



# BRITISH CROWN GREEN BOWLING ASSOCIATION

## CHAMPIONS

The curtain has come down on the BCGBA Calendar of Events with the finals of the Men's and Ladies Champion of Champions together with the Mel Evans MBE Centenary Mixed Pairs bringing the 2022 season to a close.

**CHRIS KELLY** defeated James Wilcox, 21-20, in a thrilling BCGBA Champion of Champions final while **SHANNON KERNICK** won the ladies equivalent following a 21-17 victory over the 2017 champion, Lynsey Gorman. Both finals were played at Monk Sports & Social Club.

In the Mel Evans MBE Centenary Mixed Pairs, played at Owley Wood Recreation Club, the Staffordshire duo of **JORDAN PICKEN & STEVE DAVIS** overcame the challenge of the Isle of Man pairing, Paula Firth & Alan Moore, 21-10 In the final.



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## CHRIS AND SHANNON - CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

The Champion of Champions made a welcome return to the BCGBA calendar following the enforced break in play as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic. It also saw an enforced change in the venue following the closure of the Waterloo Hotel green in Blackpool, with the 2022 competitions hosted by Monk Sports & Social Club, Warrington.



**CHRIS KELLY**, the winner of the Sandal Classic, won a thrilling Men's final, 21-20, against James Wilcox, winner of the Isle of Man June Festival in a game that was nip and tuck all the way.

His day started with a 21-20 defeat of Leighton Roberts (Wharton Cons Open), running out to game from 17-20.

In his second round game, he was rarely troubled as he despatched Jack Dyson (Yorkshire Merit) 21-12 but faced a tougher test against Ryan Prosser (British Parks Merit), winning 21-17, having lead 16-10 but saw Prosser draw level at 17 across.

In his semi-final he used all his experience to take his place in the final, fighting back from 15-6 down against Andy Proctor (BCGBA Veterans Championship), to win a close game, 21-19.

In the Ladies competition, **SHANNON KERNICK**, winner of the Norden Open Singles, defeated the 2017 champion, Lynsey Gorman (Merseyside), 21-17 in the final. Her fine start, which saw her open up an early 12-3 lead, proved too much for Lynsey to recover from, though she did get close at 17-19.

After an opening 21-16 success against Jayne Kent (Cynthia Tonge Memorial) she bettered her score by one in round two with a 21-15 defeat of Andrea Ainley (South Yorkshire), scoring nine without reply, having trailed 15-12.

In the quarter-finals she faced her sister, Emily (Warwick & Worcester), finishing a comfortable 21-12 winner and booked her place in the final courtesy of a 21-11 victory over Chloe Hirst (BCG Ladies Merit).



The 2022 Presidents were on hand to present the prizes to the two champions. Ken Howarth, who has been in office since 2019, presented Chris Kelly with his trophy and prize money. In her final duty as Ladies President, Sheila Whiteley presented Shannon with her trophy and prize money.

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## PICKEN & DAVIS MAKE THE PERFECT PAIR

Staffordshire's **JORDAN PICKEN & STEVE DAVIS** proved to be the perfect pair as they claimed the 2022 Mel Evans MBE Centenary Mixed Pairs trophy following a 21-10 final victory over the Isle of Man Pairing of Paula Firth & Alan Moore.

Played at Owley Wood Recreation Club in Cheshire, they were always in control in the first of the five games they would play on the day as they ousted Shropshire's Emma Duncan & Jamie Brookes 21-15. And it was a similar scenario in round two as they defeated last season's semi-finalists, Chloe Hirst & Gareth Coates (Yorkshire), 21-11.

They dominated their quarter-final clash with Tracey Baker & Jason Galvin (Warwick & Worcester), restricting their opponents to scoring in just three ends as they ran out comfortable 21-9 victors but were made to fight all the way in the semi-final against Catherine Lockwood & Peter Hawkes (North Lancs & Fylde). The pairings couldn't be separated at 5, 8 and 13 across but a defining 'three' with the scores 16-15 in favour of the Staffordshire pairing proved vital in their 21-15 success.

In the other half of the draw, Paula Firth & Alan Moore, started their journey to the final with a 21-13 triumph over

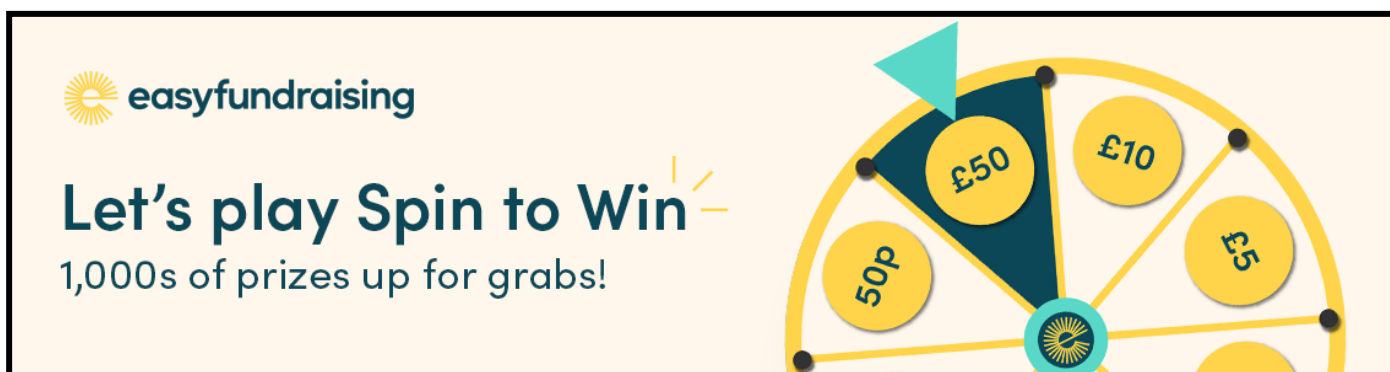
Amy Ryder & Mark Owen (Shropshire) to face last season's runners-up, Michelle Jones & Ben Harris (Warwick & Worcester). Amazingly, they were only in the lead on two occasions, scoring a single at the first end and a single at the final end to secure a 21-20 victory in a tremendous game. In between, they trailed 8-4, 12-8, 14-10, 18-14 and 20-17.

A shaky start in their quarter-final encounter with Abbie Jo & Simon Rhodes (South Yorkshire) saw them turn a 9-7 deficit into a 21-10 victory and they secured their place in the final with victory over another South Yorkshire pairing, Andrea Ainley & Richard Moore, 21-13.

In the final, their form deserted them as Picken & Davis were just four (17-4) chalks from game after twelve ends. Firth & Moore rallied to win four of the next five ends but couldn't retain their momentum in a 21-10 defeat.

BCGBA President, Ken Howarth, in his final duty before handing over the presidential chain to Martin Goddard, presented the prizes and trophies.





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## INSURANCE RENEWAL DATE CHANGE



Clubs, Leagues and Associations should be aware that the date for the renewal of Public Liability Insurance has changed. The renewal date is now the **1st January** of each year and any policy will run until the 31st December of each year.

The Insurance Portal is scheduled to open for 2023 policies on Thursday 1st December 2022 and will be updated to reflect the new amounts for any twelve month policy.

Policies taken out through Endsleigh Insurance during 2022 will expire on Saturday 31st December 2022 as this year's policy period was only for eight months.

## CHANGE OF DATE FOR LADIES COMPETITION

Due to a clash of dates with King Charles III's coronation, the County Average Winners Classic, scheduled to have been played on Saturday 6th May, will now take place the following week on **Saturday 13th May**.

## YORKSHIRE DOUBLE

**YORKSHIRE** ladies emulated the achievements of their men's side by winning the BCG Ladies Senior County Championship. They defeated Shropshire, whom their male counterparts played in their final, by 76. The damage was done in Yorkshire where their home side's nine winners at Lockwood Cons built up an 82-chalk advantage while their away side restricted the Salopians to a six-chalk victory at Newport BC.

In the Mavis Dearden Supplementary County Championship Final, South Yorkshire and North Warwickshire were only separated by 13 chalks when all the scores were added up. **SOUTH YORKSHIRE** were the side celebrating victory as their 50-chalk home victory at Bradfield BC bettered that of North Warwickshire's 37-chalk home victory at Haunchwood Sports & Social.

