



2019 Jack & Jean Isherwood Veterans Championship

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at Prees Cricket & Recreation Club, Brades Road, Prees, Shropshire SY13 2DX (01948 841 352)

Wednesday 3rd July, commencing at 10am

1	Mark Myles (Merseyside)	v	2	William Kinchin (Warwick & Worcester)
3	Brian Holdsworth (South Yorkshire)	v	4	Martin Gilpin (Cumbria)
5	Terry Bosworth (Derbyshire)	v	6	Mark Melvin (Potteries & District)
7	Brian Mallon (Greater Manchester)	v	8	Kevin Nicholas (Wales)
9	Derek Cadamy (Isle of Man)	v	10	Noel Burrows (Cheshire)
11	Stuart Hanson (Yorkshire)	v	12	Derek Wright (Shropshire)
13	Pedro Yates (North Lancs & Fylde)	v	14	Ronnie Newton (Greater Manchester)
15	Paul Stretton (Derbyshire)	v	16	John Bonatti (Wales)
17	David Clarke (Warwick & Worcester)	v	18	David Philip (Wales)
19	Robert Hitchen (Yorkshire)	v	20	Kevin Duncalf (Cheshire)
21	Lynda Cadamy (Isle of Man)	v	22	Ian Johnson (Derbyshire)
23	Ian Foster (Shropshire)	v	24	Barrie Shaw (North Midlands)
25	Mick O'Donnell (Greater Manchester)	v	26	Philip Goulding (South Yorkshire)
27	Bill Griffiths (Lancashire)	v	28	Mike Fieldhouse (Cumbria)
29	Tony Eades (Warwick & Worcester)	v	30	Joe Melvin (Potteries & District)
31	Gary Roberts (Wales)	v	32	Barrie Sadler (Staffordshire)

All games 21up, off 3

YORKSHIRE 'RAIN' SUPREME

YORKSHIRE squelched their way to victory in the Ladies Veterans County Championship, held in the Burton & District county. The competition was played on the greens of Stretton and Washlands in almost non-stop rain with the heaviest downpour saved for the final itself. It is a credit to all the bowlers and referees who braved the atrocious conditions to ensure the competition was played to a finish.

Staffordshire		Yorkshire	
Jane Cooper	13	15	Suzi Ladbrooke
Pauline Heath	15	11	Kath Whittaker
Pat Smenton	11	9	Lynn Carter
Linda Tweats	9	15	Linda Gledhill
Sue Wright	12	15	June Mallinson
Patsy Allen	6	15	Viv Abel
Joan Lewis	15	9	Julie Best
Liz Rowley	4	15	Jacquie Ropper
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In Group 1, played on Washlands number three green, it came down to a final game shootout between Cheshire and Staffordshire to see who progressed to the semi-finals after both sides had recorded victories over Wales and Burton & District. It couldn't have been any closer with Staffordshire winning by just two chinks to top the section and book their place in the last four.

Group 2, played on Washlands number two green, was evenly poised with all four teams level on two points each and little between the sides on aggregate going into the final group matches. It was Lancashire that would be claiming the semi-final place courtesy of a 16-chalk victory over Greater Manchester despite North Shropshire's 26 chalk victory over local rivals, Shropshire.

The defending champions, Warwick & Worcester, came out of Group 3, played on Stretton number one green, unscathed with victories over Merseyside, Dudley & District and South Staffordshire while in Section 4, played on Stretton number two green and reduced to three teams following North Midlands absence, Yorkshire were dominant in their two matches securing victories over the Isle of Man and North Warwickshire, amassing a 72 chalk aggregate in the process.

The semi-finals and final were played on Washlands and in the first semi-final, Staffordshire ended any hopes of consecutive Warwick & Worcester titles with a 9-chalk victory on the number two green while Yorkshire's dominance continued as they eased past Lancashire by 29 in a Battle of the Roses clash on green three.

In the final, a change of green (number one) did little to stop Yorkshire as they claimed victory with 15 chinks to spare.



SEMI-FINALS BECKON IN COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS



Derbyshire remain undefeated in **Section 1** following their narrow June victory over Potteries & District where there were just two chinks separating the sides when the scores from all twenty-four cards were added up. Lancashire, who have lost both their section matches, the latest being a 15-chalk defeat by North Midlands, stand in their way of a semi-final place. Potteries & District and North Midlands both have two points each and meet in a repeat of the 2017 final. North Midlands won on that occasion by just 2 chinks but the Potteries will be out for revenge and hope that Lancashire can secure a win against Derbyshire to give them a chance of securing their third consecutive semi-final.

Sunday 7th July (2pm) – *Derbyshire v Lancashire; North Midlands v Potteries & District*

The three-team **Section 2** is more straightforward with the winners of the South Yorkshire v Warwick & Worcester clash progressing to the semi-finals. Both sides have enjoyed success against Cheshire and now meet some ten months after they played in last season's final. Just a solitary chalk separated the sides last September with Warwick & Worcester lifting the Crosfield Cup.

Sunday 7th July (2pm) – *South Yorkshire v Warwick & Worcester*

Shropshire are in the pole position in **Section 3** with victory over Cumbria, who are yet to get any points on the table, seeing them reach the last four. North Lancs & Fylde and Yorkshire will be hoping that the tricky Cumbrian greens will dent Shropshire's road to the semi-finals and allow the winners of their match to leap frog the Salopians to top the section table.

Sunday 7th July (2pm) – *Cumbria v Shropshire; North Lancs & Fylde v Yorkshire*

It is the same scenario in **Section 4** as Wales just need to defeat Merseyside to take their semi-final place. However, a Merseyside win could see them reach their second consecutive semi-final but it will be dependent on how Staffordshire fair in the final match. They too have two points and play Greater Manchester who are yet to get off the mark.

NEXT UP: Sunday 2nd June (2pm) – *Greater Manchester v Staffordshire; Merseyside v Wales*

LADIES COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Like the men, the ladies are in their final section matches to decide who will compete in this season's semi-finals.

Three of the four sections could go either way but in **Section 4** the winners of the North Warwickshire v Yorkshire match will take their place in the penultimate stage. Both sides have big aggregate advantages following victories over Cumbria and Lancashire but this will only come into play if the sides draw.

Victory for South Yorkshire over Burton & District in **Section 1** will see them take their place in the last four. Should they slip up and North Shropshire overcome North Derbyshire the three sides will finish on four points each with the aggregate deciding who gets top spot.

In **Section 2**, Staffordshire are standing in the way of defending champions, Warwick & Worcester, from reaching the semi-finals once again but the odds are stacked against them as the holders have been dominant in their matches with Dudley & District and North Lancs & Fylde. North Lancs will be hoping for an upset but must defeat Dudley & District by a cricket score if they are to topple the champions.

Shropshire, last season's runners-up, will get the chance to reach the final if they defeat Wales in their final **Section 3** fixture. Just as in Sections 1 and 2, Wales could overcome Shropshire with a win and Mid Cheshire could have a part to play if they beat South Staffordshire.

Sunday 21st July (2pm)

Section 1 - *Burton & District v South Yorkshire; North Derbyshire v North Shropshire*

Section 2 - *Dudley & District v North Lancs & Fylde; Staffordshire v Warwick & Worcester*

Section 3 – *Mid Cheshire v South Staffordshire; Shropshire v Wales*

Section 4 – *Cumbria v Lancashire; North Warwickshire v Yorkshire*

Presidents Section – *Cheshire v North Midlands; Greater Manchester v Merseyside*

In the **Presidents Section**, Greater Manchester are a victory away from taking the title and this could come at the expense of Merseyside in their final match. If they lose, and Cheshire are victorious over North Midlands, aggregate will also decide this title.

Results of all [Senior](#), [Junior](#) and [Ladies](#) county championship matches can be viewed via the BCGBA Website, by clicking on the respective link. It is hoped that all matches will be 'live-scored' by each county.



Ladies Senior Individual Merit

**Saturday, 13th July 2019, commencing at 10am
at Windle BC, Hard Lane, St Helens WA10 6JT**

1	Andrea Buckley (Yorkshire)	v	2	Anne O'Loughlin (Warwick & Worcester)
3	Samantha Murray (South Staffordshire)	v	4	Anita Richardson (Merseyside)
5	Jill Gibbon (North Warwickshire)	v	6	Louise Ollerton (Greater Manchester)
7	Liz Rowley (Staffordshire)	v	8	Veronica Lyon (Cheshire)
9	Janet Needham (Burton & District)	v	10	Heather Johnson (North Derbyshire)
11	Pam Lindley (Yorkshire)	v	12	Janet Powell (North Shropshire)
13	Jenny Hadwin (Wales)	v	14	Rachel Barber (South Yorkshire)
15	Emma Massey-Jones (Shropshire)	v	16	Lyn Clarke (North Midlands)
17	Julie Bonnar (North Derbyshire)	v	18	Hazel Borradaile (Cumbria)
19	Liz Bennett (North Lancs & Fylde)	v	20	Caroline Whitehead (Isle of Man)
21	Pat Dobson (Dudley & District)	v	22	Nicola Boulton (Mid Cheshire)
23	Steph Witherspoon (Warwick & Worcester)	v	24	Helen Clee (Shropshire)
25	Lynsey Gorman (Merseyside)	v	26	Adele Chadwick (Lancashire)
27	Hannah McDonald (Burton & District)	v	28	Suzy Ladbrooke (Yorkshire)
29	Julie Dace (South Staffordshire)	v	30	Eileen Pye (North Lancs & Fylde)
31	Wendy Smart (North Warwickshire)	v	32	Melanie Saville-Fearn (South Yorkshire)
33	Joan Lewis (Staffordshire)	v	34	Maralyn Lee (Wales)
35	Angela Gaut (Shropshire)	v	36	Carol Blakey (North Midlands)
37	Hazel Williams (Mid Cheshire)	v	38	Sarah Edmondson (North Lancs & Fylde)
39	Helen Jackson (Burton & District)	v	40	Maliza Herbert (Warwick & Worcester)
41	Barbara Danson (North Lancs & Fylde)	v	42	Julie Alderman (South Staffordshire)
43	Sue Pugh (Dudley & District)	v	44	Sonia Robson (North Warwickshire)
45	Helen Gilroy (Yorkshire)	v	46	Violet Dennison (Cumbria)
47	Sylvia Bradbury (Cheshire)	v	48	Kellie Hill (South Yorkshire)
49	Karen Hill (Yorkshire)	v	50	Jane Jones (Wales)
51	Nicola Gilmore (Merseyside)	v	52	Margaret Dewhurst (Greater Manchester)
53	Debbie Whitworth (South Yorkshire)	v	54	Lauren Smith (South Staffordshire)
55	Anna Burton (North Derbyshire)	v	56	Stacey Linegar (Mid Cheshire)
57	Emily Kernick (Warwick & Worcester)	v	58	Tracy Ryan (Shropshire)
59	Rachel Jackson (Staffordshire)	v	60	Donna Bennett (North Shropshire)
61	Linda Traynor (North Lancs & Fylde)	v	62	Lyn Rimmer (Lancashire)
63	Carol Verdon (North Midlands)	v	64	Gill Simm (Cumbria)



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DRAKES PRIDE JUNIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Sunday 14th July will see the third round of matches in this season's competition with the league leaders in both the Premier Division and First Division having no match due to the odd number of teams in each division.

Shropshire and Warwick & Worcester will have the chance to draw level with leaders, Yorkshire, in the **Premier Division**. Warwick & Worcester got their first points on the table in the June fixtures when they defeated Wales by 55 overall and play Staffordshire in July. Shropshire take on Wales, hoping to bounce back from a heavy defeat to Yorkshire in the June fixtures.

In **Division 1**, South Yorkshire will be going for a hattrick of victories when they face Lancashire who, having only played the one match, will be looking for their first win of the season. Both North Lancs Fylde and North Midlands are also still looking for their first points of the season and meet in the other section match where one of them should gain two valuable points.

In the three-team **Division 2**, the 2019 season comes to a close with Cheshire and Potteries & District battling it out for the title. Both sides have beaten Greater Manchester in previous rounds.

SHROPSHIRE DENY WARWICK & WORCESTER A FOURTH JUNIOR TITLE

Shropshire denied Warwick & Worcester 1 a fourth consecutive Ladies Junior Team County Championship with a hard fought four chalk victory in the final.



Played on the greens at Owley Wood (Cheshire) on a scorching hot day, Warwick & Worcester got off to great start in the final thanks to William Clark's 15-2 opener on the number one green. Shropshire though were finding the number two green to their liking, responding with Kelly Price winning 15-3 and Rhys Marshall, 15-7. Matthew Cain drew the sides level on two winners each with a 15-11 success for the defending champions leaving just 3 chinks between the sides in the Salopians favour with two games to play on green one.

Jack Newsome pulled a chalk back for Warwick & Worcester in a narrow 15-14 success but it was Shropshire who were able to celebrate as Charlie Hodgkiss sealed a fine win for his side with a 15-13 victory.

Earlier, both sides qualified for the semi-finals by winning the groups. Shropshire were unbeaten against Cheshire, North Shropshire 1, Warwick & Worcester 2 and Yorkshire 1 while Warwick & Worcester 1 overcame the Isle of Man, North Shropshire 2, Burton & District and Yorkshire 2. Shropshire won by 19 in their semi-final with Burton & District with Warwick & Worcester getting past North Shropshire with four chinks to spare.

2019 CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

The Mens and Ladies Champion of Champions will once again be played at the Waterloo Hotel, Blackpool, following on from Waterloo Week. The Mens competition will be played on Saturday 28th September with the Ladies playing their competition the following day on Sunday 29th September. Both competitions start at 10am.

The list of competitors for both competitions is gradually taking shape and two players who have qualified are the 2019 BCGBA Ladies President, Lynsey Gorman, and a proud Yorkshire bowler, Jack Dyson. They both won their respective prestigious Isle of Man June Festivals, Lynsey winning her final 21-7 while Jack got the better of Andy Spragg, winning 21-14.

The list of known qualifiers up to the end of June are listed below.

MENS

Cheshire Merit ([Steve Morrey](#))
Cumbria Merit ([Paul Clark](#))
Derbyshire Merit ([David May](#))
Greater Manchester Merit ([Jack Hargreaves](#))
Isle of Man Merit ([Colin Kelly](#))
Lancashire Merit ([Damien Morrison](#))
Merseyside Merit ([Kevin Kearns](#))
North Lancs & Fylde Merit ([Andy Cairns](#))
North Midlands Merit ([Matt Allen](#))
Potteries & District Merit ([Gary Owen](#))
Shropshire Merit ([Spencer Clarke](#))
South Yorkshire Merit ([James Higgins](#))
Staffordshire Merit ([Steve Freer](#))
Warwick & Worcester Merit / St Georges Open ([Ryan Prosser](#))
Welsh Merit ([Geraint Booth](#))
Yorkshire Merit ([Graeme Wilson](#))

LADIES

Burton & District Merit ([Helen Jackson](#))
Cheshire Merit
Cumbria Merit ([Violet Dennison](#))
Dudley & District Merit ([Sue Pugh](#))
Greater Manchester Merit
Isle of Man Merit
Lancashire Merit
Merseyside Merit
Mid Cheshire Merit ([Nicola Boulton](#))
North Derbyshire Merit
North Lancs & Fylde Merit ([Deborah Watters](#))
North Midlands Merit
North Shropshire Merit
North Warwickshire Merit
Shropshire Merit ([Tracy Ryan](#))
South Staffordshire Merit



BCGBA Senior Individual Merit
BCGBA Junior Individual Merit
BCGBA Veterans Championship
British Parks Merit
Autumn Waterloo Handicap
Isle of Man June Festival ([Jack Dyson](#))
Midland Masters
Coors Meole Brace Open ([Callum Wraight](#))
Talbot Trophy
West Brom BowlsComps Open (CCF) ([Gary Owen](#))
Isle of Man September Festival
Hill Crest Classic ([James Hanson](#))
Pudsey Classic
Brighthouse Classic
Wharton Cons Beer Traders Open
Carlsberg Richmond Classic

South Yorkshire Merit ([Kellie Hill](#))
Staffordshire Merit ([Rachel Jackson](#))
Warwick & Worcester Merit ([Steph Witherspoon](#))
Welsh Merit ([Jenny Hadwin](#))
Yorkshire Merit
Ladies Senior Individual Merit
Ladies Junior Individual Merit
Cynthia Tonge Memorial ([Debi Davis](#))
Stretton Anglesey Ladies ([Vicky Mosley](#))
Ladies Waterloo Open
Ladies Isle of Man June Festival ([Lynsey Gorman](#))
New Longton Ladies Open
Dunlop Ladies Open
Ladies Talbot Trophy
Norden Ladies ([Jack Taylor](#))
Ladies Isle of Man September Festival

PHOENIX ARE PROUD OF THEIR SUCCESS



WHAT A DAY Sunday 23rd June was in the history of our Phoenix Foxes Bowling Club, writes Club Chairman, Brian Allen.

We started off with a fantastic 6-0 league win in the morning (the first for a very long time!) and finished 12 hours later with Matthew Allen winning the area's most prestigious competition – the County Merit. Not only that but he qualifies automatically for the All England competition, this year being held at Rolls Royce Derby, and even

better the Champion of Champions to be held at The Waterloo, Blackpool in September.

Having watched Matt, I can only say how proud I am of the player he's become. He played superbly all day long and was a deserved winner. He was rightly complimented by many of the best players in the game and deserved to win. Congratulations Matt, now go and smash the All England and Champ of Champs!! You are going to have a lot of Phoenix support!!

Not only am I proud of Matt's achievements today but I'm also very proud that a bowling club facing extinction just 18 months ago is now beginning to thrive, is home to the County Merit Champion, has facilities envied by many and is held in high regard by many of the clubs we come up against. We still have a long way to go but I could never have imagined in my wildest dreams the turn round in this club's fortunes in such a short period of time. It's such a privilege to be part of that.

There are important lessons for those other clubs facing the same difficulties. I've heard so many times before that the game is in decline but our experience bucks that trend. Why? Because we were proactive in encouraging people to our club by offering initiatives like free lifetime membership, free BCGBA standard coaching, free BCGBA membership, experienced member support and tuition on set practice nights and offering a warm and friendly environment. Last season, with the help of Scott Crowther (massive thanks Scott!!), we ran a free coaching course over a period of three weeks and publicised the event aggressively for a couple of months before. Such was the response that we had to stop advertising because we became oversubscribed and not just from people within our local area. We plan to repeat this exercise either later this year or early next such was its success.

Of the people attending the coaching we now have five new regular league players and around a dozen new social players who may well play competitively as confidence grows.

Not only that, but we entered a new short mat team into the league last Winter, winning Division 2 at the first attempt and coming runners up in the cup - all this from a bunch of enthusiastic players who four months earlier had never picked up a bowl!!

Don't speak too loudly that bowls is a dying sport because that most definitely is not our experience and pessimism breeds pessimism. What is all too often lacking is the enthusiasm of club members to come up with recruiting initiatives and people with the drive to make them happen.

Inevitably greens will be lost to new building developments which we can do very little to prevent. Even in our home county of North Mids we've probably lost upwards of 40 greens over the last twenty years or so. The loss of greens however does not mean there's a loss of appetite for the game. We, and our very good friends at Albany, are living proof of that.

So why the post..... firstly because we are very proud to be home to the North Mids County Merit Winner, secondly because we are equally proud of the change in fortunes of our club and thirdly, most importantly, is to encourage clubs to promote the sport the love so much.





BRITISH CROWN GREEN BOWLING ASSOCIATION

President: Graham Jackson

104th BCGBA Senior Individual Merit

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