



BRITISH CROWN GREEN BOWLING ASSOCIATION

GLYNN HOLMES, RIP

Derbyshire County Crown Green Bowling Association are sad to announce the passing of their long-standing Secretary of over 30 years, Glynn Holmes. Glynn passed away on Wednesday 6th August.

BCGBA CEO, Mark Bircumshaw, paid tribute to Glynn, saying 'On behalf of British Crown Green Bowling Association I wish to express our sincere condolences to Glynn's family and many friends. Glynn has been Secretary for Derbyshire for many years and will be missed by us all. He has represented the County on the BCGBA Management and Executive as well as working on many projects for the association over the years. He has left a large hole in so many areas and will be greatly missed by many.'

On a personal note, Glynn has been a great supporter and spent many hours working with me throughout the Covid period, working on guidance and plans that were submitted to the Department of Sport prior to us returning to play. I will miss him massively. RIP Glynn'.

A 'Celebration of Life' service will take place on Thursday 28th September, 1pm, at Amber Valley Memorial Park, Swanick, Derbyshire DE55 1BH. Family flowers only and any donations can be made to Ashgate Hospice.

Glynn's family would be pleased to welcome those attending at Matlock Golf Club following the service.



2023 CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

The draws have been made for both the Mens and Ladies 2023 BCGBA Champion of Champions which will again be played at Monk Sports & Social Club (Hillock Lane, Woolston, Warrington WA4 4NF) over the weekend of Saturday 29th September and Sunday 1st October.

Both the current champions, Chris Kelly and Shannon Kernick will be back to defend their titles. At the time of writing, there are two places available to complete the mens draw and providing we don't have a player who has already qualified, the winners of the Waterloo Handicap and Talbot Trophy will take their place in the draw. You can view both draws on page 5.

Play starts at 10am on both days and admission is £10 per day. However, if you are planning to attend both championships, a two-day ticket is available at a cost of £15 per person.

SUPPORTING

LOUIE RARELY TROUBLED ON WAY TO JUNIOR MERIT TITLE

LOUIE FURNISS was rarely troubled on his way to claiming the **2023 BCGBA Junior Individual Merit** title when the county representative assembled at Essington BC, Staffordshire.



The Derbyshire bowler restricted his first two opponents, Sam Bennett (Wales) and Jordan Millman (Shropshire) to just five chinks each as he eased his way to the quarter-finals.

Here, it was looking like his day was about to end as he trailed Mia Benton from the host county 18-6. A 10-break got him to within two of his opponent but he lost the jack at the next end to leave him just two chinks from defeat. He regained his composure to finish with a run of singles and a relieved 21-19 winner.

He was back to his best in his semi-final against Alfie Knight (North Midlands), winning 21-9 and claiming the junior title at the expense of Owen Evans from Staffordshire, 21-14 in the final.

BCGBA Deputy President, Frank James, made the presentation of the magnificent trophy to Louie whose victory earned him a place in the 2023 BCGBA Champion of Champions.

CENTENARY MIXED PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

New winners of the **2023 BCGBA Centary Mixed Pairs Championship** are guaranteed as none of the previous winning pairs have qualified for this season's championship, to be played at Owley Wood Recreation Club on Saturday 7th October (10am).

Emily Kernick (Warwick & Worcester), Jenny Moore (Isle of Man), Lynsey Gorman (Merseyside) and Debbie Talbot (South Yorkshire) have all tasted victory but with different partners.

Jodie Dickinson & Tom Wiltshire (South Yorkshire)
Janet Cross & Eddie Gowen (Cheshire)
Denise Hodge & Nigel Fryer (Greater Manchester)
Louise Ollerton & David Molyneux (Lancashire)
Debbie & Joshua Talbot (South Yorkshire)
Jenny Moore & James Teare (Isle of Man)
Liza Harrison & Jonathon Lacey (North Lancs & Fylde)
Tori Hartshorn & Ben Stone-Payne (Derbyshire)
Tracy Over & Martin Jones (Wales)
Shannon Kernick & Jack Newsome (Warwick & Worcester)
Elaine Moore & Glynn Hargraves (Isle of Man)
Lisa & Ian Christopherson (South Yorkshire)
Jade Beresford & Liam Gregson (Lancashire)
Chloe Hirst & Gareth Coates (Yorkshire)
Olivia & Max Jefferson (North Midlands)
Sue & Kevin Nugent (Merseyside)

v **Jack & Vikki Williams** (Warwick & Worcester)
v **Lyn Bolton & Peter Jones** (Isle of Man)
v **Lynsey Gorman & John Finch** (Merseyside)
v **Emily & Darren James** (North Lancs & Fylde)
v **Hayley Carpenter & Carl Lewis** (Wales)
v **Emma Ribbons & Andrew Campbell** (Potteries & District)
v **Adam Weaver & Abby Easthorpe** (Warwick & Worcester)
v **Jasmine Kendal & Craig Gant** (Yorkshire)
v **Dawn Parkes & Keith Williamson** (Potteries & District)
v **Emma Duncan & Nathan Lacey** (Shropshire)
v **Maggie & Rob Swift** (North Lancs & Fylde)
v **Sophie Rigney & Tom Eccles** (Greater Manchester)
v **Gill & Barry Simm** (North Lancs & Fylde)
v **Emily & James Kernick** (Warwick & Worcester)
v **Gill Dixon & Stefan Kelly** (Isle of Man)
v **Marie & Paul Hallett** (Wales)



Presents

2023 CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

Monk Sports & Social Club, Hillock Lane, Woolston, Warrington WA1 4NF

SATURDAY 30th SEPTEMBER

BCGBA MEN

SUNDAY 1st OCTOBER

BCGBA LADIES

10am start

Admission

Two day ticket (Saturday and Sunday) - £15

Daily ticket (Saturday or Sunday) - £10

Bar – Refreshments – Raffle

2023 CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS DRAWS

MEN

Darren Plenderleith (George Masters 2022)	v Gareth Coates (Hillcrest Classic) *
Ben Gloag (Greater Manchester Merit)	v Craig Podmore (Potteries & District Merit)
Callum Wraight (Naz Worthington Memorial) *	v Louie Furniss (BCGBA Junior Individual Merit)
Paul Dudley (Spring Waterloo) *	v Greg Smith (Ribblesdale Classic) *
Andy Hamman (Cheshire Merit)	v Billy Speed (Lancashire Merit)
Nick White (South Yorkshire)	v Joe Pritchard (Welsh Merit)
James Davison (Brighouse Classic)	v Adam Penlington (Federation Merit)
Ed Furniss (Derbyshire Merit)	v Martin Simcock (BCGBA Veterans Championship)
Phil Lee (Isle of Man June Festival) *	v Matt Gilmore (Merseyside Merit)
Andy Hughes (Meole Brace Open)	v Simon Coupe (BCGBA Senior Individual Merit) *
Joe Cranston (Spen Masters)	v Joe Wiltshire (British Parks Merit)
Neil Withers (Isle of Man Merit)	v (Autumn Waterloo)
Danny Towning (Sandal Classic)	v Richard Lawson (Shropshire Merit)
Neil Harrell (Warwick & Worcester Merit)	v (Talbot Trophy)
Chris Kelly (Woodley Classic)	v Robbie Ellis (Yorkshire Merit)
Martin Gilpin (Cumbria Merit)	v Spencer McCarthy (Staffordshire Merit)

* Denotes multiple qualifier

Gareth Coates ~ Hillcrest Classic, Isle of Man September Festival

Simon Coupe ~ BCGBA Senior Individual Merit, North Lancs & Fylde Merit, Leyton Classic

Paul Dudley ~ Spring Waterloo, Fleetwood Bowling Festival

Phil Lee ~ Isle of Man June Festival, Richmond Classic

Greg Smith ~ Ribblesdale Classic, Castle Private Classic, Pudsey Classic, Wharton Cons Open, Midland Masters

Callum Wraight ~ Naz Worthington Memorial, West Brom Open

LADIES

Lisa Mills (Ladies Spring Waterloo)	v Lorraine Hirst (Enid Blackburn Trophy)
Susan Pugh (Dudley & District)	v Nicola Boulton (Mid Cheshire) *
Julie Burgess (Staffordshire)	v Debbie Whitworth (South Yorkshire)
Emma Earlam (Cheshire)	v Shannon Kernick (Norden Open Singles) *
Sharon Tatem (Burton & District)	v Jenny Moore (Isle of Man) *
Sarah Edmondson (North Lancs & Fylde)	v Amy Evans (North Warwickshire)
Emily Kernick (Ladies Fleetwood Festival)	v Sarah Weaver (Isle of Man September Tourism)
Clare Backhouse (Cumbria)	v Jordan Picken (South Staffordshire)
Alexis Lunn-Gadd (Yorkshire)	v Lisa Kerford (Lancashire)
Jess Lacey (BCGBA Ladies Junior Individual Merit)	v Lynsey Gorman (Merseyside)
Helen Cleve (Isle of Man June Festival)	v Linda Williams (Wales)
Louise Ollerton (Greater Manchester)	v Emily Weaver (Warwick & Worcester)
Melanie Saville-Fearn (Cynthia Tonge Memorial) *	v Anne Goddard (North Derbyshire)
Donna Bennett (North Shropshire)	v Andrea Buckley (BCGBA Senior Individual Merit)
Linda Hough (Isle of Man June Tourism)	v Tracy Bound (Shropshire)
Karen Galvin (Marton Institute Ladies Open)	v Jackie Burdett (North Midlands)

* Denotes multiple qualifier

Nicola Boulton ~ Mid Cheshire, Ladies Talbot

Jenny Moore ~ Isle of Man Merit, Isle of Man September Festival

Shannon Kernick ~ Norden Open Singles, Ladies Autumn Waterloo

Melanie Saville-Fearn ~ Cynthia Tonge Memorial, British Parks Ladies Merit

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STAFFORDSHIRE AND SHROPSHIRE CLAIM COUNTY TITLES

The county championship season drew to a close for another year when Shropshire inflicted a heavy overall 64-chalk victory over Warwick & Worcester in the final of the **2023 BCGBA Ladies County Championship**.

Shropshire were determined that they weren't going to end up bridesmaids again after last season's 73-chalk loss to Yorkshire and opened up an 81-chalk advantage by the halfway stage, restricting the former winners to just two winning jacks, one at each venue.

Warwick & Worcester fought hard on their Ye Olde Knowle No 1 green, turning a 45-chalk deficit at the halfway stage into a 12-chalk victory, thanks to their last four players. Shannon Kernick won 21-8, Joan Ingram and Kirsty Darling both won 21-9 and Emily Kernick 21-10. Sian Skelton's had got Shropshire off to a great start, winning 21-5.

On their Hanwood green, Shropshire got better as the game went on. After Natalia Connor's opening 21-7 win, Shavorne Osbourne added a 21-7 card with Cheryl Caswell rounding proceedings off with a 21-8 card and a 76-chalk victory with the visitors only claiming two winning jacks.

In the **Mavis Dearden Supplementary County Championship** final, South Yorkshire kept a firm grip on the title they won last season following another tough match, this time against Burton & District. North Warwickshire fell 13 chalks short last season while Burton & District got within 9 chalks of the defending champions.

South Yorkshire won by 22 on their Whiteley Woods green with Jayne Kent (21-3) and Lisa Brownell (21-8) the best of their seven winners. Over on Stretton Bowls, Debbie Talbot (21-6) and Kellie Boyd (21-7) were their standout cards.

Attention now turns to season 2024. The counties finishing bottom of the section this season automatically transfer to the Presidents Section next season. The four teams in this season's Presidents Section – Mid Cheshire, Cumbria, North Derbyshire and Merseyside – are integrated into the sections where the bottom sides would have played in 2024.

Section 1	Section 2	Section 3	Section 4	Presidents
Wales	Warwick & Worcester	Lancashire	Cheshire	Staffordshire
Burton & District	Dudley & District	Greater Manchester	North Lancs & Fylde	North Shropshire
South Yorkshire	Shropshire	Mid Cheshire	North Derbyshire	South Staffordshire
North Midlands	Yorkshire	Cumbria	Merseyside	North Warwickshire

In the Men's **2023 BCGBA Senior County Championship** final, Staffordshire's twenty-seven-year wait to win the coveted Crosfield Cup is over as they secured a 37-chalk overall victory over Derbyshire.

They suffered a 45-chalk defeat on Derbyshire's Stretton Bowls Club green where Nathan Dawes opening 21-8 card was the best of their four winners. John Dewy (21-4) and Darren Carter (21-8) were the stand-out cards for the home side.

At home, they used Stafford Bowling Club to their full advantage, claiming the first nine jacks in an 82-chalk success. They had opened up a 44-chalk advantage after the first four jacks with Dan Bodley and Chris Ward winning 21-6 and Scott Simpson winning 21-9. Glynn Storer (21-5) and Kevin Hucknull (21-8) were impressive winners in the middle four jacks.

Like the ladies, attention now turns to 2024 and the possibility of Staffordshire and Derbyshire meeting in the final again is plausible as they have been drawn in separate groups and in separate halves of the draw.

Section 1	Section 2	Section 3	Section 4
Derbyshire	Warwick & Worcester	Staffordshire	Cheshire
Greater Manchester	Potteries & District	Yorkshire	North Lancs & Fylde
Cumbria	Shropshire	Merseyside	South Yorkshire
Lancashire	Wales	North Midlands	