



North Lancs & Fylde County Newsletter – May 2023

Welcome to our first newsletter which will bring you news as to what is happening around the county as the new bowling season is now well underway.

County Competitions



Our first county competition of the season, 'Champion of League Champions' was held at Guy's Thatched Hamlet on Sunday 2nd April.

The competition comprised of 32 League Merit Winners from around the county. It was won by the Fylde's Darren James who defeated Andy Cairns 21-16 in an excellent final.

Well done to Darren who played brilliantly all day.

Many thanks to Guy's for their hospitality in hosting and the superb condition of the green, and to everyone who helped on the day.

Winner Darren James with North Lancs & Fylde CBA President Mike Fleming

Hugh Hornby Senior Individual Merit

Qualifiers for this years Merit final are to be held on:

Saturday 20th May at Penwortham Sports @10.30am & 1pm

Sunday 21st May at Carleton Bowling Club @10.30am & 1pm

Final Day on Saturday 27th May 2023, 11.00am start at Greenhill Bowling Club, 163 Manchester Rd, Burnley, BB11 4HR.

Jack & Jean Isherwood Veterans Championship

Saturday 17th June 2023 at Fulwood Bowling Club, Preston

£10 entry open to Male & Female players aged 60 years and over (no home bowlers).

This is a qualifier for the BCGBA Jack & Jean Isherwood Finals to be held on

Wednesday 5th July 2023 at Prees Cricket & Recreation Club, Prees, Shropshire, SY13 2BZ.

Centenary Mixed Pairs

Saturday 9th September 2023 at Darwen Subscription Bowling Club

£15 entry fee per pair (no home bowlers). This is a qualifier for the BCGBA Centenary Mixed Pairs Finals to be held on Saturday 7th October 2023 at Heaton Park, Manchester

County Pairs

Saturday 7th October 2023 at Frenchwood Social Club, Preston.

£20 entry per pair, open to both male and female bowlers. Pairs can also be mixed.

All Competition entries by text to **Andy Fleming** on **07870 663876** or via Facebook Messenger.

Payment is by cash to Andy or via BACS (Bank) transfer to NLFCBA:

North Lancs & Fylde County Bowling Association

Account No: **18983868**

Sort Code: **77-76-26**

*Please remember to insert the Competition name in the reference box

North Lancs & Fylde County Team Competition

Semi Final and Final to be played on Sunday 17th September 2023 (Venue tbc)

Winner & Runner up will qualify for the 2023 BCGBA World Championships.

Sunday - 8th October (Regional Qualifying). World Finals on Sunday 15th October at Heaton Park, Greater Manchester

First round draw to be played by June 30th, 2023 (four players at home, four players away) The draw is:

A. Fox Lane v Ashton

B. Frenchwood v East End

C. Kirkham Cons v Foulridge

2nd round draw, with games to be played by August 31st, 2023:

1. Winner A v Hoghton

2. Winner B v Gaghills

3. Winner C v Lostock Cons

4. St.Joesphs v Parkfield

Semi-Finals and Final on Sunday 17th September 2023 (Venue TBC)

1v2 and 3v4

Can Captains please notify **Andy Fleming** on **07870 663876** when match dates are arranged and to submit results.

Senior County team

Our Men's Senior County team are once again competing in the 'BCGBA Endsleigh Senior County Championship.'

Match Result:

Sunday 7th May – North Lancs & Fylde 396 v Derbyshire 432

Derbyshire won by an aggregate of +36

Home leg played at Bamber Bridge Catholic Club, Preston:

Played at Bamber Bridge Catholic (brownedge)				
Pos	North Lancs & Fylde	Score	Score	Derbyshire
1	Owen Jackson	9	21	Dave May <i>Best Result</i>
2	Darren Edmondson	11	21	Adam Hartley
3	Ashleigh Woof <i>Best Result</i>	21	7	Luke Guess
4	James Grimston	16	21	Ben Ryder
5	Sam Patterson	21	12	Phil Clapham
6	Paul Wilson	21	14	Richard Gill
7	Simon Coupe (C)	21	16	Gareth Nash
8	Simon Hargreaves	18	21	Dale Spragg
9	Brian Morgan	21	12	Craig Shore
10	Peter Hawkes	15	21	Callum Briddon
11	Scott Taylor	21	20	Ed Furniss
12	Lyndon Carr	21	18	Dan Hartley
	Games	7	5	
	Aggregate	216	204	

Away leg at Alvaston & Boulton Bowling Club, Derby:

Played at Alvaston & Boulton				
Pos	Derbyshire	Score	Score	North Lancs & Fylde
1	Conor Chamberlain	21	9	Andrew Cairns (C)
2	Nigel Iliff	21	14	Lee Longland
3	Neil Brown	15	21	Dave Walker
4	Darren Carter	21	18	Lee Hammond
5	Dan Petcher	21	15	Dave Worthington
6	Rikki Higgs	21	12	Callum Danson
7	Adam Stubbs	21	13	John Fox
8	Jack Brooks <i>Best Result</i>	21	6	Neil Airey
9	Tom Brown	11	21	Jonathan Lacey <i>Best Result</i>
10	Andy Fearn	13	21	Aaron Harrison
11	Matt Kelly-Walley	21	17	Paul Howarth
12	Ian Brown	21	13	Steve Clamp
	Games	9	3	
	Aggregate	228	180	

Upcoming fixtures for this season in Section 1 are:

- **Sunday 4th June – North Lancs & Fylde v Wales**
- **Sunday 2nd July – North Lancs & Fylde v Merseyside**

All games start at 2pm

Teams, venues, and live match results can be found at
<https://bowlsresults.co.uk/bcgbaseniors/>

Please come and support our team, either home or away, and places are also available for spectators to travel on the away team coach.

Junior County

Unfortunately, due to a shortage of and unavailability of players for competition dates, we have had to withdraw our Junior team from the BCGBA Junior Competitions and Federation Junior league for this season. Hopefully, we will be back with a team next year.

Our North Lancs & Fylde Youth team and last year's league runners-up are again competing in the Federation Youth League which is being held at Fox Lane Sports & Social Club, Leyland in May, and July.

The competition also includes teams from Cumbria, Leeds, and Wales.



North Lancs & Fylde Youth Team

After the first-round robin games played on Sunday 7th May, the team currently lie in second place in the group.

GROUP A			
POS	TEAM	PLAYED	POINTS
1	LEEDS	3	25
2	NORTH LANCS & FYLDE	3	11
3	WREXHAM	3	9

Next fixture is on Sunday 9th July. Games start 10am.

Please come along and support our upcoming young talent.

North Lancs & Fylde Ladies County team

Our Ladies County team will once again be competing in the BCGBA Ladies County Championship in Section 2.

Fixtures for this season are:

Sunday 21st May - North Lancs & Fylde v North Shropshire

Home match will be played at East End Bowling Club, Lorne Street, Lytham, FY8 5BT.

Please come along and support our Ladies team in their first home county match of the season. Match starts at 2pm.

Facilities: Plenty of seating and shelter. Tea, coffee sandwiches and cakes will also be available to purchase.

Car Parking: As the Club is situated in a residential area, we have secured parking for the away coach, all the home players, and spectators at Lytham Primary Care on Victoria Street, Lytham, FY8 5DZ. (5 mins walk to the bowling green)

Teams and live match results can be found at <https://www.bowlsresults.co.uk/ladies/>

Upcoming fixtures:

Sunday 18th June – North Lancs & Fylde v Burton & District

Sunday 16th July – North Lancs & Fylde v Dudley & District

Games start at 2pm.

Alexander ‘Alec’ Collins



It is with some sadness to report that Alec Collins passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by his family, on Thursday 27th April, aged 78 years.

Alec was President of North Lancs & Fylde County Bowling Association in 2018 & 2019, and a former Secretary of the Preston & District League. He had many friends across the bowling community.

We would like to offer our sincere condolences to Alec's family and friends at this sad time.

Tribute to Mel Byron

It is with great sadness that we have to inform you of the sudden and tragic death of Mel Byron.

Mel was from Wakefield in West Yorkshire and had been a hotelier in Blackpool for the last 20 years .



He played throughout that time with great distinction for Layton Institute, Marton Institute, and North Lancs & Fylde County team.

Mel was a great competitor, teammate and friend who was liked and respected throughout the Crown Green Bowling community.

We would like to offer our sincere condolences to Mel's family and friends at this sad time.

RIP Mel, you will be greatly missed, but always remembered.

A funeral service for Mel will take place on Friday 2nd June at 11.30am, Lytham Park Crematorium, followed by a reception at The Hotel and Apartments Social Club.



Players, officials, and spectators held an impeccable minute's silence at the recent North Lancs & Fylde v Derbyshire at Brownedge Bowling Club, in memory of Mel.

Bowls' Big Weekend 2023



Has your Club signed up to the 'Bowls' Big Weekend' initiative for 2023?

The events take place between Friday 26th and Monday 29th May and are aimed at encouraging more people to have a try at bowls. There's nationwide publicity linked to the weekend and hopefully, like last year, it will be featured on BBC TV.

Why not hold an 'Open Day' at your Club? Remember, there's equipment that you can borrow from North Lancs & Fylde to support you with this.

To register your event on the 'Bowls' Big Weekend 2023' website, simply visit the page, select 'BCGBA Affiliated', find your Club on the drop-down menu, and enter the times and dates of your 'Open Day'. By registering, you'll get sent a pack of flyers, balloons, information guides, etc... along with a link to a huge amount of social media templates to share across your local community.

From the data captured from previous year's events, almost every Club that runs an 'Open Day' gains at least one new member... with some gaining significantly more. How many Clubs wouldn't want more members?

If you would like more information, please visit the 'Bowls' Big Weekend 2023' website, or email Steve Clamp, our County Development Officer at steve.clamp.bowls@gmail.com



Website

February saw the launch of the new NLFCBA website, where you can find everything about the latest news, county competitions, representative teams, coaching, development, funding/grants, safeguarding, affiliation and registration forms, contacts, plus useful documents, and links to other bowling websites. Please visit our website at <https://nlfcba.com> and subscribe to receive the latest news via email.

Affiliation Fees

Reminder for Clubs & Leagues that the deadline for affiliation fee payments is 31st May 2023. Forms can be downloaded by visiting the website at <https://nlfcba.com/documents/> For any queries on payments please contact County Financial Officer, Neil Payne at neil.payne926@gmail.com

Vacancies

NLFCBA have the following vacancies for roles on the County Management Committee:

- Junior Secretary (role comes with an honorarium)
- Blackburn & Darwen District Regional Chairman and reps
- Preston District Regional Chairman and reps

If anybody is interested in the roles, please contact County Secretary, Pete Harris at pete.d.harris@bt.com for further details.

Key County Management Committee Contacts

Position	Name	Email
County Secretary	Pete Harris	pete.d.harris@bt.com
Financial Officer	Neil Payne	neil.payne926@gmail.com
Development Officer	Steve Clamp	steve.clamp.bowls@gmail.com
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Competitions Secretary	Andy Fleming	andyfleminglufc@hotmail.co.uk

Next Newsletter

If any clubs have a news item or would like to publicise an open day event, then please email County Secretary, Pete Harris at pete.d.harris@bt.com with the details and we'll include it in our next newsletter.