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PLANNING FOR THE 50th ANNIVERSARY

In the 2020 season the Association will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary having been first formed in 1970. The Management Committee believe that this milestone needs recognising and marking in some way. A small sub-committee has spent a little time putting a long list of ideas together which will be put before the full Management Committee on 11 June. It will be important to get some feedback from clubs and individuals about how they view some of these suggestions and which, if any, they would support as part of our celebrations.

The long list of ideas currently includes providing mementos of the Anniversary to every club and/or every bowler such as commemorative mugs, pens, badges. Thoughts turned to marking the start and end of the Anniversary year. One idea being to hold social events to coincide with current meeting times with a launch event at AGM time in February and an end of season event at the Half-Year Meeting in October.

The idea of rebranding some of our competitions to attract extra interest and sponsorship will be followed up with the title 'Golden Jubilee' being added to highlight the milestone. So, for instance, the Golden Jubilee Rose Bowl should add a new dimension to the competition. The opportunity to produce publications to include a special edition Year Book, League Calendars and sponsored scorecards are likely to be progressed.

Funding will have to be sought to support any ideas and sponsorship will be important in realising any plans to commemorate the 50th Anniversary. Several ideas were mulled over to attract new sponsors and a number of these will be followed up.

Still lots of work to be undertaken but the process has started and will continue by seeking the opinions of member clubs as without their support all ideas and plans will be a waste of time. The intention to bring a shortlist of ideas to the 2018 Half-Year Meeting of clubs in October to gauge the likely level of support.

IN THIS ISSUE

I am very grateful to Philip Walker for sharing 'Notes for Beginners' as created by Lindley Bowling Club in 2014 and used several times since as part of their New Beginners Coaching Programme. The notes are included in this issue of your newsletter and clubs and individuals are welcome to use them or adapt them for their own use.

CLUB REPS CORNER

The first review of the 2018 season Starred Bowlers has been undertaken by the Management Committee and five changes have resulted from that review. In the main these are because of previously identified Starred Bowlers not bowling at all this season. The update is to bring these teams in line with all other member clubs in having five active bowlers only able to bowl for one team in any of our leagues. These changes affect Almondbury BC, Almondbury Lib, Marsh Utd, Bradley & Colne and Primrose Hill Lib and are effective now.

Time to update your copy of the League Yearbook as we have a new Club Representative for Bradley & Colne. Alec Smith 4, Clifton Side, Bradley HD2 1QJ Mobile number 07966263031 has taken on this role.

The Annual Club Raffle Draw was completed with the following result:

1. £100 Ticket 85 Hemplow
2. £50 Ticket 131 Huddersfield RUBC
3. £25 Ticket 127 Kirkheaton C&BC

Like many clubs the Association is making changes to comply with the new General Data Protection Regulation. There is still further work to be undertaken before we can be considered fully compliant but we are now working to complete that work as quickly as possible.

Some teams are confused about how they notify the League about the results of team knock-out competitions. Some are completing the Bowlsnet online results and then posting the Result Card as well. There is no need to do both. Do one or the other, preferably the Bowlsnet route as this is faster, cheaper and the most accurate way of reporting your team results.

BCGBA VETERANS

Congratulations to David Singleton of Golcar Lib for qualifying for the finals of the BCGBA Veterans competition. David was one of two bowlers to progress from the Yorkshire Qualifying event held at Marsh United on 11 May. He will now go to the BCGBA Finals Day to be held at Prees Cricket & Recreation Club in Shropshire on 4 July and takes with him our best wishes for further success in his pursuit of the coveted Jack and Jean Isherwood Trophy.

FANTASY LEAGUE IS GO

The 2018 Fantasy League season is now in full swing and leading the way at present is 2016 Runner-Up Kenneth Broadbent from Kirkheaton Con. With a record 66 entries there will be plenty of competition for the prizes on offer for our unique season-long competition.

If your selected teams haven't got off to the great start that you expected of them then don't despair, maybe you are a KO specialist this year. The first of two Knock-Out competitions starts on June 11. This is where entrants go head-to-head with just one week's results counting. The winners progressing through to the next round the following week and runs for seven weeks starting on 11 June. The draw has already been made for Round 1 of KO1 and is available on the HDVBA website and on Bowlsnet under Competitions.

KNOCK-OUT TIME

All of our Individual and Pairs Knock-Out competitions are about to start with the Pairs KO being the first to start as Dave Cooling and Dougie Duck from Lockwood Cons begin the defence of their title so competitively contested and eventually won from their team mates Eddie Haigh and Mick Cox last year.

A really excellent Over-80s competition last year saw Eddie Hine of Kirkheaton C&BC eventually lift the trophy after beating Geoff Rollinson of Holmfirth in the final at Hemplow. Eddie is one of 20 entries this year and competition begins on 25 May at Slaithwaite. Although a number of bowlers have won this trophy twice it has only ever been successfully defended once by the reigning Champion and that was in 2010 when Roy Turner of Skel Windmill took the title for a second successive time.

The Over-70s will then follow with 61 entries starting off on three greens on the last day of May with Champion Eddie Haigh at Dalton to begin the defence of his title and go for a record equalling third title to match Jack Hewitt's (Lindley Lib) triple record achieved in 2001, 2002 and 2006. This event is our longest running knock-out competition for individual bowlers having been first introduced in 1985.

Our most prestigious knock-out competition, the Rose Bowl, starts on 7 June with last season's surprise winner Tony Clegg of Crosland Moor set to defend his title. With a long list of Section 1 bowlers contesting the event last year it shows the strength in depth of Veterans League bowling that Tony from a Section 2 team could go all the way to lift our top trophy.

The Lower Divisions Trophy starts out on 29 June and Phil Hunter of Lowerhouses will be looking to add a third title to those won in 2014 and 2016. He also just failed to make that achievement last year when losing 17-21 in the final to Derek Sykes of Marsden Park. Good luck to all our bowlers and may the best men win.

INTER-DISTRICT UPDATE

A mixed start to the Inter-District season for our representative team with a win and a loss to date. The opening day defeat was hard to take seeing as our opponents, Wakefield, hadn't won an Inter-District game against anyone for four years, since July 2014. However the second match saw some redemption with a good win over Skipton who finished last year one place below us in the League in fifth place. The next fixture will be the real acid test for our side as they face 2017 Champions Bradford on 1 June.

RESULTS

4 May v Wakefield - Lost 23-33

18 May v Skipton - Won 34-22

LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
West Riding	2	2	0	597	523	69
Bradford	2	2	0	588	518	68
Halifax	2	1	1	588	535	66
Huddersfield	2	1	1	575	580	57
Wakefield	2	1	1	540	567	51
Leeds	2	1	1	555	583	50
Skipton	2	0	2	546	596	46
Castleford	2	0	2	521	608	41

FIXTURES

1 June v Bradford

15 June v Castleford

29 June v Leeds

27 July v West Riding

10 August v Halifax

JUNE DIARY

Fri 1 st	Inter-District v Bradford
Thurs 7 th	Rose Bowl (down to 32)
Thus 14 th	Bistro Round 2
Fri 15 th	Inter-District v Castleford
Mon 18 th	Julie Fuller Trophy Round 1
Thurs 21 st	Pairs KO (down to 8)
Fri 22 nd	Over-80s (down to 8)
Thurs 28 th	Team KO Round 2
Fri 29 th	Lower Divisions Trophy (down to 32)
Fri 29 th	Inter-District v Leeds

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Lindley Bowling Club – Notes for Beginners

A few reminders

Delivery of bowl

Adopt a relaxed bowling action.

Important to be balanced at point of delivery (placing the non-bowling arm on the leading leg helps).

Action should be smooth and consistent.

Aim to deliver the bowl close to the ground – try not to bounce it.

Eyes should look along the line the jack has taken.

Delivery arm should be like a pendulum – smooth and straight with an open palm follow through.

Stand on the mat and watch the jack, and bowl, until it stops.

Deliver the jack with the same care as the bowl.

When bowling the jack have your bowl in your non-bowling hand.

If bowling a right hander, stand behind his/her right shoulder so you can carefully watch the line of the jack (left hander stand behind the left shoulder).

TAKE YOUR TIME

Choosing a mark

Two options. Either choose a mark off the green (e.g. bush, edge of bench etc) or on the green say four or more yards from the mat.

Mark off the green - advantage – not likely to forget
- disadvantage – can't be sure if you hit the mark

Mark on the green - advantage – clearly see if it went over the mark or not
- disadvantage – may forget the mark when bowling

The choice is yours so try both.

Practice

It is very easy to get in to a habit of predominantly bowling thumb, or short marks, or straight marks, or to particular parts of the green. So it is important when practising to bowl both -

- straight marks and round marks
- finger and thumb
- short marks (minimum 19 metres) and long marks (corner to corner is approximately 50 metres)
- up and down the sides of the green
- across the green – although probably to initially avoid going exactly over the crown and so bowl 5+ yards to the left or right of it..

Tips on bowling

Choose a mark

- Choose where you want to bowl – not just a space because it is unoccupied.

Get in first

- concentrate on getting a good first bowl. If your first bowl is not good learn from the error
- what went wrong and adjust for your next bowl.

Change the mark

- If your opponent has had success at a number of previous ends and then you win the jack, change the direction and length.

Follow the jack line

- Face and follow the line the jack has travelled and not your opponents bowl.

Beat the last bowl

- If your opponents last bowl is a leading shot you win if you beat it so concentrate on beating it rather than trying to get your bowl as near as possible to the jack.

Find the pace of the green

- Establish the fast and slow parts of the green.

Try not give your opponents two's

- Scoring two's at each end soon rattles up the points so if your opponents has one bowl near the jack and one some way from it, make sure that you beat at least the furthest away bowl.

Know your opponent

- Do they like
 - long or short marks
 - Straight or round marks
 - To go along the edge of the green or over the crown
 - Do they like going corner to corner

A few Laws of the Game

A mark is set by the bowler bowling the jack to rest on the green a distance of at least 19 metres.

A bowl to count must be delivered a minimum of 3 metres (and rest on the green).

At the start of the game the mat must be within 3 metres of the entrance of the green and one metre from the edge.

The player bowling the jack must allow the opponent to see what bias – finger or thumb – has been chosen (many of us also verbally inform our opponent).

Scoring – the winner of an end is the player whose bowl is on the green and nearest to the jack. One point is scored for each nearest bowl.

The bowler winning the end has the jack for the next end.

If the jack is impeded or stops on the land of other players it must be returned (bowlers shout 'jack-up'). If two jacks are bowled near the same place the one which stops last is returned.

Verbal objection to a mark must be made by the opponent only after the jack and first bowl has been bowled. If the mark is less than 19 metres or the jack is bowled off the green the opponent is entitled to set the mark but the first bowl is bowled by the bowler who failed to set the mark.

A player's foot must be on the mat when delivering the jack or bowl. A player playing the right foot on the mat must play with the right hands (left foot on the mat, play with left hand).

If a bowler bowls a bowl out of turn it must be returned to be played in its proper turn.

If a player delivers another players bowl it must be returned and the offender forfeits his bowl.

A bowl bowled before the jack (or preceding bowl) has stopped shall be forfeited.

A moving ball if impeded shall be returned to the bowler sending it.

If a jack is knocked off the green by a bowl, the end is dead. The mat shall then be placed one metre from where the jack went off the green.

All bowls bowled off the green, even if first hitting the jack, are dead and cannot count.

If a player touches or moves a still jack before the points for that end have been agreed then all the bowls of the offenders are forfeited.

When an end is being measured all players must stand away and not interfere with the measuring.

No persons other than the measurers when required to measure are allowed on the green.

Scorers must sit together and agree the score every three ends and at the end of the game. Most leagues require scores to be agreed every five ends and do not insist that scorers must sit together.

Jacks shall be '2 full bias' and be black or yellow and retested at not more than 7 yearly intervals.

WHAT MAKES A DECENT PLAYER?

A little talent.

Lots of practice, concentration and consistency.

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