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INTER-DISTRICT SEASON STARTS

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Thank you to **BILL BLACKBURN** of Lindley Bowling Club for his generous sponsorship of this issue of the Newsletter. This sponsorship is becoming an increasingly important and well supported means of financing League activity. I am very grateful for all our sponsors and you can add your name to this list for just £20. Contact the Editor for full details and to book your month's sponsorship but be aware that we are now fully booked until March 2020.

FRONT COVER

It is all change at the top of the order in our Inter-District League representative teams with two new captains aiming to bring former success in this competition back to our doors. The two new captains, Mick Cox and Malcolm Gilbert are seen on the front cover modelling the new shirts provided through a new sponsorship arrangement with Armitage Leisure. Full update on fixtures and hopes are provided within the pages of your May issue of the Newsletter.

KO COMPETITION TIME

The closing dates for all six of our Individual & Pairs competitions are this month and full details of all of them are contained within this issue of your monthly newsletter. With over £1,500 in prize money at stake it is the biggest Prize Fund in Veterans League history.

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With some new faces leading our representative teams this season hopes are high that we are entering a new era of success at this level.

New in post this season are Mick Cox as Home team captain and Malcolm Gilbert leading the Away team. In addition John Hoyle and Alan Sharpe will now be providing support management services for the Away team whilst David Armitage will continue to fulfill the same role for the Home team.

Both sides have named squads for the opening fixtures which are against Leeds. Last season the Leeds team finished second bottom of the eight-team league table but pushed our side all the way when we edged the match 30-26. We hope to improve on that result this time around and will need to if we can expect to harbor any aspirations of honours at this level.

The season has started well with a new Inter-District sponsor in place as Armitage Leisure have provided brand new team shirts for all our bowlers. We are very grateful for their support which means we will have well turned out teams and hopefully the form to match the shirts.

2019 FIXTURES	
May 3	Leeds
May 17	Wakefield
May 31	Halifax
June 14	Bradford
June 28	Skipton
August 9	West Riding

The one-day Hickson Trophy Knock-Out competition will also be contested this year and our representative team will be involved and aiming to improve on last year's first round exit. Barnsley are the 2019 hosts and the demanding competition which means that the two finalists play three matches on three different greens on the same day, will be held on Friday 12 July.

IT'S KNOCK-OUT ENTRY TIME

It is the time of the year when thoughts turn to sunny times near the end of season when League bowlers will be competing in the Finals of our prestigious individual and pairs competitions. To have a chance of being part of those occasions you need to be thinking about your entries now. This year there are even more opportunities for bowlers to get involved with a brand new Knock-Out competition for the Over-70's Pairs which has been added to the list.

This takes the list up to six unique competitions with a total of £1,585 to be shared amongst 44 different bowlers who enjoy the most success this year. At just £2 entry fee per bowler per competition it is at the minimum, good experience of bowling against bowlers of a different level which can only improve your own form. All our competitions are handicapped so ensuring that every match is truly competitive.

The competitions being run this season are the elite Rose Bowl which is open to every bowler in both our 10-man and 6-man Leagues as is the Pairs and Over-70's Pairs. Then there are the three singles competitions just aimed at a more restricted group of bowlers. One is for any bowler aged of 70 or over, another for bowlers aged 80 or over and then one excluding bowlers who have played at all this season in Sections 1 and 2 of the 10-Man League - the Lower Divisions Trophy.

The closing dates for all our competitions are all this month with the last date for entries for the Over-70's, Over-80's and Pairs being Friday 10 May. The final day for entries for the other three competitions falls two weeks later on Friday 24 May.

There are two ways to enter. One is via your own club representative and the other is by using the online entry form now available on the HDVBA website. Please check the competitions dates alongside to ensure that you are available for, at least, the opening round dates of each competition that you decide to enter. Good luck to you all.

ROSE BOWL KNOCK-OUT

HOLDER: Mick McClusky (Waterloo)

Our top competition -Open to all bowlers.

Down to 32: Thursday 6 June

Down to 8: Friday 5 July **FINAL: 25 July**

Closing Date; 24 May 2019 Prize Fund: £440

Sponsor: Paul Rangeley of Netherton Con

OVER-70's KNOCK-OUT

HOLDER: Graham Illingworth (Milnsbridge)

Entrants must be aged 70 or over on 30 May

Down to 32: Thursday 30 May

Down to 8: Thursday 8 August **FINAL: 6 Sept**

Closing Date; 10 May 2019 Prize Fund: £280

Sponsor: Lockwood Conservative Club

OVER-80's KNOCK-OUT

HOLDER: Frank Greenwood (Golcar Lib)

Entrants must be aged 80 or over on 24 May

Down to 16: Friday 24 May

Down to 8: 21 June Down to 4: 19 July

FINAL: Friday 16 August

Closing Date; 10 May 2019 Prize Fund: £180

Sponsor: Alan & Pat Stephenson

PAIRS KNOCK-OUT

HOLDERS: Geoff Rollinson & Peter Sykes (Holmfirth)

Pairs must be from the same club

Down to 32: Thursday 23 May

Down to 8: Friday 20 June **FINAL: 29 August**

Closing Date; 10 May 2019 Prize Fund: £300

Sponsor: Almondbury Liberal Club

OVER 70's PAIRS KNOCK-OUT NEW KNOCK-OUT FOR 2019

Pairs must be from the same club and

both aged 70 or over on 7 June 2019

Down to 16: Friday 7 June

Down to 8: Friday 4 July **FINAL: 2 August**

Closing Date; 24 May 2019 Prize Fund: £200

Sponsor: Anonymous

LOWER DIVISIONS TROPHY

HOLDER: Mick Ralph (Springwood)

Entrants must not have played in

Section 1 or 2 matches this season

Down to 32: Friday 28 June

Down to 8: Friday 6 August **FINAL: 23 August**

Closing Date; 24 May 2019 Prize Fund: £185

Sponsor: Peter Hirst of Lowerhouses BC

50th ANNIVERSARY PATRONS

We are very grateful to the growing list of Golden Jubilee Anniversary Patrons for their support of this scheme with Dougie Mellor of Lockwood Con being the latest name added to this list. Thank you. Further contributions are most welcome with a minimum donation of £10 getting your name on the list which will be widely shared over the next two years. All funds raised will directly benefit the commemoration of the Association's 50th Anniversary.

The current list of Patrons is below and you can add your name to this list and show your support by contacting the League Secretary.

ANNIVERSARY PATRONS:

Peter & Judith Muff, David Sykes (Brockholes), Jeff Jacklin (Kirkheaton Con), Allan Dobson (Kirkheaton C&BC), Philip Walker (Lindley BC), Bob Swan (Cowcliffe), David Union (Outlane), Jeff & Ann Smith (Meltham), Paul Rushworth (Broad Oak), Ian Crawford (Longwood), David Blackburn (Thorpe Green), Brian Faichney (Canalside), Bill Blackburn (Lindley BC) and now Dougie Mellor (Lockwood Con).

50th ANNIVERSARY BOOK

Work continues on writing this Anniversary book and any articles or photographs of veterans teams from our clubs are still very welcome. Contact the Newsletter Editor for further information.



FREE ADVERTISING IN THE NEWSLETTER

We are now offering all members **FREE** Classified Advertisements in the monthly newsletter. This service is for members of our League only and applies to individuals and clubs.

A free Classified Ad can be no more than 20 words excluding contact details. Just go to the 'Contact Us' page on the HDVBA website to forward your advertisement. It can be used to promote a social function, sell your woods or your house or home-made jam. Or maybe you just want to say thank you to somebody or everybody about anything.

If you need more than 16 words then consider the options for a bigger advertisement as below with rates starting from around £3.85 per month for a quarter-page advertisement.

Having been approached about providing some advertising space in the monthly newsletter we are now making available quarter-page adverts for just £5 per issue. It gets even cheaper for longer term commitments (6 months £25, 12 months £45). Whether you want to advertise your business, bowls or house for sale, birthday celebrations or just to say thank you for anything then get in touch we will be delighted to hear from you. Full details on the back page of this newsletter.

ADVERTISING RATES

SIZE	MONTHS	COST
Quarter-Page	1	£5
	6	£25
	12	£45
Half-Page	1	£10
	6	£45
	12	£75
Full-Page	1	£20
	6	£90
	12	£150

Closing date to get your free or paid for advertisement in the next issue of the newsletter is **Friday 24 May**.

MAY CALENDAR

Fri 3	Inter-District v Leeds
Tues 7	Sub-Team KO Round 2
Thurs 9	Bistro KO Round 1
Fri 10	Closing Date for Over-70's KO, Over-80@s KO & Pairs KO
Mon 13	Management Committee meeting
Thurs 16	Team KO Round 1
Fri 17	Inter-District v Wakefield
Fri 24	Closing Date for new Over-70's Pairs KO, Rose Bowl & LD Trophy
Wed 29	June HDVBA Newsletter
Fri 31	Inter-District v Halifax