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WATERLOO BOWLER WINS ROSE BOWL



Mick McClusky of Waterloo Bowling Club is the 2018 HDVBA Rose Bowl Champion after beating two-times winner Eddie Haigh of Lockwood Con 21-9 in the Final. This was no easy route to the title as Mick had to win five matches before claiming our top individual bowling trophy on a busy three rounds Finals Day at Netherton Con. That run included beating last year's runner-up Mick Cox of Lockwood Con and three Section 1 bowlers in total on his route to the title.

This achievement is Mick's first individual success in Veteran's League bowling although he was one-half of the 2012 Pairs KO winners along with team-mate Frank Griffin. There were 61 original entrants in to the Paul Rangeley sponsored competition this year. The Final was played on another hot day typical of this summer when the strict dress code was sensibly relaxed to allow bowlers to wear shorts. Congratulations to Mick.

Route to the title

Preliminary Round beat A. Chapman (Meltham) 21-16
Round 1 beat T. Poulter (Clayton West) 21-14
Round 2 bye
Round 3 beat J Yalden (Thongsbridge) 21-11
Semi-Final beat M. Cox (Lockwood Con) 21-20
Final beat E. Haigh (Lockwood Con) 21-9

JFT GOES TO LINDLEY LIB

The Six-Man's League Knock-Out team competition is the well-established Julie Fuller Trophy and without the dominant teams from Longwood and Lockwood Con we have had a more open competition this year. That resulted in Section 2 leaders Lindley Lib winning the Final at Kirkheaton C&BC against Clayton West who finished as runners-up for a second consecutive year. The 73-50 scoreline accurately reflected the action on a fast green with a good crowd in attendance who were well provided for by the genial hosting club Kirkheaton C&BC.



Ian Kinloch the Lindley Lib captain receives the Julie Fuller Trophy from HDVBA President Alan Hirst

Route to the Title

Preliminary Round beat Thongsbridge B 70-46

Round 1 beat Netherton Con 79-57

Round 2 beat Brockholes A 81-49

Semi-Final beat Skel Windmill B 72-56

Final beat Clayton West 73-50

FIVE MORE FINALS

There are still five more HDVBA Finals to be contested this season as we go to press and these are listed below.

Aug 30 Pairs KO Final at Almondbury Lib

Aug 31 Sub-Team KO Final at Broad Oak

Brockholes B v Holmfirth A

Sept 6 Team KO Final at Lindley BC

Waterloo v Broad Oak A

Sept 7 Over-70's KO Final at Lockwood Con

Sept 13 Bistro Final

All Finals have a 1.30pm start time

OVER-80'S TITLE SUCCESS

The Julie Fuller Trophy Final is book-ended between the final two rounds of the Over-80s KO which this year saw Inter-District Home Team Captain Frank Greenwood lift the trophy in the Kirkheaton C&BC Final.



The four semi-finalists of the Over-80s along with the two match referees and HDVBA Competition Secretary, Dave Sykes, holding the trophy.

Appearing in this competition for the first time Frank, bowling off Scratch, beat all before him to run out a deserved winner. He beat Derek Sykes of Marsden 21-18 in the Final who put up a strong showing in an attempt to add to the Lower Division Trophy he won last season. Well done to Frank.

Route to the title

Preliminary Rd beat G. Walker (Kirkheaton Con) 21-11
Round 1 beat R. Sutton (Meltham) 21-9
Round 2 beat D. Iredale (Rastrick) 21-11
Semi-Final beat J. Cocking (Hemphow) 21-14
Final beat D. Sykes (Marsden Park) 21-18

FIRST AID TRAINING

We are looking to hold another First Aid Training session open free of charge to all League bowlers (not just Veterans League). This will be held from 10am - 12noon on Wednesday 24 October. The course will cover basic care in emergency situations where your swift action could save the life of a team-mate, relative or passer-by. No past knowledge is assumed and the training covers basic response actions in a number of differing circumstances. A minimum of eight participants are required for the course to go ahead. Book your place now by contacting the League Secretary.

LOWER DIVISION TROPHY HAS SPRINGWOOD WINNER

The 2018 Lower Division Trophy Final had a great climax to a full afternoon's bowling when Mick Ralph of Springwood beat Robin Sands of Marsden Park 21-20 in a tense showpiece Final. Played at Lowerhouses with three rounds to be played out before we could name the winner and as always in this competition a friendly but competitive tone prevailed. Open to all League bowlers except those playing in Sections 1 & 2 as well as Section 3 Starred Bowlers it allows some bowling stalwarts to have their moment in the spotlight.



Lower Division Trophy winner, Mick Ralph of Springwood, receives his trophy from Peter Hirst of sponsors John Atkinson Interiors of

Route to the title

Preliminary Rd beat P. Peel (Marsden Park) 21-18

Round 1 beat G. Sykes (Farnley Tyas) 21-7

Round 2 beat P. Hirst (Lowerhouses) 21-17

Semi-Final beat B. Cook (Marsden Park) 21-12

Final beat R. Sands (Marsden Park) 21-20

FANTASY LEAGUE NEWS

Our unique Fantasy League competition continues to rumble along with long-time leader Kenneth Broadbent of Kirkheaton Con continuing to head the 65 strong contingent seeking the £60 first prize sales voucher to spend with our competition sponsor Well Bowled of Luddendenfoot. That lead has never been dominant ensuring that interest will continue for the rest of the season with a pack of at least four bowlers still with a real interest in the final outcome.

One thing already decided in Fantasy land is the winner of the first of our two straight knock-out competitions, KO1, with David Morrison of Hemplow beating Bob Haigh of Canalside 35-32 in the Final. KO2 has already started and will conclude in the final week of the League's bowling season.

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CLUB REPS CORNER

By the time you get this newsletter all the Golden Jubilee Club Questionnaires should have been completed and returned to the General Secretary. These returns will be discussed at the Management Committee meeting on 13 September and will help determine the package of events to be planned to help celebrate the 50th Anniversary and will be presented to the clubs at the Half-Year Meeting in October.

Any club that has to yet return their 2017 trophy should now get them back to Competition Secretary David Sykes as soon as possible, This ensures that the new 2018 winners can get their silverware presented to them at the Half-Year Meeting.

All clubs are reminded that the League will be enforcing the BCGBA dress code for all its showpiece finals. This means that all bowlers in team and individual KO Finals must comply with the dress code and wear black trousers and collared shirts. Failure to adhere to this code will mean that bowlers will not be allowed to bowl in that competition final. It is meant to be a special day and the code is meant to stop the wearing of jeans and football tops etc. to add to the special atmosphere of a well run League showing off it's bowlers and teams in the best possible way. Ensure that your team or club bowlers are not embarrassed by being unaware of this rule for their big day.

The Management Committee is still running short of it's full complement of members. If a club rep or any member of your club is interested in joining the Committee then we would be pleased to hear from you. Meetings are held monthly right through the year on a Monday morning from 10am to 12noon.

The Club's Half-Year Meeting will be held at Paddock I&C at 2pm on Monday 15 October and any club not represented will be fined £5. This is the meeting when we discuss, debate and agree any rule changes for the 2019 season. Your Management Committee has already agreed which changes they will be putting before this meeting and we will be highlighting some of those in the October issue of your newsletter. Clubs can put proposed rule changes forward for inclusion and the deadline to do that is 16 September. This must be received in writing by the League Secretary and be supported by two member clubs. The full list of proposed changes will be circulated to all clubs by 1 October. All club reps are encouraged to take the time to discuss the proposed changes with club bowlers before the Half-Year Meeting date.

YOUR NEWSLETTER

I am very grateful to Philip Walker of Lindley BC who has generously sponsored this issue of your Newsletter. The October issue sponsorship is already booked but If you would like to sponsor the November edition or any future issue then it costs just £20. Full details from the editor.

INTER-DISTRICT REVIEW

Well what to make of the 2018 Inter-District season where we finished in fourth position for a second consecutive time. That meant that we were 17 points adrift of third place but a secure 19 points ahead of fifth placed Skipton in a mid-table of one.

A season of mixed performances that started with defeat to a Wakefield team that was to finish bottom of the table and finish the season with a final day win over Champions Halifax. Our final record of Won 5 Lost 2 matched that of the league leaders and our away side had the second best away record of all eight teams. Yet our points total of 208 was our lowest of any of the last seven years.

Clearly the potential is there to finish much higher and that will be the target for two new team captains that need appointing before the next campaign as it was also the season that our two long-serving team captains decided to stand down from their roles upon completion of the league fixtures. Frank Greenwood (home team) and Donald Crowther (away team) are both in to their 80's now and feel it is time to hand over the role of captain to someone else for next season. While there is no urgency to appoint new captains as the Inter-District season doesn't start for another eight months it is hoped to identify both successors as soon as possible.

Top of the individual averages for our teams were Peter Kain (home team) who won all six of his games for an average of +6.83 whilst Malcolm Gilbert topped the away side averages with +3.43 after winning 5 of his 7 matches.

SEASON'S RESULTS

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
27 July v West Riding - Lost 25-31
10 August v Halifax - Won 31-25

FINAL LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	L	For	Agst	Pts
Halifax	7	5	2	2061	1903	229
West Riding	7	6	1	1999	1817	227
Bradford	7	4	3	2024	1859	225
Huddersfield	7	5	2	2016	1960	208
Skipton	7	3	4	1969	1976	189
Castleford	7	1	6	1853	2040	167
Leeds	7	1	6	1909	2081	162
Wakefield	7	3	4	1852	2047	161

SEPTEMBER DIARY

Thurs 6th	Team KO Final
Fri 7th	Over-70's KO Final
Thurs 13th	Bistro Final
Mon 24/Tues 25	Final week of the League season

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