

Yorkshire Bowling Association

Hi everybody

What a great start to the month. On Sunday 5th, Cressida and Phil held a successful session with 13 young people from across the county. Some budding superstars there!

Manic May lived up to its name with the kick-off of Club Leagues and County and National Competitions, add a heavy shower or two and a spot of thunder and lightning and hey presto - that's what makes it Manic May. We all love it though don't we?

May Bank Holiday saw our **Bowls' Big Weekend** - and what a weekend it was! Once again, Ma Nature did her thing and threw a few spanners in the works - not to be put off, the clubs that had registered put huge effort into making the weekend as successful as they could. I visited Wetherby BC on the Sunday, it rained but a useful visit nonetheless and I received a very warm welcome. On Monday I went to York Railway B&SC where the weather was much kinder - an equally warm welcome was received there. Great to see some colour on the greens. Who would have thought we'd be happy to see jeans and trainers on the greens? - great sight, long may it last.

Thank you to all of you that were able to take part and of those who couldn't, there's always next year.

June is off to a flying start with the men winning the first leg of the Middleton Cup against Cumbria. Whatever the rest of the season brings, one thing is for sure, their team spirit will not be beaten by anyone. Amazing!

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Safeguarding Survey

June 7

Important

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Aviva National Finals

Tickets are now on sale

Advanced Booking Prices

£5.50 for standard days

£6.50 for premium days

Gate Prices

£8.50 for standard days

£9.50 for premium days

Players will receive free day passes from the gate.

There will be a limited amount of free day passes to the players' supporters.

These will be available from the Ladies' and Men's Competition Secretaries.



Ladies' Section

The Yorkshire Ladies' Northern Counties Teams have started the season well. The Northern Trophy team achieved an overall win in their first game against Cumbria. Their second match is on June 7th against Northumberland. The Stella Logan team achieved wins on both of their first 2 matches, against Cumbria and Durham. They play again on June 14th against Northumberland. Onwards and upwards ladies.

Despite the poor weather conditions, the Ladies' County matches are well underway and we have hopes to see many of our lady players appearing in the finals at Leamington.

Our ladies Walker Cup Team managed a win in their match against Derbyshire, winning by just 1 point on an extra end 34 to 33 shots.

Our Ladies' County Day will be held on 12th June at Shipton BC. This is an open invitation to all lady bowlers of all BE/YBA affiliated clubs in Yorkshire. We are looking forward to seeing many new faces at this friendly fun event, which finishes with tea and jam and cream filled scones. Please let Janet Farnsworth know if you wish to attend this event so we can manage the numbers.

Our Ladies' President's tour is scheduled for beginning of July and our Ladies Trophy Presentation luncheon is booked for Tuesday 15th October 2024. Details will be sent out later for this.

Vivien Wilton-Middlemass, YBA Ladies' Secretary

Men's Section

As we start our 2024 YBA Men's Inter-County programme the issue of just how people get selected to play for the County is sometimes asked. With over 100 nominations to play for the County it's not an easy task! If you are interested in knowing more just [click here](#).

Remember if you want to experience the honour to represent Bowls Yorkshire keep trying! If your performance is good enough there's a route into any of the YBA Inter County Teams!!

Andy Humphreys

YBA Men's Secretary



UK Open Family Pairs

August 3

Dunnington BC

We have had some more entries for this new and exciting competition.

There is still time to enter though. Judging by what the clubs saw at Bowls' Big Weekend, we should have some new members that perhaps don't know about this competition. They are too late for County or National Competitions this year but this would be ideal. Please get in touch with those people who came to YOUR Bowls' Big Weekend.

Entries at:

www.ticketsource.co.uk and search UK Family Pairs.

Come and have a go, what have you got to lose?



Safeguarding Survey

I recently sent an email to you asking if you would fill in a survey about Safeguarding.

Some of you have been in contact to say that you don't have any Safeguarding issues in your clubs. That's a great achievement but Bowls England need to know that information too, so it's really important that, whatever your club situation is, you fill in the survey. Bowls England are expecting a response from **ALL** clubs. The deadline is **Friday 7th June**. Thank you in advance for your participation.

The YBA is responsible for implementing and administering the Bowls England Safeguarding Policy: which recognises and acknowledges its responsibilities to safeguard the welfare of all of its members. Bullying and Harassment come under the heading of Safeguarding.

So, what is bullying? Far too big a subject to cover here but in a nutshell:


Bullying is the use of force, coercion, hurtful teasing or threat to abuse, aggressively dominate or intimidate. The behaviour is often repeated and habitual. If what someone says or does makes you feel uncomfortable then this is classed as a form of bullying.

Members of the county, or their supporters, shall not be subject to any form of bullying. You have a right to be safe! Nobody has the right to make you unhappy! If you are being bullied, or know that someone is being bullied, tell someone. It is not your fault. In the first instance, talk to your Club Safeguarding Officer but if he/she is not available then talk to your County Safeguarding Officer.

Mick O'Donnell modonnell@yorkrailwaybsc.org.uk

Any transgression could lead to disciplinary action being taken.

Mick O'Donnell and the County Administrator will be attending a Safeguarding meeting with Bowls England on 26th June where we hope to hear the results of the survey and how many clubs in our region took part.



SAFEGUARDING SURVEY
MAY/JUNE 2024

BOWLS ENGLAND

Good afternoon Lesley,

No one in sports and physical activity; whether they are a volunteer, participant, spectator or elite athlete, should ever have to worry about abuse or harassment.

We write in advance of the June Safeguarding County Drop-In Call to request your assistance in completing the Bowls England 2024 Safeguarding Survey via the button below.

The survey is being sent to yourselves as County Administrators and to separately to any Safeguarding Officers signed up to the Bowls England Safeguarding Bulletin. The survey must only be completed once.

The survey is to be completed by all affiliated Clubs and Counties. If you are aware of a Club within your County that does not have a Safeguarding Officer and therefore will not receive this survey, please may you forward it on to an appropriate person (such as Club Secretary) as we must ensure every Club and County is answered for.

The deadline is 7th June 2024.

Please contact safeguarding@bowlsworld.com if you have any issues or questions. Please note, further safeguarding guidance is to be distributed following the results of the survey which may answer your questions.

Safeguarding Survey



Bowls' Big Weekend

This year's Bowls' Big Weekend was a resounding success with over 660 clubs opening their doors for free over the bank holiday weekend, bringing together communities, showcasing the sport and creating memories. With a fantastic turnout and an array of inspiring stories, the event truly highlighted the joy and inclusiveness of bowls.

At York Railway B&SC...

International star Amy Pharaoh and England Junior Women's Manager Nicola Bowe were on hand to assist and encourage newcomers and staff from the Aviva York office. Amy's display of her World and Commonwealth medals to the children was a highlight, sparking excitement and admiration among the young attendees.



Bowls' Big Weekend

At Wetherby Bowling Club...

Carol Lyons, a club member, baked a cake to celebrate the occasion.

They are lucky enough to have 2 greens, 1 flat and 1 crown! Most members at Wetherby play both and, as the greens have floodlights, they can have a much longer playing season. On their Bowls' Big Weekend events they opened their gates to both greens. Laughter was heard!

Wetherby Bowling Club – Flat and Crown



Reminder

This is YOUR newsletter - if you have anything you want to have published, please let me have it by the end of the month. Content by email only please, I will happily publish it for you but I won't write it for you. Copy and paste is a marvelous tool!

Until next month, enjoy Flaming June and enjoy your bowling.

