



BRITISH CROWN GREEN BOWLING ASSOCIATION

YORKSHIRE DOMINATE COUNTY FINAL

YORKSHIRE ran out comfortable winners in the **2022 BCGBA Senior County Championship** to defeat Shropshire by an overall aggregate victory of 68 in the final to lift the coveted Crosfield Cup. This is the fourth time the two counties have met in the final during the new millennium with Shropshire winning in 2009 while Yorkshire secured victories in 2011 and 2016.

Yorkshire reached the final by winning Section 2 with victories over North Lancs & Fylde (47), Potteries & District (150) and Greater Manchester (4). They then defeated the Section 1 winners, Warwick & Worcester by 62 in the semi-finals. Shropshire progressed from Section 3 following unblemished records against South Yorkshire (13), Merseyside (59) and Cumbria (80). In their semi-final, they despatched the Section 4 winners, Lancashire by 64.

Only 12 chinks separated the sides after the first four exchanges at both venues with Yorkshire in the ascendancy. Despite having three winners in their home leg at Thornhill Cricket & Bowling Club, they only held a slender four-chalk advantage with Scott Harries 21-13 card being the only winner for the visitors after Scott Fisher (21-20), Gareth Coates (21-19) and Man of the Match team captain, Dave Fox (21-12), had won for the home side. At Wem USC BC, the spoils were shared. Martin Lloyd (21-20) and Richard Lawson (21-18) saw their scores cancelled out by the opposition, Wayne Moseley (21-20) and team captain Thomas Hanson (21-10).

By the end of the middle four, Yorkshire had increased their lead to 39 having posted three winning cards at each venue. Chris Mordue (21-10), Josh Brown (21-19) and Marc Armitage (21-17) won at home while James Hanson (21-10), Craig Gant (21-16) and Stuart King (21-20) were victorious in Shropshire. Martin Gaut (21-17) and Michael Beer (21-18) won in Yorkshire and Shropshire respectively.

Yorkshire ended any hopes of a comeback by the Salopians to claim five of the final eight cards, three at home and two away. Mark Regan and Jonathan Wood both won 21-13 while Ashley Daykin added a 21-12 card at Thornhill, Gary Neal prevented a full house of last four victories with a fine 21-10 success. Over at Wem, James Davison and Ian Booth both handed in 21-11 cards for the White Rose County with Peter Farmer (21-18) and Ashley Wellings (21-19) responding for Shropshire.

BCGBA President, Ken Howarth, made the presentation of the Crosfield Cup to the Yorkshire home captain, Dave Fox.



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CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS MAKES A WELCOME RETURN

The finalists in the Men's and Ladies Champion of Champions will descend on **Monk Sports & Social Club**, Hillock Lane, Woolston, Warrington WA1 4NF over the last weekend in September to decide the 2022 champions.

Simon Coupe (2014) and Callum Wraight (2015) are the only previous winners in the men's line-up while Nicola Boulton (2007, 2015, 2016), Karen Galvin (1990, 1991, 2002), Lynsey Gorman (2017) and Wendy Jackson (2000) are all former winners in the ladies competition.

MEN – Saturday 24th September – 10am

Josh Bunting (Merseyside Merit)	v Gareth Herbert (Staffordshire Merit)
Andy Proctor (BCGBA Jack & Jean Isherwood Veterans Championship)	v Stuart Nash (North Midlands)
Callum Wraight (BCGBA Senior Individual Merit)	v David Bradford (Isle of Man Merit)
Alex Hassall (Midland Masters Merit)	v Ryan Clark (Brighthouse Classic)
Chris Kelly (Sandal Classic)	v Leighton Roberts (Wharton Cons Open)
David Lloyd (Shropshire)	v Jack Dyson (Yorkshire Merit)
Ryan Prosser (British Parks Merit)	v Richard Gill (Derbyshire Merit)
Simon Coupe (Pudsey Classic)	v Ryan P Williams (BCGBA Junior Individual Merit)
Paul Evans (2021 George Masters)	v Lee Kington (Warwick & Worcester Merit)
Ian Booth (Hillcrest Classic)	v Jack Hargreaves (Greater Manchester Merit)
Billy Speed (Lancashire Merit)	v Talbot Trophy Winner
Andrew Whitaker (South Yorkshire Merit)	v Ben Harris (Castle Private Open)
Tom Vickers (Cheshire Merit)	v Josh Towe Potteries & District Merit)
Ian France (Cumbria Merit)	v Greg Smith (Spring Waterloo)
Autumn Waterloo Winner	v Stephen Glover (Isle of Man September Festival)
Ian M Jones (Welsh Merit)	v James Wilcox (Isle of Man June Festival)

LADIES – Sunday 25th September – 10am

Jayne Kent (Cynthia Tonge Memorial)	v Shannon Kernick (Norden Open Singles)
Andrea Ainley (South Yorkshire)	v Ronnie Lyon (Cheshire)
Ladies Talbot Trophy Winner	v Emily Kernick (Warwick & Worcester)
Cheryl Caswell (Shropshire)	v Carol Verdon (North Midlands)
Alyson Evans (North Warwickshire)	v Lorraine Hirst (Enid Blackburn Trophy)
Ladies Autumn Waterloo Winner	v Chloe Hirst (BCG Ladies Senior Individual Merit)
Elaine Moore (Isle of Man September Tourism)	v Emma Tobin (British Parks Merit)
Aileen Coleman (Wales)	v Nicola Boulton (Mid Cheshire)
Susan Pugh (Dudley & District)	v Louise Ollerton (Greater Manchester)
Wendy Jackson (Burton & District)	v Christine Davies (Blackpool Spring Festival)
Alexis Lunn-Gadd (Yorkshire)	v Jenny Moore (Isle of Man)
Rebecca Teare (Isle of Man September Festival)	v Janice Wilson (North Derbyshire)
Sharon Rigden (Lancashire)	v Cerys Parry (BCG Ladies Junior Individual Merit)
Karen Galvin (Ladies Spring Waterloo)	v Samantha Murray (South Staffordshire)
Lynsey Gorman (Merseyside)	v Clair Russell (North Lancs & Fylde)
Janet Hargreaves (Staffordshire)	v Tina Ralphs (North Shropshire)

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CERY'S IN ANOTHER WELSH SUCCESS

CERY'S PARRY followed in the footsteps of her Welsh colleagues, Ryan P Williams (BCGBA Junior Merit) and Belinda Lloyd & Linda Williams (BCG Ladies Dorothy Pearce Memorial Pairs), to win a BCGBA competition when she claimed the **2022 BCG Ladies Junior Individual Merit**, played at Heswall Royal British Legion, Merseyside.

Sixteen junior girls had qualified and were divided into four groups of four and playing on a round-robin basis, 15up. Cerys came through her three round-robin group matches undefeated with victories over Aimee Garside (Yorkshire), Grace Gawne (Isle of Man) and Shannon McMullan (Isle of Man) to book her semi-final place against Holly Jenkins (Yorkshire).

She comfortably defeated Holly, 15-6, and then claimed the title with a hard-fought 15-12 victory over Madison McMullan who had travelled over from the Isle of Man.

Cerys victory now sees her take her place in the Champion of Champions at Monk Sports & Social Club where she will play Sharon Rigden (Lancashire).

Ladies President, Sheila Whiteley, was on hand to present Cerys with her trophy and prize money.



SHROPSHIRE V YORKSHIRE – PART 2

Shropshire and Yorkshire meet again in a final but this time in the **BCG 2022 Ladies County Championship**. Both sides won through to the final after semi-final victories over Warwick & Worcester and Wales respectfully and, in a change to rules, both sides will have home advantage with the neutral venue for the final being scrapped at the 2019 Annual Meeting.

Shropshire, who have lost in the two previous finals (2018 and 2019) to Warwick & Worcester, will be hoping to make it third time lucky and add to their title successes of 2008, 2013 and 2016. They beat Yorkshire by 31 in the 2016 final and inflicted semi-final defeats over them in 2018 by 29 and by 12 in 2019. Shropshire has selected Newport (far green) for the final while Yorkshire will be using Lockwood Cons.

In the **Mavis Dearden Supplementary County Championship** final, South Yorkshire will play North Warwickshire after their delayed semi-final success over Dudley & District. They won by 43 on their Hallamshire Propriety home green but by 63 away on Rowley Labour. South Yorkshire have opted for Bradfield BC as their home venue with North Warwickshire using Haunchwood Sports & Social Club.

Both finals will take place on Sunday 18th September, commencing at 2pm. Live scores will be available via the BCGBA website where it is hoped all teams will keep the scores updated.

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CENTENARY MIXED PAIRS

Like the Champion of Champions, the 2022 BCGBA Mel Evans MBE Centenary Mixed Pairs has been moved from Heaton Park and will now be played at Owley Wood Recreation Club (Barrymore Road, Weaverham CW8 3LS). This year's final takes place on Saturday 1st October with a 10am start.

Jenny Moore (Isle of Man) is the only qualifier who has tasted victory in the competition when she won in 2011, partnered by John Kennish.

Jasmine Kendal & Craig Gant (Yorkshire)	v	Myra & Mick Pugh (Potteries & District)
Abbie Jo Rhodes & Simon Rhodes (South Yorkshire)	v	Nicola Gilmore Coupe & Michael Coupe (Merseyside)
Nicola Boulton & Tom Lowndes (Wales)	v	Michelle Jones & Ben Harris (Warwick & Worcester)
Amy Ryder & Mark Owen (Shropshire)	v	Paula Firth & Alan Moore (Isle of Man)
Andrea Ainley & Richard Moore (South Yorkshire)	v	Janet Hargreaves & Barry Booth (Potteries & District)
Jessica Bennett & Andrew Saunders (Warwick & Worcester)	v	Carol Sunter & David Walker (Yorkshire)
Margaret Warburton & John Coupe (North Lancs & Fylde)	v	Jodie & Dan Taylor (Shropshire)
Sophie & Richard Briddon (Derbyshire)	v	Marie & Paul Hallett (Wales)
Tracey Baker & Jason Galvin (Warwick & Worcester)	v	Elaine Moore & Glynn Hargreaves (Isle of Man)
Sue & Kevin Nugent (Merseyside)	v	Sian & Gary Maddock (Wales)
Jordan Picken & Steve Davis (Staffordshire)	v	Emma Duncan & Jamie Brookes (Shropshire)
Joanne Clark & Aaron Williams (South Yorkshire)	v	Chloe Hirst & Gareth Coates (Yorkshire)
Sue Williamson & John Simpson (Potteries & District)	v	Jodie Dickinson & Tom Wiltshire (South Yorkshire)
Sally & Jamie King (Shropshire)	v	Kathleen Hadjinicolaou & David Parkinson (Lancashire)
Linda Williams & Ritchie Jamieson (Wales)	v	Jenny Moore & James Teare (Isle of Man)
Catherine Lockwood & Peter Hawkes (North Lancs & Fylde)	v	Jayne Bates & Adam Walker (Warwick & Worcester)

STEVE AND THOMAS CLAMP – COACHES OF THE YEAR

Steve and Thomas Clamp were voted 'Grass Roots Coach of the Year' and 'Young Coach of the Year' respectively at the recent Coach Bowls annual awards. Steve (pictured right) received his award from Mal Evans, Coach Bowls Board Member.

Steve has been coaching for some twelve years and is the founder of the Philip Wright Crown Green Academy which runs weekly sessions from his North Lancs & Fylde base. He delivers coaching to various groups, trains juniors and is also the County Development Officer. He has mentored over twenty new Crown Green coaches, grown his club membership to more than 100 members and brought two unused greens back into operation.

Steve's son, Thomas, has been coaching for two years and coaches at the Philip Wright Crown Green Academy. Currently studying Sports Science and Performance at University, he has a real passion to introduce people to our great sport and supports local groups such as scouts, guides and home schooling groups. A junior County bowler himself, he has introduced four new junior members to his club and is waiting to undertake his Level 2 Coaching Course.





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