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to an anonymous
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CONSULTATION KEY TO GOLDEN JUBILEE PLANS

Progress continues to be made in looking at how best to celebrate the Association's 50th Anniversary in 2020. The Management Committee are now at the stage where they want to consult with member clubs. To that end a Questionnaire has already been sent to all 46 clubs seeking their views on ideas to date. Those ideas currently include....

1. Providing mementos of the milestone in the form of commemorative mugs, pens, lapel badges or key rings for every bowler/club;
2. Beginning-of-season launch event and end-of-season presentation event;
3. Potential new Inter-Section bowling competition or Huddersfield-wide competition;
4. Rebranding of some of our competitions to include 'Golden Jubilee' in the title to attract more sponsorship of a one-off event;
5. Publication of special Year Book, commemorative calendars, sponsored scorecards.

Clubs are asked in the Questionnaire to put the ideas in their preferred order and add any further suggestions as well. Clubs are encouraged to discuss the options with their members before responding by the 27 August deadline. Bowlers should pester their Club Reps to be involved in contributing to the response.

There will be a cost associated with all these ideas and will go some way to determining how many can be carried through. The Questionnaire goes on to ask if this should be funded through sponsorship or a levy on clubs or by other means.

This Questionnaire is part of the key involvement of clubs to provide guidance on what they would prefer to see and how they can contribute to the success of the celebrations. A copy of the Questionnaire is included in this issue of your Newsletter for information.

There is always the 'Do Nothing' option and it is included in the Questionnaire but the feeling is that to not commemorate this milestone would be a missed opportunity to celebrate the Anniversary and raise the profile of our League at the same time. A full copy of the Questionnaire is included in this Newsletter.

COMPETITIONS UPDATE

The first Knock-Out competition of the season is the Rose Bowl which takes place at Netherton Con on Thursday 26 July. This is our top individual competition and amongst the eight qualifiers is just one previous winner, Eddie Haigh of Lockwood Con. He will be trying to lift the trophy for the third time. In the line-up there are two representatives from three different clubs - Lockwood Con, Waterloo and Golcar Lib (who meet each other in the quarter-final) along with representatives from Almondbury BC and Meltham.

Time to take stock of where we are with all of our KO competitions as we reach the business end of the season and some big finals coming up in August. Let's start with the team competitions.

Bistro - down to the last eight with defending Champions, Lockwood Con A, still in contention although they have to meet old adversaries Milnsbridge in the Quarter-Finals. An intriguing all-Netherton Con tie will be staged at New Mill as the A team declined the offer to hold the match on their own green. Seems a 24 point handicap deficit and home green knowledge was just too much for them to take on. Wise move. Sections 2 and 3 are represented in the Lindley BC A v Kirkheaton Con tie with the all-Section 1 pairing of Marsh Utd A and Cowcliffe finalising the line-up.

Team KO - the Semi-Finals take place in mid-August and neither of last year's finalists remain in the competition. Neither do Lockwood Con A who succumbed to Section 2 mid-tablers Broad Oak 134-117 in the Quarter-Finals so not requiring their 15 point handicap advantage to progress. Marsh Utd A (again), and an in-form Waterloo side plus Milnsbridge A make up the last four.

Sub-Team KO - Netherton Con B continue to defy expectations in KO competitions for as well as their success in the Bistro they are now in the last eight of the Sub-Team KO. Despite sitting in a Section 4 relegation place they have beaten two Section 3 teams to reach this stage and now face Denby Dale for a place in the Semi-Finals. There are two Section 3 teams still in contention along with five from Section 4 and just Thongsbridge B from Section 5 in what looks to be a wide-open competition.

Julie Fuller Trophy - there is the distinct possibility of an all-Skel Windmill Final with both their teams through to the Semi-Finals to be played on the last Monday in July. The A team will meet Clayton West who just squeezed past Milnsbridge 59-57 to reach this stage whilst the B team confront Section 2 leaders Lindley Lib convincing winners over Brockholes B. Two teams from both Sections with none of the top three teams from Section A are still in the hunt.

All the latest news from all our KO competitions can be found on the HDVBA website. *continued overpage →*

COMPETITIONS UPDATE (continued)

Now on to the Individual KO competitions and looking forward to one of the most enjoyable days in the Veterans Calendar when we have a double-finals day on the Kirkheaton C&BC green on Friday 17 August. Either side of the Julie Fuller Trophy Final is the Sem-Finals and then the Final of the Over-80s KO. It will have a new name on the trophy this year with no previous winners in the final four. Inter-District Home Team Captain, Frank Greenwood, forewent his annual trip to the Isle of Man bowling week to compete in the opening round of this competition and that sacrifice seems justified now being just one game away from a place in the Final. He has however to give a seven-point start to John Cocking from Hemplow who knocked out last year's losing finalist, Geoff Rollinson, in the Quarter-Final. In the other Sem-Final current Lower Division Trophy holder Derek Sykes from Marsden Park meets M Pejica from Netherton Con who has a one-point handicap advantage. It's a good double-header of a day and hopefully the weather will be kinder to these bowlers than has been the case in recent years.

Over-70's KO - there was 61 names in to the hat for the Preliminary Round and we are now down to the final 32 and both of last year's finalists have failed to reach that stage. Holder Eddie Haigh of Lockwood Con went out to your Newsletter Editor and Frank Greenwood will not be in the Final again this year after losing 14-21 to Geoff Price from Milnsbridge. In fact there are just two scratch bowlers left in the hunt and they are Roy Sutton of Meltham and Roger Stopford from Rastrick.

Lower Divisions Trophy - we had a rerun of the 2017 Final in the Preliminary Round of this year's competition when Derek Marsden of Marsden Park confirmed last year's Final result when beating Phil Hunter of Lowerhouses once again. Lowerhouses still have another four contenders left in the final 16 of this competition as do Marsden Park and they will all be congregating at Golcar C&BC on Tuesday 7 August bowling down to the last eight who will then progress to Finals Day on Friday 24 August.

Pairs KO - the Lindley Lib pairing of Hopkinson and Morgan have already eliminated both of last year's finalists as well as a pair of fellow club members to reach the Quarter-Finals which will start Finals Day at Almondbury Lib on Friday 30 August. Eight different clubs are represented in the final eight but with their track record to date and only one other scratch pairing left in contention, it is difficult to raise a case for anything other than a Lindley Lib win.

FINALS DAYS (all 1.30pm start)

Rose Bowl - Thursday 26 July at Netherton Con
Over-80's - Friday 17 August at Kirkheaton C&BC
Over-70's - Friday 7 September at Lockwood Con
LD Trophy - Friday 24 August at Lowerhouses
Pairs KO - Friday 30 August at Almondbury Lib

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CLUB REPS CORNER

By now you will have received your copy of the Golden Jubilee Questionnaire. It is hoped that Club Reps will give their club members an opportunity to contribute to your club's response as bowler views are paramount in determining which schemes will attract the highest level of support. It will make the celebrations so much more meaningful and more likely to attract support if the programme has been influenced by clubs and their bowlers. The Management Committee is receptive to any ideas that clubs may wish to add to the initial list of proposed schemes. The deadline to get these completed Questionnaires back to the General Secretary is 27 August. The intention being to examine the completed Questionnaires from which to develop a programme of events for the 2020 season. This will then be presented to clubs at the October Half-Year Meeting.

BCGBA VETERANS FINAL



David Singleton of Golcar Lib played in the Finals of the BCGBA Seniors KO on 5 July in Staffordshire after progressing through from the Yorkshire qualifying rounds held last month at Marsh Utd. Winning two games, 21-12 and 21-14, before going out in the Quarter-Finals to eventual winner Ian Johnson from

Derbyshire. David pushed the winner further than anyone on the day but he said that he was "always playing catch-up and never got my nose in front." This was David's second appearance in this late stage of the national competition and he exceeded his last effort when he went out in the Round of 32 on the same green. Maybe next year then?

FANTASY KO1 FINAL

We will soon know the winner of the Knock-Out 1 winner as we are in to the final week with Bob Haigh and David Morrison in the Final with the winner collecting the £10 Sales Voucher to spend with our sponsor Well Bowled of Luddendenfoot. Well done to both for progressing this far from the 66 starters and we look forward to Knock-Out 2 which starts on Monday 13 August.

YOUR NEWSLETTER

I am very grateful to our sponsor of this edition of your newsletter. This Section 2 bowler prefers to remain anonymous and if you would like to sponsor a future issue anonymously then we are very happy to accommodate your wishes. Similarly we are always delighted to name the individuals who decide to support our newsletter by providing financial aid. If you would like to sponsor a future issue then it costs just £20. Full details from the editor.

INTER-DISTRICT UPDATE

The month of June wasn't kind to our Inter-District team although beating Leeds was a win it wasn't by a greater margin than 30-26 which was necessary to protect second position in the league table. Then the annual one-day Hickson Trophy KO competition saw our side eliminated at the first hurdle succumbing to a Castleford side that hadn't won a game this season. Even though Castleford were the hosts, expectations were high in reaching the final as the team did last year but team raising problems didn't help the cause resulting in a 201-212 defeat. Still two more Inter-District matches to play and wins in both against the top two in the table would surely push us into the money winning positions.

RESULTS TO DATE

4 May v Wakefield - Lost 23-33
18 May v Skipton - Won 34-22
1 June v Bradford - Won 30-26
15 June v Castleford - Won 35-21
29 June v Leeds - Won 30-26

LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	L	Pts
West Riding	5	4	1	167
Halifax	5	4	1	165
Bradford	5	3	2	159
Huddersfield	5	4	1	152
Wakefield	5	3	2	128
Leeds	5	1	4	123
Skipton	5	1	4	123
Castleford	5	0	5	103

FIXTURES

27 July v West Riding
10 August v Halifax

AUGUST DIARY

Thurs 2nd	Bistro Quarter Finals
Tues 7th	LD Trophy (down to 8)
Thurs 9th	Over-70s (down to 8)
Fri 10th	Inter-District v Halifax
Thurs 16th	Team KO Semi-Finals
Thurs 16th	Sub-Team KO Semi-Finals
Fri 17th	Julie Fuller Trophy Final
Fri 17th	Over-80s Final
Thurs 23rd	Bistro Semi-Finals
Fri 24th	LD Trophy Final
Thurs 30th	Pairs KO Final
Fri 31st	Sub-Team KO Final

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HUDDERSFIELD & DISTRICT VETERANS BOWLING ASSOCIATION PLANNING FOR THE 50th ANNIVERSARY CLUB QUESTIONNAIRE

INTRODUCTION

In 2020 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 over the last few weeks spent time putting a list of ideas together which was put before the full Management Committee for discussion in June. We now consider it is important to get some feedback from our member clubs and their bowlers about how they view some of these suggestions and which they would support as part of our Golden Anniversary celebrations. Our list of ideas currently include the following-

- 1) Providing mementos of the Anniversary to every club and/or possibly every bowler such as commemorative mugs, pens, lapel badges and key rings.
- 2) Marking the start and end of the Anniversary year by expanding existing AGM & HYM meetings into social events with invitations to club representatives and selected club officials / guests. One idea being to hold these social events to coincide with current meetings a) Golden Jubilee launch event at our AGM in February b) end of season presentation event at the Half-Year October Meeting. We are also considering marking the end of the anniversary year with a special stand-alone function that will include trophy presentations, special awards, guest speakers and event refreshments etc;
- 3) 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.
- 4) Marking our Golden Jubilee Year with a new Inter Divisional or Hudd District competition with nominated bowlers invited from every club in the league. The competition would be based on representative teams from each of our 6 Division teams (10 Man Section 1-5 + 6 man Sections) or divided into 6 Districts each with eight clubs who would nominate 2 bowlers to play in their respective Inter Division / District teams on a league or knockout basis
- 5) The publication of a special edition/s of a Golden Jubilee Yearbook with / without squad photo's and the publication of League Calendars and sponsored scorecards are also likely to be considered
- 6) The opportunity to nominate a suitable and appropriate Charity for our Golden Jubilee Year
- 7) Funding will have to be sought to support any ideas via sponsorship monies and league club levies.. Several ideas were mulled over to attract new sponsors and a number of these will be followed up. All this will be important in realising our plans to commemorate the 50th Anniversary

Still lots of work to be undertaken but the process has started and continues via the membership with this questionnaire which seeks the early opinions of member clubs and all their bowlers as without your support all ideas and plans could be a waste of time. Our intention is to bring a shortlist of both HDVBA and CLUB / MEMBER ideas to the 2018 Half-Year Meeting in October to confirm the level of support and advise you of the preferred options.

**Please complete and return the attached Golden Jubilee Questionnaire by
27 August 2018 after having discussions with your HDVBA bowling colleagues**

HDVBA CLUB / BOWLER QUESTIONNAIRE

CLUB Name & Representative.....

Please complete the appropriate rating responses or YES / NO answers as required

1 Golden Jubilee Commemorative Mementoes

a) Set Club Mugs b) Pens c) Individual Badges d) Key Rings

Please rate in order of preference e.g. :- (a) (d) (c) & (b) () () () (...)

Other Ideas for Memento's

2 Golden Jubilee Publications

a) Special Yearbooks b) Calendars c) Scorecards d) Diary Planner

Please rate in order of preference e.g. :- (a) (d) (c) & (b) () () () ()

Other Ideas & Comments

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3 Golden Jubilee Events & Functions

a) Start our anniversary year with our combined AGM & Golden Jubilee function including special and founder member club bowling awards; guest speakers ; event refreshments & history of the HDVBA etc; YES / NO

b) Finish with a combined October Half Yearly & Presentation Meeting that includes event refreshments and special awards etc; YES / NO

c) Mark the end of our anniversary year with a special end of season trophy presentation function including special awards , guest speakers .event refreshments etc; YES / NO

d) Please rate in order of preference e.g (c) (b) (a) () () ()

Other Ideas & Comments on the above

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4 Sponsorship Do your club / bowlers know of any possible businesses local to your club who may be willing to sponsor /support the HDVBA during our Jubilee Year for say £ 25 (scorecards) to £ 50 - £125 (Yearbook advert or competition event) in our Golden Jubilee Year YES / NO

If YES please advise sponsors name / details for the HDVBA to make contact

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5 Team Photo Publications Is your club willing to provide a 2019 squad / team record photograph for possible use in our Golden Jubilee publications e.g. Yearbook , 2020 Calendar or other publications – YES / NO

6 Charity Fund Raising Should the HDVBA adopt and raise money for a local / regional charity in 2020.

a) Prostate Cancer YES / NO and / or b) Kirkwood Hospice YES / NO c) Other Charity YES / NO

Please name your other preferred Charity.....

7 Team Levy Are your club and members willing to contribute say a £1:00 per league game levy (10p per bowler) to support our Golden Jubilee with a contribution also going to the selected charities YES / NO Other Ideas for fund raising

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8 Golden Jubilee Year – Competition Proposals

8A – Existing Rose Bowl

Attempt to rebrand of our existing Rose Bowl competition to attract additional interest and sponsorship

8B - Inter Divisional Handicap Competition

Marking our Golden Jubilee Year with a new Inter-Divisional handicap K/O competition using divisional representative teams comprising of club nominated bowlers in each division of the league. eg 10 man Sections 1 to 5 and team from our 6 man Sections

8C - New Hudd Inter District Handicap Competition

Marking the Golden Jubilee Year with a Hudd- Districts (North / East / South / West + 2 Central) team handicap competition based on club nominated bowlers from the eight bowling clubs located in each of the above Huddersfield districts

8D - New 6 man Team Knockout Charity Handicap Competition

Marking the end (late Sept /early Oct) of our 2020 Golden Jubilee Year with a closing 6 man (pairs , singles or both) club team knockout competition , with each round played on a 3 team / 2 game mini league basis.

8E – Do nothing

Retain the existing HDVBA league and competition programme unchanged

Please advise your order of preference from the 5 options 8A to 8E outlined above

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Other ideas for Golden Jubilee Competitions

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Other Comments / Observations on any of the above Proposals

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Please circle the approx. number of HDVBA bowlers consulted
(1-5) (6-10) (11-15) (16 -20) (Above 20)

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