



BRITISH CROWN GREEN ***BOWLING ASSOCIATION***

PUDSEY WIN WORLD CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

In an all-Yorkshire final, **Pudsey** came out on top against arch-rivals, Lower Hopton, in the 2022 BCGBA World Club Championship, winning by just six chalks in a tremendous match.



With qualifying sessions having taken place over the four previous Sundays at the excellent Spen Victoria Cricket, Bowling & Athletic Club, the final eight teams returned to play to a winner.

Pudsey accounted for Lightwood (Potteries & District) by 38 in their quarter-final match and booked their place in the final at the expense of Llay Welfare (Wales) by 48.

Lower Hopton meanwhile were rampant in their quarter-final fixture against an under-par George Warley (Warwick & Worcester) side, claiming all eight winning cards and restricting their opponents to just 67. In their semi-final, they overcame the challenge of neighbours, Dearne Sports (South Yorkshire), winning by 34.

There was little between the sides throughout the final with Lower Hopton holding a six chalk advantage at the halfway stage.

With one game left on the green, the teams were tied at 121 chalks apiece, but David Poole held his nerve to secure the vital chalks for a Pudsey victory.

BCGBA President, Ken Howarth, made the presentation to the Pudsey captain, Jon Edmondson.

You can view all the scores via the BCGBA website.



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The BCGBA has partnered with **easyfundraising**, a new funding source for your club. **easyfundraising** turns your everyday online shopping into free donations for your Club.

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COMPETITIONS CALENDAR NOW ON WEBSITE

The Competitions Calendar is now up and running on the BCGBA website to list as many Open Competitions as possible to publicise competitions and to avoid any clash of fixtures with future final days.

Any organiser of an Open Competition is encouraged to email details of their competition for inclusion in the calendar. It would also be good to receive the results of any final days so they can also be included.

You can access the Competitions Calendar via the BCGBA website homepage by clicking on the **Competitions** link. Email your competition details to admin@bcgba.org.uk.

2022 BCGBA HANDBOOK STILL AVAILABLE

While stocks last, there is still time to get your copy of the 2022 BCGBA Handbook.

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 included.

If you would like to have your 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 sign your club up [here](#).

PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE RENEWAL

Clubs, Leagues and Associations are reminded that your Public Liability Insurance is due for renewal by the end of the month.

The policy period has changed and now runs from 1st May through to 31st December. From 2023, the Policy period will commence on 1st January and run through to 31st December.

You can renew your policy via the BCGBA website. Click on **Membership** and then **Insurance**. If you have forgotten your BCGBA Club Number, you will need to contact your COUNTY REGISTRAR. Any issues with processing your renewal via the insurance portal should be directed to the National Registrar at registrar@bcgba.org.uk.

NEW BCGBA FACEBOOK



The BCGBA now has a new Facebook account which can be accessed via this [link](#).

Our Competitions Officer, Jim McGurk, ensures details of all of our competitions (draws, results, photographs) for the men, ladies and juniors, together with other BCGBA related items of interest are kept updated.

The BCG Ladies Facebook page is now only for competition organisers to publish details of their competitions and this Facebook page can be accessed [here](#).

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LADIES ALL SET FOR THEIR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

The BCG Ladies get their season underway on Sunday 24th April with the 2022 Club Championship. Disappointingly, only eleven of the twenty-one counties have representatives competing at Bridgewater Bowling Club, North Shropshire, where play gets underway at 9.30am.

Defending champions and four-time winners, Wrockwardine Wood from Shropshire (pictured below), will be hoping to make it a hattrick of titles but former winners St Oswalds (Cheshire), Wharton Cons (Mid Cheshire) and New Mill (Yorkshire) will be hoping to end their winning streak.

The twelve teams have been drawn into four groups of three teams playing each other on a round-robin basis with the group winners qualifying for the semi-finals, with a final to follow. You can follow all the scores on the BCGBA website – bcgba.org.uk.

GROUP 1 (No 1 Green)

Pensby (Merseyside)
Castletown (Isle of Man)
Wharton Cons (Mid Cheshire)

GROUP 2 (No 1 Green)

New Mill B (Yorkshire)
St Oswalds (Cheshire)
Wrockwardine Wood (Shropshire)

GROUP 3 (No 2 Green)

Coundon Social (North Midlands)
Rolleston (Burton & District)
King George V (Warwick & Worcester)

GROUP 4 (No 2 Green)

Burton Manor (South Staffordshire)
Hoylake Central & Melrose (Merseyside)
St Judes (Greater Manchester)



UPDATED LAWS OF THE GAME ARE NOW LIVE

The Laws of the Game are updated every three years and the latest revision came into effect on Saturday 2nd April. You can view and download the new version from the BCGBA website. The Frequently Asked Questions have also been updated and are available from the same link on the website.

NORMAL SERVICE TO RESUME FOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

The **Men's Senior County Championship** returns to its usual format this season with Warwick & Worcester aiming for a third title in successive years by navigating their way through the group stages, the semi-final and culminating in victory in the final.

Derbyshire, who they defeated in the 2019 semi-final and 2013 final, are their first opponents in Section 1 with matches against Staffordshire and Cheshire to follow. Yorkshire, who beat Warwick & Worcester in last season's competition played on a knockout basis, open against North Lancs & Fylde then play Potteries & District and Greater Manchester in their Section 2 fixtures. Beaten finalist in 2019, Merseyside, start their Section 3 campaign against Cumbria with further tough matches to follow against South Yorkshire and Shropshire, who they beat in the 2019 semi-final. Finally, in the three-team Section 4, North Midlands sit out the opening round of fixtures and will play the losing team from the Lancashire v Wales clash in June.

SUNDAY 1st MAY 2022

- Section 1:** Cheshire v Staffordshire / Derbyshire v Warwick & Worcester
Section 2: Greater Manchester v Potteries & District / North Lancs & Fylde v Yorkshire
Section 3: Cumbria v Merseyside / Shropshire v South Yorkshire
Section 4: Lancashire v Wales - *North Midlands (no match)*
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Junior bowls has been decimated following Covid with only four counties able to field full sides to compete in the **Junior County Championship**. Defending champions, Yorkshire play Wales in the first round of fixtures with Staffordshire taking on Yorkshire. A separate competition for those counties that have insufficient juniors to compete in the Junior County Championship has been organised. See page 7 for details.

SUNDAY 8th MAY 2022

- Premier Division:** Yorkshire v Wales / Staffordshire v Shropshire
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Like their men, Warwick & Worcester ladies are going for a hattrick of titles in the **Ladies Senior County Championship** following their victories in the 2018 and 2019 campaigns. Mid Cheshire are their first opponents and if they come through Section 4 on top they could face Shropshire in the semi-final, in a repeat of the 2019 final. Shropshire must first overcome the challenge of the three 'Norths', Lancs & Fylde, Derbyshire and Warwickshire. The two defeated 2019 semi-finalists, South Yorkshire and Yorkshire meet in the opening round of Section 2 while two former champions, Lancashire and Greater Manchester, face each other in the first round of fixtures in Section 1. Unfortunately, Cumbria have withdrawn from ladies events in 2022 meaning South Staffordshire receive a bye in the Presidents. They will play the losing team from the North Shropshire v Staffordshire fixture in June.

SUNDAY 15th MAY

- Section 1:** Dudley & District v Wales / Greater Manchester v Lancashire
Section 2: Cheshire v Merseyside / South Yorkshire v Yorkshire
Section 3: North Derbyshire v North Midlands / North Lancs & Fylde v Shropshire
Section 4: Burton & District v North Warwickshire / Mid Cheshire v Warwick & Worcester
Presidents: North Shropshire v Staffordshire - *South Staffordshire (no match)*

**You can view the team sheets and follow the live scores
from all County Championship matches via the BCGBA website**

CALLUM FIRST TO QUALIFY FOR 'CHAMPS'

Shropshire's Callum Wraight is the first player to qualify for the 2022 BCGBA Champion of Champions which, following the closure of the Waterloo Hotel green in Blackpool, will be played at Heaton Park, Greater Manchester on Saturday 24th September.

Callum qualified by defeating Greg Smith (Warwick & Worcester) 21-17 in the final of the Coors Meole Brace Open. Elliott McGuinness has his name down on the reserve list following his victory in the West Brom Open.

Unfortunately, the St Georges Open will not be going ahead this year so the Sandal Classic will move up from the Reserve List into the list of Qualifying Competitions.

COUNTY AVERAGES WINNERS HEAD FOR POYNTON SPORTS

The County Average winners from the 2019 season descend on Poynton Sports Club (SK12 1AG) in North Derbyshire on Saturday 7th May (10am) to decide their champion. There will be a new name on the trophy with none of the nineteen strong field having previously won it. The full draw is:

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Sylvia Bradbury (Cheshire)	v	Elaine Moore (Isle of Man)
Sue Mottershead (North Shropshire)	v	Sharon Masters (North Midlands)
Lisa Kerford (Lancashire)	v	Louise Ollerton (Greater Manchester)

FIRST ROUND

Sylvia Bradbury or Elaine Moore	v	Sue Mottershead or Sharon Masters
Lisa Kerford or Louise Ollerton	v	Harriet Nettel (Burton & District)
Dawn Parkes (Staffordshire)	v	Sian Skelton (Shropshire)
Sue Nugent (Merseyside)	v	Clair Russell (North Lancs & Fylde)
Joan Nicholas (Mid Cheshire)	v	Janet Bisatt (South Yorkshire)
Joan Moran (North Derbyshire)	v	Rona Jenkinson (South Staffordshire)
Linda Williams (Wales)	v	Anne O'Loughlin (Warwick & Worcester)
Julie Mallinson (Yorkshire)	v	Grace Davies (North Warwickshire)

JUNIOR SIX-A-SIDE CHAMPIONSHIP

For those counties with insufficient numbers to compete in the Junior County Championship, a **Junior Six-a-Side Championship** will take place over two Sundays – 8th May and 10th July.

Seventeen teams have been drawn into four groups, two groups playing at Windle BC (Merseyside) and Florence Tennis & Bowling Club (Potteries & District), on a round-robin basis in May. In July, the top two teams in each group will then travel to Heaton Park (Greater Manchester) where two more groups will be formed with the bottom two/three teams in each group travelling to St Marys Park (Greater Manchester) where again another two groups will be formed.

AT FLORENCE TENNIS & BOWLING CLUB

- Group 1 – Derbyshire A, Warwick & Worcester A, North Midlands B, Warwick & Worcester C
- Group 2 – North Midlands A, Derbyshire B, South Yorkshire, Warwick & Worcester B

AT WINDLE BC

- Group 3 – North Lancs & Fylde A, Lancashire, Greater Manchester A, Cheshire B
- Group 4 – Cumbria, Greater Manchester B, Cheshire A, North Lancs & Fylde B, Isle of Man

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