETITION NEWS

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TEEJAY ROOFING OPEN SINGLES

Venue	Westfield Park BC, Doncaster DN4 0LN
Qualifying	Not applicable
Final	A one-day competition on Sunday 9th August – 9.30am
Prize Money	Winner £400, Runner-up £200, Semi-Finalists £100, Quarter-Finalists £50.
Entry (64 limit)	£10 per player to Mr Terence Hill, 47 Belmont Avenue, Doncaster DN4 8AG - 07988 110 465 - tejaysroofing@btinternet.com
Notes	Prize Money subject to a minimum of 32 entries received - – No home bowlers unless entries received are less than 32 who will then give 3 start - Men's / Ladies highest break £20 each plus trophy – green 42 yards square and can accommodate 6 jacks – players travelling together should notify the organiser – all games 21up, off 3

JULY

	BCGBA Jack & Jean Isherwood Veterans Championship	Mike Leach 21, Noel Burrows 11	
	Cleckheaton Sports Classic	Chris Kelly 21, Graeme Wilson 17	
	BCGLBA Senior Individual Merit	Karen Gant 21, Sarah Fox 15	
	Hillcrest Classic	Gary Ellis 31, Robert Hitchen 20	
	Navigation & Railway Open	Gary Ellis 21, Gareth Gwilliam 16	
Saturday 25th	BCGBA Flowfit Senior Individual Merit	Florence Tennis & Bowling Club, ST3 4EB	10am
Sunday 26th	Gardeners Arms Open Singles	Gardeners Arms BC, FY5 4BL	11am
Friday 31st	Fleetwood Bowls Festival	Marine Gardens	

AUGUST

Sunday 2nd	BCGBA Senior County Championship Semi-Finals		2pm
	BCGBA Senior Supplementary County Championship	Pilkington Social & Recreation Club, DN3 1HP	10am
Saturday 8th	BCGLBA Dorothy Pearce Memorial Pairs	Owley Wood BC, CW8 3LS	10am
Sunday 9th	BCGBA Pride Junior County Championship Semi-Finals		10am
	BCGBA Junior Supplementary County Championship	Fox Lane Sports & Social Club, PR25 1HB	10am
	British Parks Merit	Hare Hill Park, OL15 9HE	10am
	Teejay Roofing Open Singles	Westfield Park BC, DN4 0LN	9.30am
	Carlsberg Richmond Classic	Richmond BC, L6 5AB	12pm
	West Melton Victory Cup	West Melton WMC, S63 6DG	1.30pm

WATERLOO COMPETITIONS UPDATE

The 2015 Autumn Waterloo gets underway on Monday 27th July with a full complement of players. There are however spaces available on some of the dates and in the new 31up competition.

In the Junior Waterloo, entries are open until 9am on the day of the competition – Sunday 11 August.

If you are interested in entering any of the Waterloo competitions, then please text or ring Peter Jose on 07596 230 870. Waterloo Bowls Manager, Mark Audin, is away on holiday until Tuesday 21st July.

DUNLOP LADIES OPEN RAISES £500



The Dunlop Ladies Open, played at Dunlop Bowling Club in Coventry was a huge success with good weather, good support and of course good bowling with everyone wearing something pink.

The aim of the day was to raise money for Breast Cancer Research and once all donations were added up the event has raised £500 for this worthy cause.

On the green Andrea Buckley was in tremendous form, winning the final 21-6. She received her trophy, kindly donated by Jackie & Arthur

Goodyer, from competition organiser, and British Crown Green Ladies President, Alyson Evans.

Quarter-Finals: Andrea Buckley 21 Jackie Burdett 6; Vicki Buckley 21 Sharon Masters 11; Lynn Clarke 21 Sonia Robson 12; Ann Rutter 11 Karen Hill 21. **Semi-Finals:** Andrea Buckley 21 Vickie Buckley 7; Lynn Clarke 21, Karen Hill 6. **Final:** Andrea Buckley 21, Lynn Clarke 6.

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LIVE EVENT FILMING & WEBCASTING

Globegig Media TV 2015 Live Stream Schedule

Saturday 25th July – BCGBA **FLOWFIT** Senior Individual Merit (Florence Tennis & Bowling Club)

Saturday 15th August – BCGBA **BRIGGS EQUIPMENT** Junior Individual Merit (Rhos Park)

Friday 28th August – Live draw for Champion of Champions and Men's Waterloo (Globegig Studio)

Wednesday 16th September – Waterloo Men's Finals

Saturday 26th September – BCGBA **FLOWFIT** Men's Champion of Champions (Waterloo Hotel)

Sunday 27th September – BCGLBA **OSPREY** Ladies Champion of Champions (Waterloo Hotel)

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