



BRITISH CROWN GREEN BOWLING ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENTS ELECTED



MAVIS HANCOCK and **MARTIN GODDARD** were elected Ladies and Mens Presidents respectively when both sections of the BCGBA held their Annual Meetings.

Mavis was nominated by her Lancashire County and began her twelve months in office at the Ladies Presentation Lunch in December. She will be supported by the Deputy President, Sue Todd (Cumbria), the current Ladies Chairman. This will be the second time Sue has held the position of Deputy President.

Martin, from Greater Manchester County, takes over from Ken Howarth who, as a result of the pandemic, has been BCGBA President since 2020. Martin supported Ken in 2023 as Deputy President having stepped in to replace David Williams who was due to succeed Ken in 2023. Unfortunately, ill health and family reasons meant David had to reluctantly relinquish the position of Deputy President. Frank James (Staffordshire) was elected Deputy President and will support Martin during the 2023 season.

Both Mavis and Martin, along with Sue and Frank, are looking forward to visiting counties and our various competitions throughout the season and we wish them all a successful and enjoyable year in office.

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WORLD CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP TO START THE SEASON

In what seems like an age since the last bowl of BCGBA Centenary Mixed Pairs was played in October of last year, crown green bowls makes a welcome return when the World Club Championship gets underway on Sunday 19th March at the excellent Spen Victoria Cricket, Bowling & Athletic Club in Yorkshire.

Thirty-two teams, two from each of the counties that play in the BCGBA Senior County Championship and one each from the Isle of Man and British Parks, will play over four qualifying Sundays with two clubs from each qualifying session taking their place in the final on Sunday 16th April.

Champions, Pudsey, will be back to defend their title having won the British Parks Club Championship and start their defence on the opening Sunday against Cunliffe (Wales). They will be joined in the line-up by former winners Parkfield Labour (North Lancs & Fylde - 2018) who take on Merseyside's Manor Road on 9th April and Lloyd Hotel (Cheshire - 2012) who face Staffordshire's Woodman Mount Pleasant the week earlier, 2nd April.

All sessions start at 11am and results from all rounds will be posted on the BCGBA website – bcgba.org.uk.

SUNDAY 19th MARCH

Top Green: Atherstone Cons (North Midlands) v The George Warley (Warwick & Worcester)
Lindal (Cumbria) v Maltby (South Yorkshire)

Bottom Green: Houghton (North Lancs & Fylde) v Haunchwood (North Midlands)
Cunliffe (Wales) v Pudsey (British Parks)

SUNDAY 26th MARCH

Top Green: King George V (Warwick & Worcester) v Parr Cons (Merseyside)
Garswood Hall (Lancashire) v Fenton Private (Potteries & District)

Bottom Green: Stretton Anglesey (Derbyshire) v Littlemoor Sports & Social (Yorkshire)
Mold (Wales) v King Alfred (Cumbria)

SUNDAY 2nd APRIL

Top Green: Lloyd Hotel (Cheshire) v Woodman Mount Pleasant (Staffordshire)
Birches Head Hotel (Potteries & District) v Littleover (Derbyshire)

Bottom Green: Hopwood (Greater Manchester) v Woolston Sports & Social (Lancashire)
South Ramsey (Isle of Man) v Crossland Moor (Yorkshire)

SUNDAY 9th APRIL

Top Green: Meersbrook (South Yorkshire) v Ifton (Shropshire)
Hollinhurst (Greater Manchester) v Castle Sports (Cheshire)

Bottom Green: Parkfield Labour (North Lancs & Fylde) v Manor Road (Merseyside)
Willenhall Nordley (Staffordshire) v Wrockwardine Wood (Shropshire)

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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.

Policies that were taken out through Endsleigh Insurance during 2022 expired on Saturday 31st December 2022 as this policy period was for only eight months.

The Insurance Portal is now open on the BCGBA website – bcgba.org.uk - for 2023 renewals and all Clubs, Leagues and Associations must ensure that they have the appropriate cover before their 2023 season gets underway.

2023 BCGBA HANDBOOK IS OUT NOW



The 2023 BCGBA Handbook is now available for purchase.

This year's handbook contains all the results from the Mens and Ladies competitions played during the 2022 season and the calendar of events for the 2023 season. The fixtures for the County Championships are also included.

All clubs should receive a copy via the County Secretary but if you would like to have your own personal 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 2023

Bowls' Big Weekend will return in 2023, on **Friday 26th May to Monday 29th May**. The inclusion of the Bank Holiday (Monday 29th May) will provide clubs with greater flexibility to arrange their event and benefit from the national marketing campaign.

More information will be available to clubs shortly, but the feedback has shown that the most successful clubs have generally concentrated their effort on a single event during the period rather than spreading their resources across the four days.

The 2022 event generated some incredible feedback from people who had never picked up a bowl before and it is hoped that 2023 will be similarly successful.



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