



## **2019 BCGBA LADIES JUNIOR MERIT**

**EMMA TOBIN** became the fourth consecutive player from Yorkshire to win the BCGBA Ladies Junior Merit when she stormed to a 15-2 victory in the 2019 final, played on the excellent Heswall RBL green in Merseyside. She proved too strong for Shropshire's Emma Massey Jones who played far better than the final score line suggests.

It could have been so different for Emma 'T' as she was heading for defeat in her semi-final with Susie Lawson (North Shropshire). Trailing 5-nil after just three ends she rallied to level at eight across only for Susie to reclaim the jack to go 13-8 in front. She once again fought back and finished with three twos' in the last four ends to secure her place in the final with a 15-14 victory.

Emma 'MJ' meanwhile got off to a dream start in her semi-final, opening up an 8-nil advantage against Bethany Kennish who had travelled over from Isle of Man, setting off at 5 in the morning. Bethany got her first points on the board with a double and, with the jack in hand, settled into the match and closing the gap to 6-10. Emma though pulled away once more, eventually winning 15-9.

Earlier, the four semi-finalists had qualified by winning their group which was played on a round-robin basis with four players in each group. Susie and the two Emma's were undefeated in their groups winning all three matches. Bethany however finished level on points with Amy Dandy (Warwick & Worcester) and Sophie Oxtoby (Burton & District) in her group but qualified by having the better aggregate from her two wins.

Lady President, Lynsey Gorman, made the presentations to all sixteen competitors culminating in Emma receiving the trophy. Emma now qualifies for the BCGBA Ladies Champion of Champions on Sunday 29th September where she will play the winner of the Ladies Talbot Trophy.

