

# Birstall Bowling Club Newsletter

June 2023

## Bowls England Bowls' Big Weekend

We hosted two events as part of Bowls England's Bowls' Big Weekend and a sunny Saturday encouraged plenty of people onto the green, including Kingscroft's Jamie-Lea Marshall who brought her Commonwealth Games gold medal to show to visitors. On the Monday, Bowls England President Deepak Tanna popped in to watch the potential new bowlers.

Thanks go to Steve Bacon, Di Hartop, Gary Kilbourne and everyone who helped out during the weekend welcoming visitors and offering advice and assistance.



## County Competitions

Kat Bowman, Jan Everitt, Jenni Golding and Di Hurst just missed out in qualifying for Leamington in the ladies county fours competition, losing to Pam Sutton's Kingscroft four in the semi-final.

In the men's county fours, John Hurst, Roger Cooper, Andy Wye and Shane Hayes were also one game away from qualifying, they lost to Joe Dawson's Kingscroft four in their semi-final.

Our **ladies unbadged** team play Kirby Muxloe at home on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June (1.30pm).

Our **men's unbadged** team beat Oadby in their first game and play Belgrave at home in the next round on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June (10.00am).

We play Coalville in the first round of the **men's county cup** on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July (6.15pm) with two rinks at home and two away.

Bowls Leicestershire's website [www.bowlsleicestershire.com](http://www.bowlsleicestershire.com) has all the details of our members progress in the various county competitions.

### National Competitions

Our **ladies Top Club** team play Shepshed away in the Leicestershire semi-final on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June (6.00pm) following victory over Narborough in the previous round.

The **men's Top Club** team narrowly lost in the first round to Shepshed, and the **men's Two Fours** team were beaten by New Lount in the second round.

Members are also involved in individual competitions and you can keep up to date with their progress by visiting the Competitions Portal section at [www.bowlsengland.com](http://www.bowlsengland.com)

### Bramley Bowl

In the first round of this season's Parks Bramley Bowl, we play Abbey Park away on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June (6.00pm). The team sheet is in the men's changing room.

### Club Competitions

Ten pairs played in the **Aussie Pairs** with Joan Preston and Di Hurst winning the competition. Runners up were Roger Bartlett and John Hurst.

Well done also to Jo Norton and Di Hartop who won the **Edith Smith Pairs** competition. Runners Up were Bev Stephens and Angie Parkin.

The **Adnett Pairs** also took place last month and congratulations go to Pat Davies and Dave Smith who won the competition with Dawn Logan and Rick Everitt runners up.

### League News

Both of our teams have played four matches in the **Loughborough Triples League** Division One with Sands in third on 17 points and Lighthouse fifth on 15 points. Sands play Lighthouse on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June (2.00pm) in the first of the two matches between our two teams.

Our next **Leicester League** game is at Soar Valley on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June (6.15pm). We play Kingscroft in the cup on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June (6.15pm) with two rinks at home and two away.

The first round of matches in the **Ladies Friday Triples League** start on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

### Officer Vacancies

As you will know, all offices are up for election at the end of each season, however a number of current officers in the following positions will not be putting themselves forward for next year; Men's and ladies' competition secretaries, ladies fixture secretary and men's selectors (3). If you are interested in taking on any of these positions next season, please speak to the current officers who will be more than happy to pass on their knowledge and offer any assistance.