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2022 BCGBA HANDBOOK OUT NOW

The BCGBA Handbook made a welcome return at the Annual Meeting on Saturday 5th March.

This year's handbook contains all the results from the 2019 Men's, Ladies and Junior County Championships, omitted from the 2020 book.

Results from all competitions played during the truncated 2021 season are also be included.

If you would like to have your own personal copy, please contact the National Administrator at admin@bcgba.org.uk on how to obtain this year's handbook.

You will need to send a cheque for £4.50 (cheques payable to BCGBA) which will cover the cost of postage & packing.



BOWLS' BIG WEEKEND 2022



Bowls' Big Weekend is back for 2022 and will be held between Friday 27th and Sunday 29th May.

This is an excellent way to recruit new members to your club and those clubs that took part in the inaugural year in 2021 will reap the rewards of their efforts with increased membership for the season ahead.

You can register your club's interest at bowlsbigweekend.com

CHANGE OF DATE FOR VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIP

Due to a clash of fixtures, it has become necessary to change the date of the 2022 BCGBA Jack & Jean Isherwood Veterans Championship.

Originally scheduled for Wednesday 6th July, this year's final day will now take place at Prees Cricket & Recreation Club, Shropshire, on Wednesday 20th July.

The Grocott Family Trust will once again sponsor this popular competition for those over 60 years of age, with the winner qualifying for the BCGBA Champion of Champions in September.



WORLD CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP TO START THE SEASON

The World Club Championship will get the 2022 season underway at the excellent Spen Victoria Cricket, Bowling & Athletic Club (Spen Lane, Gomersal, Cleckheaton BD19 4PJ).

Half of the BCGBA County Associations will be represented on the opening round of matches with local interest coming from Pudsey. They were beaten quarter-finalists when the competition was last played in 2019, losing out to their Yorkshire colleagues, Lower Hopton. None of the remaining seven teams played in the 2019 event but Holme (Cumbria) reached finals day in 2018 when the competition was played at Fox Lane Sports & Social Club in North Lancs & Fylde.

Admission is free of charge to all spectators and you can be assured of receiving a warm welcome from the staff at Spen who provide a variety of quality refreshments all reasonably priced. All sessions commence at 11am and you can follow the scores on the BCGBA website – bcgba.org.uk.



MINOR CHANGES TO OUR RULES

The delayed Annual Meeting took place at Winnington Park Recreation Club on Saturday 5th March with all counties represented.

The meeting voted to introduce a £10 League and Association Fee, made some minor adjustments to our competition rules and voted in a raft of rule changes to the Laws of the Game. The changes to the Laws of the Game do not come into effect until Saturday 2nd April but you can view them by visiting the BCGBA website. The main item of note is that the footwear rule - *Hard block-heeled or open-toed footwear must not be worn on the green in any game played under the Association's jurisdiction. The offending player(s) shall receive no further score and the opponent(s) shall receive the maximum score.* – is now Law of the Game 10.3.

The Federation of Crown Green Bowls were accepted as full members of the Association and the meeting gave the CEO permission to move forward with the Governance Review which will see a 'Board' elected

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2022 JUNIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

County Associations have suffered a major loss of junior bowlers during the pandemic years with only four counties able to field teams of 24 players, 12 playing at home and 12 playing away.

Defending champions, Yorkshire, together with Shropshire and Wales, who would automatically be in the Premier Division in 2022 by virtue of their final league positions in 2019, will compete along with Staffordshire. Staffordshire, despite finishing bottom of the pile in 2019, will make up the quartet as Warwick & Worcester currently have insufficient juniors to compete at 12-a-side.

Matches will be played on the usual second Sunday of each month from May to July. The fixtures are:

Sunday 8th May - Yorkshire v Wales
Staffordshire v Shropshire

Sunday 12th June - Yorkshire v Shropshire
Staffordshire v Wales

Sunday 10th July - Yorkshire v Staffordshire
Wales v Shropshire

Apart from Merseyside and Potteries & District who do not have sufficient juniors, the remaining counties will compete in a Junior Six-a-Side Championship over two Sundays, 8th May and 10th July. Counties have until the end of March to confirm the number of teams they will be entering after which the format of the competition will be decided. It is proposed to have four groups with teams playing each other on a round-robin basis.

2022 18/25 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

The BCGBA will be running a competition for players aged 18 years of age on the 1st January 2022 but under the age of 26 years of age on the 1st January 2022. The competition is open to male and female bowlers and will be played at Heaton Park (Greater Manchester) on Sunday 14th August.

For this season, each of the sixteen counties will receive four entries and it will be left to each county association to decide how they nominate their four representatives, by selection or a qualifying competition.

BCGBA VIDEOS

Our Media Officer, Steve Davies, will once again record the latter stages of our competitions throughout the 2022 season and they will be available to watch on the BCGBA Website.

Competitions filmed and programmes created in 2021 have been well received attracting viewers from as far as America, Australia and Ireland. The latest viewing figures (16/03/22), via YouTube, are:

7,057 - Senior Merit
4,016 - Veterans Handicap
2,633 - Junior Merit
3,160 - Ladies Singles Merit

It must be noted however, that the broadcast does not require the user to have an account. Most viewers are therefore unsubscribed and therefore not included in some of the statistics.

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