

Birstall Bowling Club Newsletter

May 2024

Bowls' Big Weekend

Bowls England's Bowls' Big Weekend takes place between Friday 24th to Monday 27th May with clubs up and down the country opening their doors to potential new members.

We are running a session on Saturday 25th May between 10.00am – 12.00 noon and any help would be appreciated. This can be welcoming visitors, assisting on the green or even making cups of tea and coffee. If anyone can spare some time on the morning, please speak to Gary Kilbourne or Andy Wye.



If you have a friend or relative that would like to try out the sport, bring them down and have an informal game amongst yourselves. Please ensure all players have flat shoes or trainers.

National Competition News

The national competitions get underway shortly and as well as the individual competitions that members have entered, there are four National club competitions that the club are involved in. The **men's Two Fours** team are away to Quorn in a tie to be played by Sunday 19th May. We have been drawn away to Leicester in the **men's Top Club** preliminary round (to be played by Sunday 26th May). The **women's Top Club** team are at home to New Lount in a game that is also to be played by Sunday 26th May. Team selections and the dates of matches will be displayed on noticeboards.

We also have a team in the **Tony Allcock Trophy**. We play Fosseyway away in Round 1 (to be played by Sunday 2nd June) in this over 60s mixed two fours competition.

Details of all our participating players in the various competitions are in the Competitions Portal section of Bowls England's website www.bowlsengland.com

County Competition News

The county competitions are getting started this month with the ladies and men's fours. Keep an eye on the rink diary located near the bar to see which games are being played at home. You can keep up to date with the latest results on the county's dedicated competitions website www.bowlsleicestershire-admin.com

The first round of the **men's county cup (Atkin Shield)** takes place on Friday 14th June. We play Westcotes with two rinks at home and two away. The **men's unbadged** team are due to play Oadby away (to be played by Sunday 23rd June) and the **ladies unbadged** team are away to Countesthorpe (to be played by Saturday 6th July).

Club Competitions

This season's club competitions will be drawn at the club on Tuesday 7th May (7.00pm). The draws will then be put up on noticeboards in the coming days. Please ensure games are played by the closing dates to keep them running smoothly.

League News

In the **Leicester League** we lost our first match against Blaby by the barest of margins. Our next match is at Kingscroft on Wednesday 8th May followed by a trip to Little Bowden on Wednesday 15th May (both 6.15pm). The first round of the knockout cup is a local derby against St Margarets on Wednesday 5th June (6.15pm) with two rinks at home and two away.

Both of our teams won their first matches in the **Men's Loughborough Triples League**. The next fixtures are on Monday 13th May (2.00pm) with Sands away to Loughborough Greenfields and Lighthouse at home to Loughborough Queens Park.

Our first match in the **Ladies Tuesday Triples League** was won against Loughborough Phoenix but unfortunately they have withdrawn from the league so the result doesn't count. The second match saw a narrow defeat at home to Fosseyway. The next fixture is on Tuesday 7th May away to Loughborough Greenfields (10.00am).

Chummy Sessions

A reminder that we run three chummy sessions a week which are open to all members. These are on Monday afternoons 2.00pm for 2.30pm, Tuesday evenings 5.45pm for 6.00pm and Friday evenings 5.45pm for 6.00pm.

Welfare Officers

As you will have seen in an email that was sent out recently, Liz and Jim Marshall have stepped down as Welfare Officers. This means we now only have one Welfare Officer, Janet Wildbore. If anyone would like to take on this role and help Janet, please speak to Di Hurst.

Spray Chalk and Bowls Grip for Sale

For anyone who requires spray chalk or bowls grip, our Treasurer Rick Everitt has them both for sale at very reasonable prices. Spray chalk is £2.75 and Betts Bowl Grip is £5.00.

Club Website and Facebook Page

For the latest news about the club, please visit the website www.birstallbowlingclub.co.uk where you can register to receive the latest updates by email. Just click on "Sign up to our Email Alerts" to get notification when a new news item is added. We also have a Facebook page, to visit that, go to a search engine and type in "Birstall Bowling Club Facebook"