



# **BRITISH CROWN GREEN BOWLING ASSOCIATION**

## **NEW MILL MAKE IT A QUARTET OF TITLE VICTORIES**

A week after their male counterparts, Pudsey, had won the BCGBA World Club Championship, **NEW MILL** (Yorkshire) added to their three previous title wins (2014, 2015 and 2016) in the BCG Ladies Club Championship with a comfortable 47 chalk victory over King George V (Warwick & Worcester) in this season's final. Ladies President, Sheila Whiteley, made the presentations.

Only twelve teams entered this season's championship and were divided into four groups of three teams, playing on a round-robin basis at Bridgewater BC (North Shropshire) with the four group winners qualifying for the semi-finals.

New Mill were drawn in the same group as defending champions, Wrockwardine Wood (Shropshire), and in the group decider, they booked their semi-final place with a 10 chalk victory in a close-fought match.

The 2010 champions, Wharton Cons (Mid Cheshire), stood in their way of a place in the final but despite losing the first two games they claimed the six remaining cards in a 43 chalk success.

Their final opponents drew their semi-final match with St Judes (Greater Manchester), 95 chalks each. In the event of a draw, the team with the most winners qualifies for the next round but as both teams shared the winning cards it went down to the team with the best winner. Both teams had a 15-5 card - game 7, Susan Schmechal (St Judes) and game 8, Jan Pratley (King George V) – so it went to the next best winner. Tracy Baker's 15-8 card in game 6 ensured her King George V side progressed to the final.

Visit the BCGBA website – [bcga.org.uk](http://bcga.org.uk) - to view all scores.



## BOWLS' BIG WEEKEND ALL SET TO GO

Over 70 crown green clubs will be partaking in this weekend's Bowls' Big Weekend 2022 which should see clubs benefit from an influx of new members.

As part of the Bowls' Big Weekend, Heaton Park BC will be hosting a Crown Green v Flat Green challenge match. 'Clash of the Codes' will see former BCGBA World Club Champions, Lloyd Hotel, take on Heaton Park Flat Green Club on Saturday 28th May, commencing at 10am.

Spectators will be welcome to attend this free event with refreshments available throughout the day.

Across the day, each member of the twelve-strong teams will play in a series of singles and pairs matches in a Ryder Cup style contest. With a total of 36 matches scheduled on the day, the first side to secure 18.5 points will be declared the overall champions.

But it is not just about the bowls, all monies raised throughout the day will be donated to Francis House Children's Hospice in Manchester.

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## COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP MAKES A WELCOME RETURN

The **Men's Senior County Championship** made its welcome return on the first Sunday in May with most of the fancied runners getting off to a winning start. All the individual scores can be viewed via the BCGBA website, [bcgba.org.uk](http://bcgba.org.uk).

In **Section 1**, Warwick & Worcester made their intentions known, returning the biggest victory of the day with a 73 chalk triumph over their 2019 semi-final opponents, Derbyshire. They now face Cheshire in the June fixtures who overcame the challenge of Staffordshire by 20.

In **Section 2**, Potteries & District top the table thanks to a 54 chalk victory over Greater Manchester while Yorkshire, winners of last season's County Championship Knockout

Trophy, started with a 47 chalk success at the expense of North Lancs & Fylde.

**Section 3** couldn't have been closer with both matches ending in 13 chalk victories, for Merseyside and Shropshire. Merseyside defeated Cumbria while Shropshire got the better of South Yorkshire and the winning sides meet in the June fixtures in a repeat of the 2019 semi-final.

In the three-team **Section 4**, Wales will have a free date in June thanks to their 20 chalk defeat of Lancashire in the opening round of fixtures. North Midlands now join the fray in June against Lancashire and then play Wales in July to decide the section winners.

### SUNDAY 5th JUNE 2022

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

## BCG LADIES VETERANS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

The **2022 BCG Ladies Veterans County Championship** takes place on Tuesday 14th June on the greens of Yorkshire venues at Cleckheaton Sports, Cleckheaton Moored and Spen Victoria Cricket & Athletic Club.

Defending champions, Yorkshire, who have two sides in this season's competition, have been drawn in Group 2 with

Cheshire, Wales and North Derbyshire. The 2019 runners-up, Staffordshire, have been drawn in Group 1 along with Merseyside A, Shropshire and Burton & District.

All scores will be available to view on the BCGBA website – [bcgba.org.uk](http://bcgba.org.uk).

- Group 1 (Cleckheaton Moored):** Merseyside A, Shropshire, Burton & District, Staffordshire  
**Group 2 (Spen Victoria Top Green):** Cheshire, Yorkshire A, Wales, North Derbyshire  
**Group 3 (Spen Victoria Bottom Green):** Yorkshire B, Merseyside B, Greater Manchester  
**Group 4 (Cleckheaton Sports Top Green):** South Staffordshire, Warwick & Worcester, Lancashire, Isle of Man

## PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE RENEWAL

Clubs, Leagues and Associations are reminded that your Public Liability Insurance should now have been renewed.

If you haven't done so, 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](mailto:registrar@bcgba.org.uk).

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## LOUISE IS A CLASSIC WINNER

**LOUISE OLLERTON** (Greater Manchester) claimed the first silverware of the 2022 individual competitions by beating Anne O'Loughlin (Warwick & Worcester) 21-16 in the BCG Ladies County Average Winners Classic final.

The top county average winners from the 2019 season group matches descended on Poynton Sports Club (North Derbyshire) to decide the overall champion. Although not all winners could attend, counties were allowed to nominate the next available player in their averages.

Louise was drawn in the Preliminary Round where she opened up a 13-5 advantage against Lancashire's Lisa Kerford, only to see this reduced to one chalk as Lisa fought back to 12-13. Unfortunately for Lisa she couldn't maintain her momentum as Louise ran out 21-12 for game.

It was a similar scenario in round two against Harriet Nettel from Burton & District. Again, she opened up a 13-5 advantage but this time there was to be no comeback from her opponent as she eased to a 21-10 success.

She had a close call in her quarter-final clash with Sharon Masters (North Midlands), scoring the vital chalk in a 21-20 victory. From 12 across she went on a six-break to go 18 - 12 in front but she was made to sweat for the final chalks for victory with Sharon scoring a series of 'twos'.

A comfortable 21-5 defeat over Clair Russell from North Lancs & Fylde in the semi-final saw her up against Anne O'Loughlin in the final. Like all her games she opened up a commanding lead, this time 16-7 but three 'twos' in consecutive ends saw Anne reduce the deficit to just three chalks at 13-16. From here, the jack changed hands at every end until Louise secured the final chalk for victory.

BCG Ladies President, Sheila Whiteley, made the presentations to the winner, Louise (left) and runner-up, Anne (left). All scores can be viewed on the BCGBA website – [bcgba.org.uk](http://bcgba.org.uk).





## HAS YOUR CLUB SIGNED UP TO EASYFUNDRAISING?

Have you joined up with our online fundraising partner **easyfundraising** yet? What are you waiting for? Over 50 new crown green bowls clubs have joined since our launch and they are benefiting from a new source of income, simply by shopping online.

And you have a few more days this month (until 31st May) when your club could earn even more from your weekly online grocery shopping.

Every day supermarkets are giving clubs the opportunity to earn free funding. When your members, volunteers, or

supporters buy their weekly groceries online at ASDA, Tesco, Sainsbury's, Morrisons, Waitrose, Ocado, and Iceland, your club will receive free funding directly from the supermarkets, as a gesture of goodwill.

Sign up to the free online fundraising platform easyfundraising so every weekly grocery shop, last-minute click and collect, and more can help with your fundraising efforts.

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## DEFENDING CHAMPIONS ARE OFF TO A WINNING START

Defending champions, Warwick & Worcester, made a winning start to their 2022 campaign in the **BCG Ladies Senior County Championship** with a resounding 82 chalk victory over Mid Cheshire in **Section 4**. They now play Burton & District, who lost by just 7 chalks to North Warwickshire, in their June fixture

In **Section 1**, Wales top the table thanks to their 49 chalk defeat of Dudley & District while Lancashire were 13 chalk victors in their match with near-neighbours, Greater Manchester.

In **Section 2**, Yorkshire romped home in their 'derby match' with South Yorkshire winning home and away in an overall 139 chalk demolition. Cheshire won big against Merseyside,

also winning home and away, in a resounding 91 chalk victory.

In **Section 3**, Shropshire were big winners against North Lancs & Fylde, by 97 chalks, while North Midlands got their first points of the season with a 36 chalk success over North Derbyshire

With Cumbria withdrawing from ladies bowls in 2022, the **Presidents** section would have just three teams. North Shropshire beat Staffordshire by 60 and will have no match in June as South Staffordshire join the action to play Staffordshire.

All the individual scores can be viewed via the BCGBA website, [bcgba.org.uk](http://bcgba.org.uk).

### SUNDAY 19th JUNE

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

## BCGBA DRESS CODE

The BCGBA Dress Code has been in operation now for some years but we continually endure problems at our events with players turning up and not conforming to the rule. This is despite all qualifiers and counties being made aware of our Dress Code rule and receiving a printed copy of the rule.

The main issue is trousers which must be single coloured, either full length or tailored knee-length shorts. In both instances they must be **Black** in colour - not Grey, not Navy, just plain Black. Nothing in our rule allows for the wearing of tracksuits, shell suits, denims, combat trousers, jeggings, skinny jeans or leggings.

Players are also required to wear a collared shirt and suitable footwear but in the event of rain, wet weather gear can be worn.

The Ladies do allow for the wearing of Black or Navy trousers but any lady competitor playing in a Men's event must wear Black.



## BCGBA FACEBOOK



Don't forget to visit the new BCGBA Facebook page 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.



## JUNIOR BOWLS RETURN IN A NEW FORMAT

With the sad demise of junior bowlers throughout the counties, 2022 sees a new format for our remaining juniors. With only four counties able to field sides of 24 players (12 at home and 12 away) to compete in the **Junior County Championship**, the remaining counties formed a Junior Six-a-Side Championship.

Yorkshire's quest for a sixth Junior County Championship success got off to a winning start with a 74 chalk victory over Wales. Shropshire are now the only realistic contenders to dent the White Rose county's hope of a sixth

title after their 43 chalk defeat of a dogged and inexperienced Staffordshire side, in the four-team championship. The June fixtures will probably decide the outcome of the championship when Yorkshire and Shropshire meet.

All the individual scores from both competitions can be viewed via the BCGBA website, [bcgba.org.uk](http://bcgba.org.uk).

### SUNDAY 12th JUNE 2022

**Premier Division:** Yorkshire v Shropshire / Wales v Staffordshire

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Seventeen teams, divided into four groups, competed in the **Junior Six-a-Side Championship** with Groups 1 and 2 playing at Florence Tennis & Bowling Club (Potteries & District) and Groups 3 and 4 playing at Windle Bowling Club (Merseyside).

The top two in each group at the end of the round-robin matches would form Group A at Heaton Park (Greater

Manchester) in July with the bottom two/three forming Group B at St Marys Park (Greater Manchester).

At Florence, Derbyshire A and South Yorkshire were undefeated in Groups 1 and 2 respectively while North Lancs & Fylde A and Cumbria ended their matches with 100% records in Groups 3 and 4.

### SUNDAY 10th JULY 2022

#### Group A (Heaton Park) :

**Section 1:** Derbyshire A, Warwick & Worcester A, North Lancs & Fylde A, Greater Manchester A

**Section 2:** South Yorkshire, Derbyshire B, Cumbria, Isle of Man

#### Group B (St Marys Park):

**Section 1:** North Midlands B, Warwick & Worcester C, Lancashire, Cheshire B

**Section 2:** North Midlands A, Warwick & Worcester B, Cheshire A, Greater Manchester B, North Lancs & Fylde B

## BDA RECEIVE INVESTMENT FROM SPORT ENGLAND



The Bowls Development Alliance (BDA) are delighted to announce that they have received investment from Sport England to level up access to sport and physical activity across the country.

They will receive expertise, support and an investment of approximately £1.9 million of government and National Lottery funding from Sport England to co-deliver the ambitions of its 10-year Uniting the Movement strategy.

You can read their Press Release [here](#).