



## 2016 PITCHCARE WORLD CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

PARKFIELD LABOUR (North Lancs & Fylde) are the 2016 **PITCHCARE** World Club Champions after wins over Lower Hopton (Yorkshire), Tixall (Cheshire) and Kings Heath Park (Warwick & Worcester) at the new venue of Leyland Fox Lane Sports & Social Club. Unusually, there were no previous winners in this season's final day line-up.

They had a tough opener with Lower Hopton, edging into the semi-finals with a 6 chalk victory in a match where the winning jacks were shared. No such problems in their semi-final as they cruised into the final with an impressive 47 chalk defeat of Tixall (Cheshire) with Simon Coupe's 21-4 card the best of their six winners.

Kings Heath Park, meanwhile, were involved in two titanic battles with the number 7 proving their lucky number. Dan Petcher's 21-7 card saw them through against Meole Brace (Shropshire) by 6 chalks while Tom Palmer's late 21-7 card against Florence T&BC (Potteries & District) got his team in the final with just 3 chalks to spare.

The opening jacks in the final were shared though Parkfield Labour held a slender 2 chalk advantage when the scores were added up at the half-way stage. But the 'locals' put their green knowledge to good use to claim three of the final four cards and record an overall 19 chalk victory.

Parkfield Labour		Kings Heath Park	
Owen Jackson	20	21	Jon Palmer
Ashleigh Woof	14	21	Steve Freer
Lyndon Carr	21	13	Colin Weaver
James Ball	21	16	Dan Petcher
Simon Coupe	21	10	Jason McLoughlin
David Watters	21	17	Paul Gamsby
Mike Leach	21	12	Lee Kington
Ian Downing	11	21	Tom Palmer
	<b>150</b>	<b>131</b>	

Gary Potter, Northern Accounts Manager of sponsors **Pitchcare**, made the presentations with the 2016 President, Peter Higham.

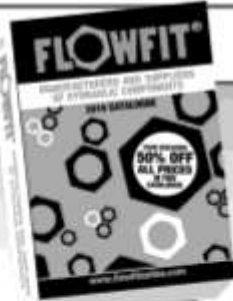


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## 2016 ENDSLEIGH SENIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Holders, Warwick & Worcester, will be aiming for a fifth consecutive **ENDSLEIGH** Senior County Championship title when their 2016 campaign gets underway with home and away matches against Staffordshire in Section 4. You have to go back as far as Sunday 1st May 2011 for the champions last defeat in the Crosfield Cup when Potteries & District won a close match by 16 in the season's opener. Cumbria and North Midlands make up the section but it is going to have to take something special to stop the midlanders youthful side.

Section 3 gets underway with a repeat of last season's semi-final between Cheshire and Wales. Cheshire won by 19 overall last August so another close match is anticipated.

Lancashire and Yorkshire, two of the most successful sides in the Crosfield Cup, play out a 'Battle of the Roses' fixture in the other section match. Between them they have won the title on 32 occasions with the Red Rose county having the upper hand.

Section 1 will see Shropshire hoping to reach the semi-finals again but first face Potteries & District in their opening fixture. Greater Manchester and South Yorkshire complete a tough section where it is hard to predict the eventual winner.

It is a similar scenario in Section 2 with another 'open' section. Isle of Man start their second season in the county championship and will be hoping to benefit from their opening experience and get their first points against Merseyside. Derbyshire and North Lancs & Fylde will also face visits to the island.

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The match cards for all matches on the opening Sunday of the 2016 season can now be viewed on the new BCGBA website – [bcgba.org.uk](http://bcgba.org.uk). You will find them under Events / County Championship / Live Scores.

### SUNDAY 1 MAY 2016

#### Section 1

Greater Manchester v South Yorkshire at Ashton CC (OL7 0AT) / Crookesmoor Recreation BC (S10 1BA)  
Potteries & District v Shropshire at Birches Head Hotel BC (ST1 6LL) / Newport BC (TF10 7DX)

#### Section 2

Derbyshire v North Lancs & Fylde at Stretton BC (DE13 0HA) / Bamber Bridge Catholic Club (PR5 6TA)  
Isle of Man v Merseyside at Onchan BC (IM3 2ET) / Unison BC (WA10 6SX)

#### Section 3

Cheshire v Wales at Knutsford BC (WA16 6SL) / Colwyn Bay RBL (LL29 7BB)  
Lancashire v Yorkshire at Ossett Flying Horse (WF5 9NY) / Garswood Hall (WN4 8LU)

#### Section 4

Cumbria v North Midlands at Hawcoat Park (LA14 4HF) / Dunlop BC (CV6 4AU)  
Staffordshire v Warwick & Worcester at Hammerwich BC (WS7 0JE) / Ye Olde Knowle BC (B93 8QA)

All matches start at 2pm **except** the Isle of Man v Merseyside fixture which gets underway at 12.30pm

Following a successful trial in the 2015 Endsleigh Senior County Championship, steps are underway for all the scores from the eight matches in this season's competition to be updated **LIVE** on the BCGBA website. County Associations have been asked to nominate a willing volunteer to undertake the task at their home leg. The Live Scores will be viewed on the new BCGBA website – [bcgba.org.uk](http://bcgba.org.uk). You will find them under Events / County Championship / Live Scores.



## 2016 DRAKES PRIDE JUNIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

The week following the seniors, the 2016 **DRAKES PRIDE** Junior County Championship starts with a full complement of fifteen teams.

Cheshire and Cumbria return to the fold after last year's absence thanks to the efforts of their county officials who have worked tirelessly throughout the winter months to ensure they have enough numbers to compete in the 2016 campaign.

Cheshire face the might of Warwick & Worcester in their return to the championship while Cumbria take on Potteries & District, who themselves had several seasons out some years ago but are now an established junior side having reached the semi-finals in 2013.

County Champions, Yorkshire, start the defence of their title with a match against North Midlands while the team they beat in last year's final, Wales, play Greater Manchester in the same section.

Defeated semi-finalists, Derbyshire and Shropshire, will be aiming to progress to the penultimate stage once again but must first overcome North Lancs & Fylde and Merseyside respectively. Shropshire are in the three-team Section 4 so will have one match less to play than Derbyshire.

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### SUNDAY 8 MAY 2016

#### Section 1

Cumbria v Potteries & District at Roose Community (LA13 0HP) / Bucknall Private (ST2 9AB)  
Derbyshire v North Lancs & Fylde at Stretton Anglesey BC (De13 0EQ) / Greenhill BC (BB1 4HR)

#### Section 2

Cheshire v Warwick & Worcester at Winnington Park Rec BC (CW8 4EB) / Broomfield BC, B17 8LS)  
Lancashire v Staffordshire at Coppull Conservative Club (PR7 5DF) / Woodfield BC (WV4 4AF)

#### Section 3

Greater Manchester v Wales at Hopwood Unionists Club (OL10 2AP) / Brymbo BC (LL11 5TF)  
North Midlands v Yorkshire at Foleshill Gas Club (CV6 6EN) / Kirkheaton Cricket & Bowling Club (HD5 0JL)

#### Section 4

Merseyside v Shropshire at Pensby BC (CH61 9PE) / Allscott Sports & Social Club (TF6 5EQ)  
South Yorkshire (no match)

# #DevelopmentMatters

Over the weekend 30th April to 2nd May we see the first Regionally planned Open Weekend in **North Midlands**.

Clubs across the County are opening their doors and offering the public the opportunity to try bowls.

This is a pilot for a National Open Weekend next year where we will support clubs in offering Open Events across all of the Crown Green Counties on a large scale.

If you are in the North Midlands area, then please support this event.

Further details can be found at <http://playcrowngreen.strikingly.com/>

You will also see updates on social media. Look out for the 2017 date confirmation soon!

Looking for grant funding?

Why not contact your local County Sports Partnership who may be able to help? Locate your closest through [www.cspnetwork.org](http://www.cspnetwork.org) and then by selecting 'Your CSP' from the menu bar.

**Have you been onto the new BCGBA website yet? Why not have a browse at [BCGBA.org.uk](http://BCGBA.org.uk)**

Facebook user? Search for '[Crown Green Bowls – Development Discussions](#)' and chat all things development with like-minded thinkers ☺

## Crown Green Hour

Sunday Nights on Twitter, join other Crown Green Players from 9pm – 10pm for Crown Green Hour and discuss the world of bowls.

Follow [@cgbhour](#)

## Club Matters

We've updated the website in the last week and now have our own dedicated ClubMatters page which gives an overview of the support you can get from using the Sport England site.

The page also links you straight through to the website so you can register and start having a look around.

There is a wealth of information on the site that is available to all clubs for FREE – why not have a look??

You can find our page here –

<http://www.bcgba.org.uk/clubs.html>

## Club Mark

**We are now well underway in the new ClubMark processes with County Development Officers being assessor trained at present in preparation for a full roll out over the next two weeks.**

**If your Club is interested in working towards ClubMark accreditation, then please get in touch!**

**Promotional Posters are now available.**

**If you would like some promotional posters, then please email me your details and I will send them out to you.**

**Are you interested in getting involved with Development in your County? We are always looking for more people to support, so if you're keen to be involved, please let me know.**

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# BRITISH CROWN GREEN LADIES BOWLING ASSOCIATION

## NEW MILL WIN THIRD CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE

Top Yorkshire side, New Mill, retained the BCG Ladies Club Championship to make it three consecutive titles as they fought off the challenge from two-time winners, Wrockwardine Wood (Shropshire), by 14 in the final.

Played on the greens at Centre Vale Park, Todmorden, New Mill, stormed through their qualifying matches with Pensby (Wirral) on the wrong end of a 64 chalk rout while Norden (Lancashire) and Clough Hall (Staffordshire) fared little better losing by 61 and 41 respectively.

Wrockwardine Wood won their crucial opener against three-time winners, St Oswalds, by 14 but were rarely troubled as they inflicted heavy defeats on Port St Mary (Isle of Man) by 33 and Penkrige (South Staffordshire) by 62.

New Mill had Laura Middleton (15-7) and Andrea Buckley (15-8) to thank for their 12 chalk semi-final victory over Baldwin (Warwick & Worcester) and Laura Dougherty's late 15-6 ensured a close finish. Wrockwardine Wood faced former winners, Haunchwood (North Warwickshire) who qualified for the penultimate stage with a 22 chalk victory over another former winner, Wharton Cons (Mid Cheshire) in the deciding group match. They stormed to a shock 49 chalk victory over Haunchwood winning seven of the eight games, six of them to single figures.

New Mill got off to a tremendous start in the final winning all first four games and opening up a 22 chalk advantage with Chloe Hirst and Karen Hill handing in 15-7 and 15-8 cards respectively. Wrockwardine Wood regrouped to share the remaining four games but Angela Gaut's 15-6 proved too little too late as New Mill equalled St Oswalds record of three titles with an overall 14 chalk victory.

New Mill		Wrockwardine Wood	
Andrea Buckley	15	12	Sian Skelton
Karen Hill	15	8	Helen Clee
Chloe Hirst	15	7	Sally Clee
Laura Middleton	15	11	Jodie Rutter
Linda Gledhill	12	15	Jackie Rutter
Suzanne Howarth	15	12	Shirley Jones
Hazel Lunn	6	15	Angela Gaut
Debbie Talbot	15	14	Holly Bishton
	<b>108</b>	<b>94</b>	



## COUNTY AVERAGE WINNERS CLASSIC

The next event on the busy BCG Ladies calendar is the County Average Winners Classic, which this year will be played at Wrockwardine Wood (TF2 7AQ) in Shropshire on Saturday 7 May. The top average winner from each county in last season's County Championship will take part in this one-day competition. The draw has been made and is as follows;

**Preliminary Round:** (1) Gillian Balderston (Cumbria) v Katrina Earl (South Yorkshire); (2) Joyce Stead (Merseyside) v Christine Davies (North Warwickshire); (3) Julie Best (Yorkshire) v Pat Newhouse (Mid Cheshire); (4) Stacey Brown (Staffordshire) v Leanne Attwood (Dudley & District); (5) Emily Kernick (Warwick & Worcester) v Phyllis Greenwood (Lancashire) (6) Helen Harrigan (North Warwickshire) v Lesley Smith (Cheshire).

**First Round:** Winner of game 1 v Winner of game 2; Winner of game 3 v Winner of game 4; Winner of game 5 v Winner of game 6; Elaine Moore (Isle of Man) v Sue Berry (Greater Manchester); Alison Cotton (Shropshire) v Jennie Adams (North Midlands); Sue Dace (Wales) v Mary Moseley (Burton & District); Carol Goodwin (North Shropshire) v Jordan Picken (South Staffordshire); Barbara Danson (North Lancs & Fylde) v Kellie Hill (North Derbyshire).

## YORKSHIRE GAIN REVENGE FOR FINAL DEFEAT

Yorkshire put the disappointment of losing the 2015 County Championship final well and truly behind them as they inflicted a heavy 128 chalk victory over Lancashire, the team they lost out to by 5 chalks last September. The White Rose county won by 64 at each venue to claim the bragging rights in this 'Battle of the Roses' encounter.

Waterloo Cup holders, Warwick & Worcester, opened their account with a 28 chalk victory over North Shropshire while beaten finalists, Cumbria, were comprehensive winners against Staffordshire by 113.

Elsewhere, there were big wins for Wales and Mid Cheshire who each won by 106 against Cheshire and South Staffordshire respectfully. Wales having all twelve winners in their home leg at Gresford Colliery. North Warwickshire defeated North Shropshire by 37 while Shropshire won a close match with Greater Manchester by 18.

The closest result of the day was in the Merseyside v North Lancs & Fylde fixture. Merseyside (pictured), formerly Wirral Ladies, won a thrilling encounter by 2, losing by 3 at home but winning by 5 away. The match was a special occasion for Naureen Bunting who made her 100th appearance in the County Championship and was presented with a bouquet of flowers by her county colleagues with a presentation to follow at the end of the season.



All results and future match cards can be viewed [here](#).

### **MATCH 2 FIXTURES – Sunday 15 May – 2pm**

- SECTION 1** Cumbria v North Shropshire; Burton & District v Warwick & Worcester
- SECTION 2** Cheshire v North Midlands; North Warwickshire v Wales
- SECTION 3** Lancashire v South Yorkshire; Mid Cheshire v Yorkshire
- SECTION 4** Dudley & District v North Lancs & Fylde; Merseyside v Greater Manchester

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## INSURANCE PORTAL NOW LIVE

The Public Liability Insurance web portal went live on Tuesday 19 April allowing Clubs, Leagues and Associations to purchase the required insurance for their organisation.

To access the portal, visit the BCGBA website – [bcgba.org.uk](http://bcgba.org.uk) – and click on the Endsleigh logo on the home page. This will then open up the Insurance page.

If you scroll down the page you will come across a box with **INSURANCE WEB PORTAL**. Click on this which will open up the portal.

You then need to click on **GET A QUOTE** and enter whether you want Combined Sports Liability (PLI) or Personal Accident. Once you have made your choice an application form will open for you to enter your details which includes your organisations unique BCGBA Membership Number which should have been supplied to you by your County Association.

The last bit of information you will need to input is the 'Level of Cover'. The costs for 2016 are - for £2million £39.75, for £5 million £47.00 and for £10 million £64.00.

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