

## TEN NEW TEAMS BOOST FOR LEAGUES

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Both of our Leagues have received huge boosts with great interest in joining our competitions in 2019 from new teams. No less than 10 new team applications have been received with 7 of those being to join our 6-Man League.

Amongst these seven applications are re-entry bids from three teams that stood down last year, those being Longwood, Lockwood Con and Shepley B. The first named two being the dominant teams in our League winning the top Section title between them every year from 2013-2017. Both withdrew last year on entering new teams in to the 10-Man League where they have both enjoyed some success.

However with a growing number of bowlers attracted to these two clubs they now wish to re-enter the 6-Man League to ensure that all their bowlers get the opportunity to play competitive matches every week. Neither expects to be operating at the previous level or to enjoy the success of seasons gone-by although some opponents with view that stance with a certain amount of suspicion! Teams from Marsh United, Greenhead Park, Lindley Lib B and Marsden Park make up the seven new 6-man league entries.

In the 10-Man League new entries from Marsh Lib, Hemplow B and Kirkheaton Con B have to be balanced against the withdrawal of Marsden Park but again a generally positive outcome and taking the overall number of teams in both our Leagues from 85 up to 94.

With so many new teams to accommodate, major surgery is required in restructuring our leagues and what that means is covered in detail in this newsletter along with the final configuration of all our Sections which now total eight.

## NEW TEAMS FOR 2019

The ten new team applications are a tremendous boost for Veterans' League bowling in Huddersfield and is a reward for the adoption of less stringent rules about player eligibility that have been introduced over the past three years. These changes recognize that some form of control on clubs playing their top bowlers for lower Section and 6-Man League teams is always going to be required but the previous controls were much too stringent and were stopping bowlers bowling and teams were reluctant to join a league with over-zealous rules.

The three applications for new 10-man teams come from teams representing Marsh Lib, Hemplow B and Kirkheaton B. We had one withdrawal from Marsden Park due to team raising difficulties but they had sufficient bowlers to enter a 6-man team.

Once the Management Committee had agreed that the best structure for 64 teams was 14 teams in each of the top two Sections and 12 in each of the other three and that all three new teams should start life in the bottom Section then things were quite straight forward. This brought the total number of teams in the 10-Man League to 64 which is a very good number for the Competition Secretary to ensure a clean Knock-Out set-up in all three team KO competitions.

To attain these numbers and to compensate for the loss of Marsden Park six teams got an unexpected promotion. Lockwood Con B (to Section 2), Slaithwaite and Outlane (to Section 3) and New Mill B, Elland C&BC B and the Rugby Club all to Section 4 being the beneficiaries.

Life was a lot more complex in the 6-Man League with 7 new teams bringing the total to 30 for the 2019 season. The Management Committee quickly agreed that this required the introduction of a third Section as to remain with two Sections would have resulted in a 30-week season when we only have 26 weeks open to us, Clubs are generally against playing on days other than the traditional Monday so that was never a serious option.

Once that was decided it only left to agree which teams should make up each Section. It was agreed that five of the new teams - Marsh Utd, Lindley Lib B, Greenhead Park, Marsden Park and Shepley B - should all start at the bottom in the new Section C.

Then the dilemma of where to place our returning teams from Lockwood Con and Longwood. Having dominated the top Section for the five years between 2013 and 2017 the logical fit would be to put them both back into the top Section. However both clubs had stated that their reason for re-entering was to ensure a weekly game for some of their fringe players from their 10-man teams and neither anticipated operating at the former title chasing levels of their previous membership years.

This coupled with the fact that the Starred Bowler rules will deny both teams access to their top bowlers led the Management Committee to decide that they should both re-join the league in Section B. Only time will tell if that is the right decision and if it is totally wrong then both will presumably get promoted or relegated this year to attain their real status so a one-year hit is the worst-case scenario.

All-in-all these are exciting times for both our Leagues and we can now look forward to the future with high expectations of strong competitions in both, with confidence that the future is good for Veteran's League bowling in Huddersfield. The full set-up of all Sections is included on the next page of this newsletter.

## HUDDERSFIELD & DISTRICT VETERANS' BOWLING ASSOCIATION

### 10-MAN LEAGUE 2019

<u>SECTION 1</u>	<u>SECTION 2</u>	<u>SECTION 3</u>
1 Lockwood Con. A	1 <b>Brockholes A [R]</b>	1 <b>Almondbury Lib. [R]</b>
2 Elland C&BC A	2 <b>Thongsbridge A [R]</b>	2 <b>Primrose Hill Lib A [R]</b>
3 Marsh United A	3 Crosland Moor	3 Paddock I&C
4 Cowcliffe	4 New Mill A	4 Almondbury B.C. B
5 Milnsbridge A	5 Lindley B.C. A	5 Golcar Lib B
6 Almondbury B.C. A	6 Broad Oak A	6 Springwood
7 Golcar Lib A	7 Kirkheaton C&BC A	7 Lindley Lib. B
8 Clayton West	8 Shepley	8 Holmfirth A
9 Lindley Lib. A	9 Hemplow	9 <b>Brockholes B [P]</b>
10 Meltham A	10 Meltham B	10 <b>Bradley &amp; Colne [P]</b>
11 Waterloo	11 Skel Windmill	11 <b>Slaithwaite [P]</b>
12 Netherton Con. A	12 <b>Thorpe Green [P]</b>	12 <b>Outlane [P]</b>
13 <b>Rastrick [P]</b>	13 <b>Kirkheaton Con. [P]</b>	
14 <b>Longwood [P]</b>	14 <b>Lockwood Con. B [P]</b>	
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<u>SECTION 4</u>	<u>SECTION 5</u>	
1 <b>Canalside [R]</b>	1 <b>Broad Oak B [R]</b>	10- Man season starts
2 <b>Ravensknowle Park A [R]</b>	2 <b>Lindley B.C. B [R]</b>	on Tuesday 2 April
3 Marsh United B	3 David Brown Sports	
4 Denby Dale	4 Holmfirth B	6-Man season starts
5 Netherton Con. B	5 Dalton	on Monday 15 April
6 Meltham C	6 Greenhead Park	
7 Milnsbridge B	7 Primrose Hill Lib. B	
8 <b>Lowerhouses [P]</b>	8 Kirkheaton C&BC B	All 2019 League
9 <b>Thongsbridge B [P]</b>	9 Ravensknowle Park B	Fixtures are now
10 <b>New Mill B [P]</b>	10 <b>Marsh Lib [new]</b>	on Bowlsnet
11 <b>Elland C&amp;BC B [P]</b>	11 <b>Hemplow B [new]</b>	
12 <b>Huddersfield RUBC [P]</b>	12 <b>Kirkheaton Con B [new]</b>	

### 6-MAN LEAGUE 2019

<u>SECTION A</u>	<u>SECTION B</u>	<u>SECTION C</u>
1 Netherton Con.	1 <b>Almondbury Lib. [R]</b>	1 <b>Thongsbridge A [R]</b>
2 Shepley A	2 <b>Golcar Lib. [R]</b>	2 <b>Meltham [R]</b>
3 Crosland Moor	3 <b>Clayton West [R]</b>	3 <b>Hemplow [R]</b>
4 Paddock I&C	4 <b>Skel Windmill A [R]</b>	4 <b>Marsh Lib [R]</b>
5 Farnley Tyas	5 Skel Windmill B	5 <b>Brockholes B [R]</b>
6 Milnsbridge BC	6 Golcar C&BC	6 <i>Shepley B [new]</i>
7 Brockholes A	7 Primrose Hill Lib	7 <i>Greenhead Park [new]</i>
8 Thongsbridge B	8 Holmfirth	8 <i>Marsh Utd [new]</i>
9 <b>Lindley Lib. [P]</b>	9 <b>Lockwood Con [new]</b>	9 <i>Marsden Park [new]</i>
10 <b>Oakfield T&amp;BC [P]</b>	10 <b>Longwood [new]</b>	10 <i>Lindley Lib B [new]</i>

P = Promoted    R = Relegated

## 50th ANNIVERSARY PLANS

The work continues in organising events to commemorate the Associations 50th Anniversary next year, A full update will be provided to clubs at the Annual General Meeting. We can already announce that there will be a Launch event open to all clubs to be held at Meltham Cricket & Bowling Club on Monday 17 February 2020. Relevant speakers are being invited to address the gathering and some special awards are planned along with a comprehensive buffet.

An end-of-season Buffet & Presentation Event is also scheduled with a number of large capacity venues currently being considered. More details will be released as firmed up.

We have received a good early response to our invitation last month to potential Golden Jubilee Patrons. The list below shows those individuals and businesses that have made a donation so far, to be classed as a Patron. We are most grateful for their support and look forward to more donations in the future. Use the Contact Us link on the HDVBA website to register your interest in joining the scheme which will be acknowledged on the website, in this newsletter and in the 50th Anniversary Year Book. It costs just a minimum donation of £10 to qualify to become a Golden Jubilee Patron.



Patrons so far: Peter Muff, Judith Muff, David Sykes, Oxter Services, Philip Walker, Allan Dobson and Bob Swan. Bob Swan added some words about his Veteran's League experiences which are reproduced below.

*I am delighted to become a Patron for the Jubilee Year of the Huddersfield & District Veteran's Bowling Association. I started bowling on the Cowcliffe Liberal green at Whitsuntide in 1970, the year the Association was founded.*

*It was in 1997, after 50 years in the chemical industry that I first played in the Huddersfield Veteran's league. Playing with the Rastrick team in section 1, in the pairs, I had an enjoyable four seasons with them. We usually played on the bottom green, reserving the trickier top green for match's against top teams! In the 2000 season we started a second team which did quite well winning promotion. Sadly the club had decided to sell the top green and I was able to negotiate with the league to relocate the team to the nearby Cowcliffe Liberal club in 2001. With me as captain. apart from a blip in 2005, the team progressed up the league to play in the top section in 2016.*

*As the club's delegate I served a few years on the committee and also as a measurer for the Inter-District team. In 1999 I took over the sponsorship of the over eighties competition for a dozen years. I particularly recall the first year when we ran the first round on a wet day in Cowcliffe; with my brother in law Philip, we managed to keep the green playable for all the 16 first round matches over the years the finals were usually held on Cowcliffe in conjunction with either the select players or the Julie Fuller finals.*

*In 2007 I was one of Frank Greenwood's helpers when we organised the Huddersfield round of the Hickson Trophy (I was on duty at the green where Sheffield qualified for the final and actually drove their captain Bob Jackson to the final at Meltham.) Frank was chuffed when we overcame our old rivals to win the cup.*

Robert H Swan January 2019

## CLOSE SEASON TRANSFERS

More bowler transfers between clubs in our leagues have been completed in the run up to the 2019 season and a full listing of all eight January transfers to date is included below. Clubs are reminded that all transfers should be completed before 31 March to enable those bowlers to be eligible for the new season. Transfers can still be completed after that deadline but only with the approval of the Management Committee and that will introduce a delay and doubt about any transfer as there has to be a good reason to sanction it. Contact the League Secretary now to get all transfers approved well before the season starts.

### JANUARY TRANSFERS

DATE	NAME	FROM	TO
03-01-19	John Lever	Almondbury BC	Kirkheaton Con
05-01-19	Adrian Sykes	Golcar Lib	Lindley Lib
07-01-19	Rex Bamforth	Marsden Park	Hemplov
08-01-19	John Ollerenshaw	Lindley Lib	Longwood
10-01-19	George Simpson	Elland C&BC	Lindley Lib
15-01-19	David Schofield	Crosland Moor	Marsh Lib
19-01-19	Maurice Nicholson	Bradley & Colne	Kirkheaton Con
22-01-19	Graham Illingworth	Milnsbridge	Crosland Moor

There have been 30 new bowler registrations during January and they are all listed below.

### JANUARY NEW REGISTRATIONS

DATE	NAME	CLUB
02-01-19	Peter Allen	Hemplov
02-01-19	Lloyd Armitage	Hemplov
02-01-19	Andrew Beardsall	Hemplov
02-01-19	Duncan Matley	Hemplov
02-01-19	Michael Sykes	Hemplov
02-01-19	Stewart Wike	Hemplov
02-01-19	Nigel Spriggins	Hemplov
02-01-19	Paul Broadhead	Lindley BC
03-01-19	Tony Butterfield	Kirkheaton Con
07-01-19	Robert Dickinson	Longwood
07-01-19	Richard Haigh	Longwood
07-01-19	I Archibald	Elland C&BC
07-01-19	A Dubaj	Elland C&BC
07-01-19	S Lowther	Elland C&BC
08-01-19	Trevor Barker	Milnsbridge
08-01-19	David Horsfall	Milnsbridge
08-01-19	Mick Hirst	Milnsbridge
08-01-19	George Kaye	Milnsbridge
08-01-19	Patrick Hynes	Milnsbridge
08-01-19	Ian Parr	Milnsbridge
12-01-19	Peter Laycock	Marsh Lib
12-01-19	Steve Morgan	Marsh Lib
21-01-19	John Hewison	Thongsbridge
22-01-19	R A Charlesworth	Kirkheaton Con
22-01-19	G Senior	Kirkheaton Con
22-01-19	G Slack	Kirkheaton Con
26-01-19	Philip Power	Kirkheaton Con
27-01-19	Steve Sykes	Lindley Lib
27-01-19	Paul Cross	Marsh Lib
27-01-10	Alan Balmforth	Marsh Lib

## CLUB REPS CORNER

The Association's Annual General Meeting will be held at Paddock I&C at 2pm on Monday 18 February 2019 and the agenda and relevant papers have already been circulated to all clubs.

The Treasurer will present the 2018 Balance Sheet, Officials will be voted in for 2019 with all current postholders standing again whilst the League and Competition Secretaries will report on plans for the coming season.

An Information Pack will be given to all club delegates at the meeting which will include a list of each club's current registered bowlers. Club Reps are asked to update these lists by deleting any retired bowlers and correcting any errors in entry or spelling. It is always good to have first names included in these registrations as well as the Dates of Birth.

Upon completion of the AGM there will be the opening of the Special General Meeting as called by the Management Committee. It is a one-item agenda with a proposed rule change as forwarded to all clubs along with the AGM paperwork.

This rule change is proposed by the Management Committee and will in essence make the Starred Bowler rule only apply to teams in Sections 1 and 2. This change will make Section 3 bowlers become available to play for their club's lower placed teams in the 10-Man League and teams in the 6-Man League.

There are still three vacancies on the Management Committee and now is the right time for anyone to declare an interest in helping out in this capacity. If you feel that the role of Club Rep is enough for you at the present time then how about suggesting the opening to a club colleague?

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

These two items are taken from the new book 'H&DVBA - The First 50 Years' to be published in December 2019.

### **36 YEARS AGO** (February 1983)

Mr G Armitage introduced a proposed rule change on behalf of the Emergency Committee which would see the away team in every match receive an additional 10 points on top of their handicap. After much discussion the meeting supported the introduction of this new rule.

### **46 YEARS AGO** (February 1973)

There was some concern and confusion about the impact on League funds of the newly introduced VAT. The Secretary asked that all clubs submit their 1973 membership fees before 1 April to avoid any potential claw-back later on.

## NEW KO COMPETITION

The League has accepted an invitation from an anonymous sponsor to hold a new Knock-Out competition over the coming season. This competition will involve Over-70's Pairs and, dependent on the number of entries, will be held over three dates, those being Friday 7 June, Thursday 4 July with the Final being held on Friday 2 August. The initial sponsorship is for a three-year period.

The Management Committee has decided to increase entry fees to most of our individual and Pairs KO competitions. The first increase in 5 years will see all fees brought in line with the Rose Bowl charge of £2 per person.

## WEBSITE RECORD BROKEN

The end of year statistics for the HDVBA website shows a record number of visitors over 2018. More than 100,000 visits over the 12-month period is a five-year high with numbers increasing every year since it was first launched in November 2013.

With a history of additional items being added almost every day of the year - in-season and out-of-season - there is every reason to add the site to your list of favourites and make a visit part of your daily routine.

Another record broken in 2018 was the number of visitors in a single day when, on Wednesday 2 April, 470 people viewed the pages as the 2018 season started. Well it didn't start for many teams with all of the Monday fixtures and most of the Tuesday matches postponed due to waterlogged greens.

The graph below compares the daily average number of visitors month-by-month with 2017 numbers.

YEAR	TOTAL No. OF VISITORS
2014	35,089
2015	37,806
2016	87,158
2017	95,699
2018	108,507



## FIXTURES PUBLISHED

All the 2019 fixtures for all teams in our 6-man and 10-man leagues have now been published on the HDVBA website and on Bowlsnet. As usual we are the first League in the district to publish its fixture programme. Team specific fixture lists ready for your club notice boards are now available on request via the HDVBA website.

## YOUR NEWSLETTER

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## FINAL LEAGUE TABLES 2018

### SECTION 1

	PI	W	L	For	Agst	Pts
1 Lockwood Con. A	26	23	3	3511	2806	174
2 Elland C&BC A	26	16	10	3320	2951	140
3 Marsh United A	26	15	11	3193	3137	126
4 Cowcliffe	26	15	11	3255	3174	123
5 Milnsbridge A	26	13	13	3183	3050	123
6 Almondbury B.C. A	26	15	11	3154	3139	123
7 Golcar Lib A	26	13	13	3109	3123	118
8 Clayton West	26	11	15	3157	3126	117
9 Lindley Lib. A	26	15	11	3101	3171	117
10 Meltham A	26	11	15	3120	3151	115
11 Waterloo	26	13	13	3163	3219	109
12 Netherton Con. A	26	10	16	3031	3278	95
13 Brockholes A	26	7	19	2911	3380	79
14 Thongsbridge A	26	5	21	2848	3351	79

### SECTION 2

	PI	W	L	For	Agst	Pts
1 Rastrick	24	21	3	3289	2310	168
2 Longwood	24	19	5	3085	2611	146
3 Crosland Moor	24	19	5	3138	2623	143
4 New Mill A	24	12	12	2890	2759	117
5 Lindley B.C. A	24	13	11	2886	2786	116
6 Broad Oak A	24	13	11	2902	2892	107
7 Kirkheaton C&BC A	24	10	14	2822	2867	105
8 Shepley	24	10	14	2715	2924	97
9 Hemplow	24	10	14	2736	3013	93
10 Meltham B	24	8	16	2720	3044	87
11 Skel Windmill	24	10	14	2690	3011	86
12 Almondbury Lib.	24	7	17	2608	3027	81
13 Primrose Hill Lib A	24	4	20	2557	3171	58

### SECTION 3

	PI	W	L	For	Agst	Pts
1 Thorpe Green	20	15	5	2579	2123	120
2 Kirkheaton Con.	20	13	7	2534	2224	108
3 Lockwood Con. B	20	12	8	2459	2234	103
4 Paddock I&C	20	10	10	2412	2439	91
5 Almondbury B.C. B	20	10	10	2323	2380	90
6 Golcar Lib B	20	10	10	2329	2391	88
7 Springwood	20	10	10	2352	2387	87
8 Lindley Lib. B	20	9	11	2392	2482	85
9 Holmfirth A	20	10	10	2357	2429	85
10 Canalside	20	5	15	2219	2506	69
11 Ravensknowle Park A	20	6	14	2158	2519	64

### SECTION 4

	PI	W	L	For	Agst	Pts
1 Brockholes B	22	17	5	2894	2383	135
2 Bradley & Colne	22	18	4	2863	2371	135
3 Marsden Park	22	14	8	2633	2611	110
4 Slaithwaite	22	13	9	2654	2553	107
5 Outlane	22	13	9	2652	2570	107
6 Marsh United B	22	10	12	2639	2668	98
7 Denby Dale	22	10	12	2592	2697	90
8 Netherton Con. B	22	8	14	2584	2648	90
9 Meltham C	22	8	14	2556	2739	87
10 Milnsbridge B	22	9	13	2515	2668	87
11 Broad Oak B	22	6	16	2442	2739	72
12 Lindley B.C. B	22	6	16	2422	2799	70

### SECTION 5

	PI	W	L	For	Agst	Pts
1 Lowerhouses	22	17	5	2838	2255	138
2 Thongsbridge B	22	16	6	2785	2477	119
3 New Mill B	22	15	7	2806	2488	118
4 Elland C&BC B	22	13	9	2657	2517	111
5 Huddersfield RUBC	22	12	10	2605	2556	109
6 David Brown Sports	22	10	12	2618	2581	101
7 Holmfirth B	22	10	12	2554	2563	94
8 Dalton	22	8	14	2589	2642	87
9 Greenhead Park	22	10	12	2541	2754	84
10 Primrose Hill Lib. B	22	8	14	2456	2775	84
11 Kirkheaton C&BC B	22	8	14	2463	2688	80
12 Ravensknowle Park B	22	5	17	2218	2834	62

### SECTION A

	PI	W	L	For	Agst	Pts
1 Netherton Con.	22	16	6	1978	1757	99
2 Shepley A	22	13	9	1938	1711	85
3 Crosland Moor	22	12	10	1873	1808	84
4 Paddock I&C	22	13	9	1930	1914	83
5 Farnley Tyas	22	12	10	1875	1842	83
6 Milnsbridge BC	22	12	10	1936	1875	81
7 Brockholes A	22	11	11	1873	1871	79
8 Thongsbridge B	22	10	12	1911	1804	77
9 Clayton West	22	12	10	1792	1863	76
10 Skel Windmill A	22	10	12	1821	1877	69
11 Almondbury Lib.	22	8	14	1808	1948	68
12 Golcar Lib.	22	3	19	1621	2086	40

### SECTION B

	PI	W	L	For	Agst	Pts
1 Lindley Lib.	20	18	2	1866	1478	101
2 Oakfield T&BC	20	12	8	1815	1620	88
3 Skel Windmill B	20	12	8	1764	1611	80
4 Golcar C&BC	20	11	9	1725	1575	79
5 Primrose Hill Lib	20	11	9	1693	1652	73
6 Holmfirth	20	12	8	1707	1736	71
7 Thongsbridge A	20	9	11	1647	1749	61
8 Meltham	20	8	12	1577	1698	61
9 Hemplow	20	8	12	1608	1727	59
10 Marsh Lib	20	6	14	1539	1782	53
11 Brockholes B	20	3	17	1497	1810	44

### 2019 NEW TEAM APPLICATIONS

#### 10-MAN LEAGUE

Marsh Lib  
Hemplow B  
Kirkheaton Con B

#### WITHDRAWALS

Marsden Park (Section 4)

#### 6-MAN LEAGUE

Longwood  
Shepley B  
Greenhead Park  
Marsh United  
Lockwood Con  
Marsden Park  
Lindley Lib B