



MERSEYSIDE COUNTY CROWN GREEN BOWLING ASSOCIATION

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MERSEYSIDE MERIT 2017

PHIL LEE is the new Merseyside Merit champion, coming through the final eight (or should that be seven!) at Wellington Bowling Club in Hale Village. Lee, who plays his bowls on the Wirral for Tixall, defeated his club colleague, James Fitzpatrick, 21-17 in the final, having been in front 16-3 at one stage. Both players now go forward to represent Merseyside at the BCGBA Senior Individual Merit at the Griff & Coton Sports Club, Nuneaton, in July with Lee also taking his place in the BCGBA Champion of Champions at the famous Waterloo Hotel, Blackpool, in September. Lee received the Merit trophy from the competition sponsor, John Crowther.

Lee faced young Kye Gorman (Heswall RBL), grandson of the competition sponsor, in his opener and used all his experience to ensure there was to be no upset in his 21-11 victory. His Tixall colleague, Danny Barwise stood in his way of a place in the final but he overcame that challenge with a 21-14 success. Barwise having received a quarter-final bye following the 'no show' of Stephen Glover.

Fitzpatrick meanwhile was involved in two titanic battles, first defeating the 2007 champion, Dave McDermott (Tixall) 21-18 then scraping past Gladstone's James Motley, 21-10. Motley had ended the hopes of Nigel Hughes (Tixall) adding to his 2014 triumph with a 21-14 victory.



QUARTER-FINALS

Kye Gorman	11	Phil Lee	21
Stephen Glover	scr	Danny Barwise	w/o
Nigel Hughes	14	James Motley	21
Dave McDermott	18	James Fitzpatrick	21

SEMI-FINALS

Phil Lee	21	Danny Barwise	14
James Motley	20	James Fitzpatrick	21

FINAL

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