



BRITISH CROWN GREEN BOWLING ASSOCIATION

CALLUM ADDS A SECOND MERIT TITLE TO HIS CV



CALLUM WRAIGHT joined a select group of bowlers who have achieved multiple successes in the BCGBA Senior Individual Merit when he added his second title at a rain-soaked Hawcoat Park Sports Club in Cumbria.

Delayed by some 736 days from when it should have been played in 2020 as a result of the pandemic, the Shropshire bowler, and the games No 1, inflicted a heavy 21-8 defeat over Gary Owen (Potteries & District), who also lost in the 2019 final at Rolls Royce, Derbyshire.

BCGBA President, Ken Howarth, finally got to present the trophy to a worthy champion.

Callum was one of four previous winners in the 64-strong field.

Noel Burrows (Cheshire), the winner in 1976 and 2010, had eight on the card before the Cumbrian champion, Ian France, could get going. France gradually clawed back the deficit until he got to within one of the two-time champion at 11-12. Burrows pulled away again to leave him just two chinks from victory at 19-16 but France held his nerve to win 21-19.

Ashley Daykin (Yorkshire) led 17-9 against the Merseyside champion, Josh Bunting. Bunting got back into the game at 15-18 but couldn't continue his momentum as the 2014 champion won 21-15. In round 2, he trailed Glen Herbert (Warwick & Worcester) 6-2 but fought back to win 21-12 though his hopes of progressing to the last eight were thwarted by Aaron Williams (South Yorkshire) who came from 6-10 down to win a 21-20 thriller.

Tom Vickers (Cheshire), the winner in 2015, got off to a great start to defeat Adam Hartley (Derbyshire) 21-5 in round one and then progressed to the last 16 with a 21-15 triumph over Josh Thomas (Yorkshire). His journey would end in the next round.

The day though belonged to the 2009 champion, Callum Wraight, who started his march to the title with an opening 21-11 success over Ben Percival (North Midlands) then came through a titanic battle against Lancashire's Billy Speed, 21-17, which saw the players level on no fewer than ten occasions, the latter being 17 across.

However, with the players level at 19 across, he was staring at a last 16 defeat to Tom Vickers with the former champion holding the two chinks he required for the game. An amazing full corner strike by Wraight cleared the jack off the green and he then capitalised on two poor woods from Vickers to record a dramatic victory.

From here on, Wraight was peerless as he restricted his final three opponents to just 25 chinks between them. Russell Prosser (Warwick & Worcester) scored 8 in the quarter-finals, Ian France, who led 7-6, fared no better in a 21-8 semi-final defeat and in the final, Gary Owen found himself 10-nil down after five ends, eventually succumbing to a 21-9 loss.

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CHANGE OF VENUE FOR CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

Due to the condition of the greens at Heaton Park (Greater Manchester), the decision has been taken to move the 2022 BCGBA Champion of Champions, to be played on Saturday 24th September, and the BCG Ladies Champion of Champions, to be played on Sunday 25th September, to **Monk Sports & Social Club**, Hillock Lane, Woolston, Warrington WA1 4NF.



The draw for both the Men's and Ladies competitions should be available on the BCGBA website on Monday 12th September and the qualifiers to date (31st August) are:

MEN

Ian Booth (Hillcrest Classic), **David Bradford** (Isle of Man Merit), **Josh Bunting** (Merseyside Merit), **Ryan Clark** (Brighthouse Classic – Woodley Spring Classic), **Simon Coupe** (Pudsey Classic), **Jack Dyson** (Yorkshire Merit – Lindley Bowling Club 2000), **Ian France** (Cumbria Merit), **Richard Gill** (Derbyshire Merit), **Jack Hargreaves** (Greater Manchester Merit), **Ben Harris** (Castle Private), **Gareth Herbert** (Staffordshire Merit), **Ian M Jones** (Welsh Merit), **Chris Kelly** (Sandal Classic), **Lee Kington** (Warwick & Worcester Merit), **David Lloyd** (Shropshire Merit), **Stuart Nash** (North Midlands Merit), **Andy Proctor** (BCGBA Jack & Jean Isherwood Veterans Championship), **Ryan Prosser** (British Parks Merit), **Leighton Roberts** (Wharton Cons Open), **Greg Smith** (Spring Waterloo), **Billy Speed** (Lancashire Merit), **Josh Towey** (Potteries & District Merit), **Tom Vickers** (Cheshire Merit), **Andrew Whittaker** (South Yorkshire Merit), **James Wilcox** (Isle of Man June Bowling Festival), **Ryan P Williams** (BCGBA Junior Individual Merit), **Callum Wright** (BCGBA Senior Merit – Meole Brace Open – Richmond Classic – Conway Festival).

LADIES

Andrea Ainley (South Yorkshire Merit), **Nicola Boulton** (Mid Cheshire Merit - Colwyn Bay Festival - Isle of Man June Tourism), **Cheryl Casewell** (Shropshire Merit), **Aileen Coleman** (Welsh Merit), **Alyson Evans** (North Warwickshire Merit), **Karen Galvin** (Ladies Spring Waterloo - Blackpool Spring Bowling Festival), **Lynsey Gorman** (Merseyside Merit), **Janet Hargreaves** (Staffordshire Merit), **Chloe Hirst** (BCG Ladies Senior Individual Merit), **Wendy Jackson** (Burton & District Merit), **Jayne Kent** (Cynthia Tonge Memorial), **Emily Kernick** (Warwick & Worcester Merit), **Alexis Lunn-Gadd** (Yorkshire Merit - Isle of Man June Festival), **Ronnie Lyon** (Cheshire Merit), **Jenny Moore** (Isle of Man Merit), **Samantha Murray** (South Staffordshire Merit), **Louise Ollerton** (Greater Manchester Merit), **Susan Pugh** (Dudley & District Merit), **Tina Ralphs** (North Shropshire Merit), **Sharon Riden** (Lancashire Merit), **Clair Russell** (North Lancs & Fylde Merit), **Emma Tobin** (British Parks Ladies Merit), **Carol Verdon** (North Midlands Merit), **Janice Wilson** (North Derbyshire Merit).

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SHROPSHIRE AND YORKSHIRE CONTEST COUNTY FINALS



Shropshire and Yorkshire will contest both the 2022 BCGBA Endsleigh Senior County Championship and BCG Ladies County Championship finals which will conclude in September.



In the Men's semi-finals, both finalists recorded comfortable victories winning home and away. Shropshire won by 31 in their home leg at Sinclair Bowling Club, with Scott Harries' 21-4 and

Richard Lawson's 21-9 getting them off to the perfect start. Over at Lancashire's Garswood Hall green, Andrew Judson (21-6) and Gary Neal (21-9) starred in a 33-chalk victory.

In the other semi-final, Yorkshire faced arch-rivals Warwick & Worcester and also won home and away. Mark Hughes (21-8) and Kieran Smith (21-9) were the star performers on their Whitkirk Bowling Club green which resulted in a 45-chalk success whilst Jack Dyson's 21-9 card at Ye Olde Knowle helped secure a 17-chalk victory after the jacks had been shared six apiece.

Both counties have declared their sides for the final which takes place on Sunday 4th September, commencing at 2pm. You can follow the live scores via the BCGBA website.

WEM USC BOWLING CLUB (SY4 5EP)

SHROPSHIRE	v	YORKSHIRE
Rich Goddard	v	Thomas Hanson
Martin Lloyd	v	Josh Mordue
Richard Lawson	v	Graeme Wilson
Jack Hewitt	v	Wayne Moseley
Michael Beer	v	Jack Dyson
Callum Wraight	v	James Hanson
Julian Cooke	v	Craig Gant
Andrew Judson	v	Stuart King
Will Tarrell	v	James Davison
Peter Farmer	v	Gary Siswick
Ashley Wellings	v	Ashley Tattersley
Wayne Rogers	v	Ian Booth

THORNHILL CRICKET & BOWLING (WF12 OQL)

YORKSHIRE	v	SHROPSHIRE
Scott Fisher	v	Paul Evans
Mark Hughes	v	Scott Harries
Gareth Coates	v	Alex Jones
Dave Fox	v	Jamie King
Chris Mordue	v	Spencer Clarke
Josh Brown	v	Stuart Rutter
Kieran Smith	v	Martin Gaut
Marc Armitage	v	Liam Stevens
Alex Wolfenden	v	Gary Neal
Mark Regan	v	Chris Worthington
Ashley Daykin	v	Peter Grimston
Jonathan Wood	v	David Lloyd

In the Ladies semi-finals, Yorkshire inflicted a 146-chalk defeat over Wales with only Aileen Coleman preventing a whitewash on Yorkshire's Meltham home green. Fern Beaumont (21-7), Linda Gledhill (21-5), Sophie Brown (21-6), Jacquie Haigh (21-8) and Julie Mallinson (21-6) were the best of their eleven winners. Alexis Lunn-Gadd (21-9) and Emma Tobin (21-4) got Yorkshire off to a fine start on Colwyn Bay RBL but a late 21-5 card from Jenny Hadwin couldn't prevent her Welsh team from falling 33 chalks short of victory.

Shropshire and Warwick & Worcester played out a thrilling semi-final with just 14 chalks separating the sides when all the scores were added up. Both sides recorded eleven winners at the home venues but Warwick & Worcester's 72-chalk victory at Solihull Marsh Lane wasn't enough to secure a place in the final as Shropshire won by 86 on Newport BC. Jackie Rutter (21-9) and Sarah Weaver (21-7) were the

stand-out cards for Shropshire at Newport while Emily Cunnigham posted a fine 21-5 card at Solihull Marsh Lane. Elizabeth Curtis (21-6) and Denise Taylor (21-9) were the best of the Warwick & Worcester winners.

Following a change of rule at the 2019 Ladies Annual Meeting, the runners-up in each of the County Championship Sections will contest the Mavis Dearden Supplementary County Championship. North Warwickshire booked their place in the final at the expense of North Midlands, winning home and away in an 82-chalk overall victory. They will now play the winners of the Dudley & District v South Yorkshire semi-final.

Both finals will be played on Sunday 18th September with teams posted on the MB Bowling Results website by Wednesday 10th September.

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PENCAMPWYR!

Champions! Ryan P Williams, Belinda Lloyd & Linda Williams flew the flag for Wales as they were victorious in the 2022 BCGBA Junior Individual Merit and BCG Ladies Dorothy Pearce Memorial Pairs.

RYAN P WILLIAMS made it a quintet of Welsh juniors to lift the tremendous **BCGBA Junior Individual Merit** Trophy, emulating the achievements of G Jones (1976), M Halliwell (1981), A Armstrong (2016) and M Worden (2018). Ryan came through the 32-strong field unscathed in his five games on the day at Ashton Cricket Club in Greater Manchester.

Ryan was dominant in all of his games, opening with two 21-10 victories, dispatching Cumbria's Jack Brannon (Cumbria) in the first round and Staffordshire's Owen Evans in round two.

His quarter-final encounter with Louis Furniss (Derbyshire) saw him trail 9-8 after the early exchanges but a nine-break brought daylight between the two players at 17-9. Furniss fought back to 15-18 but was unable to keep hold of the jack as Ryan booked his place in the semi-final with a 21-15 victory.

In the semi-finals, Ryan was in control from the off, winning 21-10 against South Yorkshire's Jacob Parratt to face Thomas Scorah (Yorkshire) in the final.

Scorah had made his way to the final at the expense of Samuel Jarrett (Lancashire) 21-12, Zac Diamond (Cheshire) 21-15, Owen Sherriff (Derbyshire) 21-13 and Jordyn Hughes (Staffordshire) 21-17.

In the final, Ryan saw his 16-7 advantage reduced to a solitary chalk as Scorah went on an eight-break to trail 15-16. But as in his game with Furniss, Ryan reclaimed the jack and ran out a 21-15 winner.



BELINDA LLOYD & LINDA WILLIAMS defeated Fay Carson & Janet Hargreaves (Staffordshire), 21-13, in the final of the **BCG Ladies Dorothy Pearce Memorial Pairs**.

The Welsh pairing found the Fox Lane Sports & Social Club greens to their liking as they accounted for Judy Peech & Lesley Welling (Derbyshire) 21-17 in their first round game then won a titanic battle with Christine Davies & Alyson Evans (North Warwickshire) 21-20. Ellen Aindow & Susan Pugh (Dudley & District) were restricted to 10 chinks in their quarter-final game to set up a semi-final clash with the young Yorkshire sisters of Amy & Emma Tobin.

The Tobin's had won their opening game 21-2 and went one better in the last 16, winning 21-1. They booked their semi-final place with a 21-13 victory over Mo Corley & Tina Ralphs (North Shropshire) but just lost out on a place in the final as their Welsh opposition won a hard-fought game, 21-19.

NORTH DERBYSHIRE PARKS CLAIM VETS TITLE



NORTH DERBYSHIRE PARKS overcame the challenge of Merseyside, Shropshire and the defending champions, Potteries & District to win the **2022 BCGBA Veterans County Championship**, played at Owley Wood Recreation Club (Cheshire).

They started the day with a 21-chalk victory over Merseyside, then beat Shropshire by 8 and kept their 100% record intact with a 6-chalk defeat of the holders, Potteries & District, to claim the title.

SOUTH YORKSHIRE WIN A SECOND SUPPLEMENTARY CHAMPIONSHIP



SOUTH YORKSHIRE overcame a strong Derbyshire side to win the **BCGBA Senior Supplementary County Championship** for a second time. They came out on top in a close encounter, winning by just 5 chalks with the eight jacks shared.

Played at Fox Lane Sports & Social Club (North Lancs & Fylde) they topped their group undefeated following victories over Isle of Man by 10, Cheshire, who they defeated in the 2008 final, by 21 and Greater Manchester by 9.

Derbyshire had earlier drawn with Potteries & District but defeated Cumbria (1) and North Midlands (12).

OWEN WINS THE INAUGURAL 18-25 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP



OWEN TURNER made the short trip across the River Mersey to Windle Bowling Club (Merseyside) to claim the inaugural **BCGBA 18-25 Open Championship**.

He was rarely troubled in his opening two games, leaving Daniel Edmondson (Lancashire) on 8 and Fraser Rigg (Cumbria) on 10. He would then face three opponents from Greater Manchester, starting with Mitch Toth in the quarter-finals.

It was nip and tuc all the way but with Toth saving the game to draw level at 19 across he misjudged the speed of the green, sending both his bowls into the pit at the next end to leave Turner a simple two for game.

Like Callum Wraight in the Senior Merit, Turner was peerless as he despatched Tom Eccles 21-8 in the semi-finals and Ben Gloag 21-10 in the final.