



BRITISH CROWN GREEN BOWLING ASSOCIATION

SEMI-FINALISTS TO BE DECIDED IN LADIES COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

SECTION 1	Pts	Agg
Warwick & Worcester	4	115
Cheshire	2	11
Wales	2	-27
Staffordshire	0	-99
SECTION 2	Pts	Agg
Dudley & District	4	192
North Lancs & Fylde	2	86
Burton & District	2	-76
North Shropshire	0	-202
SECTION 3	Pts	Agg
Shropshire	4	282
South Yorkshire	4	252
South Staffordshire	0	-244
Lancashire	0	-290
SECTION 4	Pts	Agg
Yorkshire	4	330
Greater Manchester	2	9
North Midlands	2	-142
North Warwickshire	0	-197
PRESIDENTS	Pts	Agg
Mid Cheshire	4	95
North Derbyshire	2	56
Cumbria	2	12
Merseyside	0	-163

Counties in the 2023 BCGBA **Ladies County Championship** have one last opportunity, on Sunday 16th July, to qualify for the semi-final stages with all teams having now played two rounds of matches.

Warwick & Worcester must start as favourites against Staffordshire in **Section 1** and top the section. Having opened their season with a 110 chalk victory over Wales in May, they were relieved to get past Cheshire with just five chalks to spare in their latest match, the winning jacks shared twelve apiece.

In **Section 2**, Dudley & District must see off the challenge of North Lancs & Fylde in their last match having already defeated Burton & District (92) and North Shropshire (100). It is going to take a big effort from the Fylde Coast team to oust Dudley from the top spot, likewise for Burton & District, as their superior aggregate is likely to go in Dudley's favour.

It's a straight shoot-out in **Section 3** with the winners of the Shropshire v South Yorkshire fixture reaching the penultimate stage. Both sides have destroyed their opposition in their previous matches with both sides inflicting a 122 chalk defeat over South Staffordshire while South Yorkshire's 130 chalk victory over Lancashire was bettered by Shropshire by some 30 chalks.

In **Section 4**, it is a similar scenario to Section 2 where a victory by second-placed Greater Manchester over leaders and defending champions Yorkshire is unlikely to affect the outcome at the top of the table. Yorkshire hold a 321 aggregate advantage over the Mancunians thanks to victories of 151 over North Midlands and 179 against North Warwickshire.

Mid Cheshire are favourites to win the **Presidents Section** with their final match being against bottom side Merseyside. Should Merseyside defy the odds and win, North Derbyshire or Cumbria could leap-frog Mid Cheshire to claim the title.

Lancashire Ladies were proud to select **Toni Williams** for their first county match this year.

Toni, aged just 52, has sadly been diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease, which unfortunately is taking hold quite rapidly. Her husband, Brian, pushed her wheelchair around the green so she could play her game.

Lancashire Ladies were grateful for the support of their opponents, South Yorkshire.



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2023 BCGBA LADIES SENIOR INDIVIDUAL MERIT

Saturday 8th July – 10am

Tarleton Bowling & Social Club, Sutton Lane, Tarleton, Preston PR4 6UY

Admission £5.00

The 2022 **Ladies Senior Merit** champion, Chloe Hirst (Yorkshire) will be back to defend her title when this year's competition moves to Tarleton Bowling & Social Club in Lancashire. Chloe's defence starts against Debbie Whitworth from near-neighbours, South Yorkshire.

Former winner, Nicola Boulton, who Chloe beat in last year's final, 21-20, has qualified again and faces Liz Buckley from North Warwickshire in her opening round while the only other former winner in this year's line-up, Linda Williams (Wales) winner in 2012, takes on Sally King from Shropshire.

Julie Bonnar (North Derbyshire)	v	Cheryl Caswell (Shropshire)
Jean Wanbon (Cheshire)	v	Vikki Wilson (South Staffordshire)
Shannon Kernick (Warwick & Worcester)	v	Julie Burgess (Staffordshire)
Charlotte Buckley (Greater Manchester)	v	Andrea Buckley (Yorkshire)
Liz Bennett (North Lancs & Fylde)	v	Helen Williams (Dudley & District)
Emily Weaver (Warwick & Worcester)	v	Wendy Thompson (Merseyside)
Nicola Boulton (Mid Cheshire)	v	Liz Buckley (North Warwickshire)
Barbara Lowe (Burton & District)	v	Alexis Lunn-Gadd (Yorkshire)
Natalia Connor (Shropshire)	v	Sue Gawne (Isle of Man)
Melanie Saville-Fearn (South Yorkshire)	v	Samantha Murray (South Staffordshire)
Sheila Wilson (North Derbyshire)	v	Jane Glaister (Cumbria)
Caroline David (Wales)	v	Jasmine Kendall (Yorkshire)
Joan Beer (North Lancs & Fylde)	v	Karen Galvin (Cheshire)
Charlotte Perry (North Warwickshire)	v	Tina Ralph (North Shropshire)
Bev Sumner (Lancashire)	v	Gail Lewis (Merseyside)
Emily Kernick (Warwick & Worcester)	v	Mary Mousley (Burton & District)
Linda Williams (Wales)	v	Sally King (Shropshire)
Debbie Watters (North Lancs & Fylde)	v	Sheila Jones (Staffordshire)
Chloe Hirst (Yorkshire)	v	Debbie Whitworth (South Yorkshire)
Violet Dennison (Cumbria)	v	Alisha Marshall (Mid Cheshire)
Sharon Tatem (Burton & District)	v	Stephanie Witherspoon (Warwick & Worcester)
Jackie Burdett (North Midlands)	v	Amy Evans (North Warwickshire)
Susan Pugh (Dudley & District)	v	Kathryn Gee (Cheshire)
Anne Goddard (North Derbyshire)	v	June Taylor (Greater Manchester)
Sarah Edmondson (North Lancs & Fylde)	v	Clare Backhouse (Cumbria)
Jordan Picken (South Staffordshire)	v	Debbie Davis (Yorkshire)
Jane Cooper (Staffordshire)	v	Amanda Nicholas (Wales)
Tracy Bound (Shropshire)	v	Donna Wainwright (South Yorkshire)
Veronica Lyon (Cheshire)	v	Sharon Rigden (Lancashire)
Diane Hearnden (Warwick & Worcester)	v	Suzy Ladbrooke (Yorkshire)
Anita Richardson (Merseyside)	v	Jayne Smith (Isle of Man)
Alyson Evans (North Warwickshire)	v	Vanessa McEgan (Greater Manchester)

JORDEN IS A CLASSIC WINNER

The county average winners from the 2022 season assembled at Woodfield Sports & Social Club in South Staffordshire where the first of two BCGBA **Ladies County Average Winners Classics** of the season took place.

All BCGBA competitions will now be played in the same year so the county average winners from the 2023 season will play again on Saturday 5th August, rather than the following year.

JORDEN PICKEN from the host county emerged victorious to receive the trophy from the Ladies President, Mavis Hancock. In the final she accounted for Jayne Kent (South Yorkshire), winning 21-12.



Jorden made her intentions known from the off, leaving Ashley Zepleda (Wales) on just 2. This was followed by a comfortable 21-12 victory over Amy Evans (North Warwickshire) but she was involved in a fierce battle with Shropshire's Tracy Bound in her semi-final, eventually winning 21-18.

SOUTH YORKSHIRE CROWNED VETERANS CHAMPIONS

The 2023 BCGBA **Ladies Veterans County Championship** was played in scorching heat at Centre Vale Park, Todmorden, where for the first time since the Covid pandemic, a full complement of sixteen teams entered. Divided into four groups, playing on a round-robin basis, the group winners would contest the semi-finals and the two winners the final.

South Yorkshire, Wales, Greater Manchester and the defending champions, Yorkshire, came through their groups undefeated to book their semi-final places. South Yorkshire won by 20 chinks overall against Wales in the first semi-final with Yorkshire booking their place in the final stage with a 12 chalk victory over Greater Manchester.

In the final, the defending champions opened with a 15-4 card from Julie Best and a 15-9 card from Lorraine Hirst but that was to be the last of their winning jacks as they saw their neighbours dominate the remaining six games. Yvonne Hamilton (15-2), Liz Burkhill (15-5), Shirly Acton (15-8), Denise Green (15-9) Margaret Smith (15-9) and Diane Burridge (15-10) secured their team a 30 chalk victory and received the trophy from Ladies President, Mavis Hancock.





2023 BCGBA

Jack & Jean Isherwood Veterans Championship

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Two former winners have made it through to the last 32 of the 2023 BCGBA **Jack & Jean Isherwood Veterans Championship** – Paul Stretton (Derbyshire) and Noel Burrows (Cheshire). Noel's Cheshire colleague, Andy Proctor, misses out on defending the title he won last year.

Noel, winner in 2012, will be the last game on the green in the first round and takes on Howard Broadbent from Yorkshire. Meanwhile, Paul plays Tony Roche from Shropshire in his opening game and hopes to add to his 2019 success when he beat Mike Fieldhouse (Cumbria), 21-14 in the final.

This year we have two lady bowlers in the line-up. Alyson Evans (North Midlands) plays Kenton Shaw (Wales) while Janet Monk will travel over from the Isle of Man to play Joe Melvin (Potteries & District).

Billy Harding (Cumbria)	v	Mike Fleming (North Lancs & Fylde)
John Colebourne (Derbyshire)	v	Mark Thomas (Shropshire)
Roger Wilson (Wales)	v	David Jackson (Cheshire)
Peter Prescott (Staffordshire)	v	Duncan Watkins (Lancashire)
Mark Street (Warwick & Worcester)	v	Robert Wiltshire (South Yorkshire)
Brian Mallon (Greater Manchester)	v	Geoff Smith (Derbyshire)
Alyson Evans (North Midlands)	v	Kenton Shaw (Wales)
Ian Howard (Yorkshire)	v	Martin Simcock (Potteries & District)
Phil Boydell (Lancashire)	v	Bernard Goodhead (Wales)
Paul Stretton (Derbyshire)	v	Tony Roche (Shropshire)
Brian Roberts (Merseyside)	v	Dave McRoy (Cumbria)
Chris Lord (Greater Manchester)	v	Graham Donnelly (Cheshire)
Stephen Johnson (North Lancs & Fylde)	v	Ronnie Regan (Warwick & Worcester)
Barry Harris (Wales)	v	Andrew Sorsby (South Yorkshire)
Joe Melvin (Potteries & District)	v	Janet Monk (Isle of Man)
Howard Broadbent (Yorkshire)	v	Noel Burrows (Cheshire)

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YORKSHIRE AIMING FOR SEVENTH TITLE

	Pts	Agg	
Yorkshire	4	299	Yorkshire Juniors have all but secured a seventh consecutive BCGBA Junior County Championship title and their confirmation as champions will be made following the completion of their 2023 fixtures against Shropshire on Sunday 9th July.
Shropshire	2	65	Shropshire are currently in second place but the Yorkshire lads and lasses would have to implode such is their massive aggregate advantage. Wales will be hoping to take advantage of a Yorkshire win and pip Shropshire to second place as they take on bottom side, Staffordshire.
Wales	2	-64	
Staffordshire	0	-300	

JUNIOR TEAM COMPETITIONS SUFFER FROM WITHDRAWALS

The men's Junior Six-a-Side Championship and the Ladies Junior County Team Championship suffered last-minute withdrawals, severely depleting both competitions.

The **Junior Six-a-Side Championship** saw the qualifier at Florence Tennis & Bowling Club (Potteries & District) cancelled with the event at Windle Bowling Club (Merseyside) going ahead with just five teams.

Cumbria topped the section after each team had played their four matches with the team from the Isle of Man claiming second place. Cumbria suffered just a solitary loss out of the twenty-four games they played, that honour falling to the Isle of Man's Grace Gawne who won her game 15-8.

The Isle of Man team's only loss was to Cumbria but secured victories over third-placed South Yorkshire, fourth-placed Lancashire and bottom-placed Cheshire.

The **Ladies Junior County Team Championship** was originally set for two groups of five teams but, with the withdrawals, this was reduced to one group of five teams.

After three matches played Yorkshire and the defending champions, Warwick & Worcester 'A', were undefeated following victories over the Isle Man 'A', Isle of Man 'B' and Warwick & Worcester 'B'. Yorkshire ran out comfortable winners in the group decider with 31 chinks to spare when all scores were added up.

DERRICK RADLEY, RIP



It is with great sadness that Yorkshire County Crown Green Bowling Association advise of the passing of their former County Secretary, Derrick Radley.

Derrick, 93, passed away earlier in the month having spent the last ten years of his life in care homes but remained fully interested in all bowling events until his health significantly deteriorated.

Derrick spent most of his adult life involved in playing and the administration of Crown Green Bowls. He was Yorkshire County Secretary and Treasurer between 1983 and 1994 and then after the county re-organisation, he became Competition and Match Secretary between 1995 and 1999. He was held in the greatest respect by all Yorkshire bowlers and by bowlers of his generation in Huddersfield and laid the foundations for bowling's continuing success in both areas.

His family have decided there will be no funeral service and Derrick will be cremated privately. Should anyone wish to pay a personal tribute to Derrick, BCGBA Chairman, Alan Stephenson, is willing to collate these and pass them on to his family. You can email Alan at davidalanstephenson@gmail.com.

The BCGBA extends their deepest sympathy to Derrick's family, friends and bowling colleagues at this sad time.

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LAST CHANCE TO QUALIFY FOR COUNTY SEMI'S

SECTION 1	Pts	Agg
Derbyshire	4	56
Merseyside	2	35
Wales	2	32
North Lancs & Fylde	0	-123

Counties will have one more chance, this coming Sunday (2nd July), to claim their place in the 2023 BCGBA **Senior County Championship** semi-finals as the qualifying sections draw to a close.

Derbyshire hold the advantage in **Section 1** and victory over Wales will see them qualify with an unblemished record. However, a Welsh win could see them top the section though a Merseyside victory against North Lancs & Fylde could even see them rise to the top.

SECTION 2	Pts	Agg
Yorkshire	4	186
Warwick & Worcester	2	-19
South Yorkshire	2	-28
Lancashire	0	-139

Yorkshire are virtually guaranteed top spot in **Section 2** as their superior aggregate will be enough to see them through to the semi-finals. They will however want to finish with a 100% record and, as an extra incentive, they will be hoping to get one over on their neighbours, South Yorkshire.

And it's a similar scenario in **Section 3**. Shropshire's aggregate advantage should be enough to see them through to the penultimate stage though their opponents, Greater Manchester, will be hoping to upset the odds and lift themselves off the bottom of the table.

SECTION 3	Pts	Agg
Shropshire	4	174
North Midlands	2	-33
Cheshire	2	-91
Greater Manchester	0	-50

In **Section 4** it will go down to the final match between Cumbria and Staffordshire as to who will make the last four. Potteries & District have completed their matches, losing by 11 against Staffordshire and then beating Cumbria by 1, so they will be hoping they have done enough to qualify for the Supplementary County Championship.

SECTION 4	Pts	Agg
Staffordshire	2	11
Potteries & District	2	-10
Cumbria	0	-1

The **Supplementary County Championship** is for counties that finish second and third in their section, except for Section 4 where the county finishing third is replaced by the Isle of Man.

An agreed formula, as contained in the rules, will see Group One consist of the Runner-up in Section 1, Third in Section 2, Runner-up in Section 3, Isle of Man. Group Two will consist of Third in Section 1, Runner-up in Section 2, Third in Section 3, Runner-up in Section 4.

The draw and venue will be posted on the BCGBA website as soon as possible following the completion of the July fixtures.

2023 SENIOR MERIT

With some counties yet to declare their qualifiers for the 2023 BCGBA **Senior Individual Merit**, the 64 line-up will contain at least three former winners who have all won the prestigious trophy on two occasions.

Matt Gilmore, winner in 2001 and 2016, both at Llay Welfare in Wales, has qualified as the Merseyside County Champion. He will be joined by **Graeme Wilson**, winner in 2000 and 2004, as one of Yorkshire's eight qualifiers and **Noel Burrows**, winner in 1976 and 2010, who qualifies as one of Cheshire's representatives.

This year's finals take place at Heaton Park BC, Greater Manchester, on Saturday 29th July with the first games taking to the green at 10am. The draw should be available to view via the BCGBA website on Thursday 6th July.

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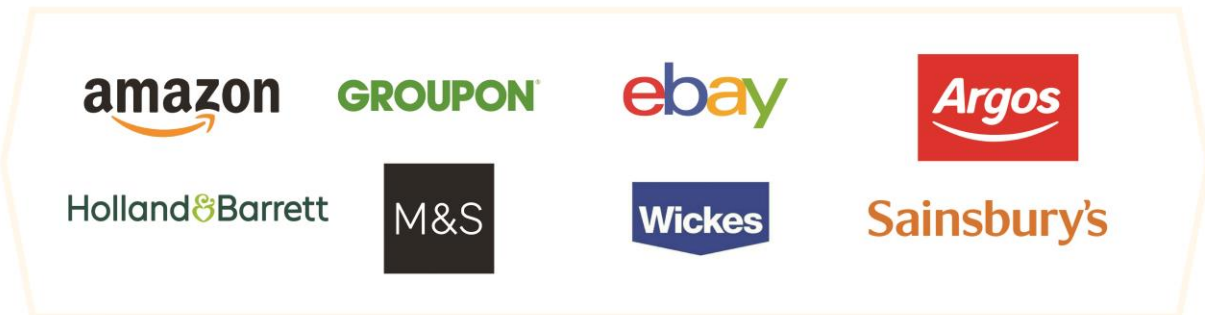


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COUNTIES READY FOR VETERANS QUALIFYING

The 2023 BCGBA [Veterans County Championship](#) is once again upon us with qualifying taking place on Thursday 13th July at four regional venues throughout the country. The four regional winners qualify for finals day on Thursday 3rd August which will be played at a neutral venue.

All regions start at 10am and the results will be posted on the BCGBA website.

REGION 1 – Cumbria – at Lindal Bowling Club (LA12 0LA)

Cumbria, Lancashire, Merseyside, North Lancs & Fylde

REGION 2 – Derbyshire – at Matlock Golf Club (DE4 5LZ)

Derbyshire, South Yorkshire, Yorkshire, South Yorkshire Parks

REGION 3 – Cheshire – at Owley Wood Recreation Club (CW8 3LS)

Cheshire, Greater Manchester, Potteries & District, Wales

REGION 4 – North Midlands – at Haunchwood Sports & Social Club (CV10 9NH)

North Midlands, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Warwick & Worcester

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