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WELL-BOWLED FANTASY LEAGUE 2017

**£120 in Prizes - Free Entry
£5 to every entrant**

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2017 Fixture Lists Released

All the fixtures for the coming season have now been compiled and published on both our HDVBA and Bowlsnet websites. One new team has joined the 6-Man League from Lindley Bowling Club and they will be playing in Section B. Their home green is already committed for other competitions on Monday afternoons so they have arranged to play their home games at Paddock I&C. That means in Section B there are 13 teams so each week one team will be having a day off.

It also means that all 26 Mondays in the Section B 6-Man season will have league matches. That leaves the Section A team with 22 Mondays taken but four free. We can't schedule the Julie Fuller Trophy games for then as the B teams are in league action every week. However we have timetabled the Trophy games for mid-week in those weeks where Section A teams are stood so, if both teams are free and agreeable, their KO games could be switched to the Monday. Are you following this? Questions will be asked later.

There are once again 64 teams in the 10-Man League and both Sections 1 & 2 will have 14 teams with 12 in each of the other three Sections. That means that every Tuesday in our six-month season we will have Sections 1 & 2 league fixtures. Sections 3, 4 and 5 all require 22 Tuesdays so leaving four free when we will be running the first three rounds of the Sub-Team KO and the 1st Round of the LD Trophy. Still with me?

You can now download your team's individual free fixture poster from our website to share with team mates and pin to the Club notice board. ➡

Huddersfield & District Veteran's Bowling Association
2017 Fixtures 10-Man League Section 2
KIRKHEATON CONS

ALL GAMES START AT 1.30pm

Date	Venue	Opponents	Aggregate		Points	
			For	Opp	For	Opp
Tue 4th Apr	A	Hemplow				
Tue 11th Apr	H	Canalside A				
Tue 18th Apr	A	Broad Oak A				
Tue 25th Apr	H	Crosland Moor				
Tue 2nd May	A	Kirkheaton C&BC A				
Tue 9th May	H	Thongsbridge A				
Tue 16th May	H	Brockholes A				
Tue 23rd May	A	Thorpe Green				
Tue 30th May	H	Skel Windmill A				
Tue 6th Jun	A	Lindley B.C. A				
Tue 13th Jun	H	Primrose Hill Lib A				
Tue 20th Jun	A	Meltham B				
Tue 27th Jun	H	Linthwaite Hall				
Tue 4th Jul	H	Hemplow				
Tue 11th Jul	A	Canalside A				
Tue 18th Jul	H	Broad Oak A				
Tue 25th Jul	A	Crosland Moor				
Tue 1st Aug	H	Kirkheaton C&BC A				
Tue 8th Aug	A	Thongsbridge A				
Tue 15th Aug	A	Brockholes A				
Tue 22nd Aug	H	Thorpe Green				
Tue 29th Aug	A	Skel Windmill A				
Tue 5th Sep	H	Lindley B.C. A				
Tue 12th Sep	A	Primrose Hill Lib A				
Tue 19th Sep	H	Meltham B				
Tue 26th Sep	A	Linthwaite Hall				





FANTASY LEAGUE £120 PRIZE FUND

WINNER: £60
2nd: £25
3rd: £15

KO1 WINNER: £10
KO2 WINNER: £10

£5 Well-Bowled Sales
Voucher to every entrant
and a free raffle entry
for two prizes of bottles
of wine.

FREE ENTRY

Fantasy Bowls League

We are once again running our unique Fantasy Bowls League competition right through the 2017 season which is bigger and better than ever this year! Prize money has gone up from £50 last year to £120 this time around with prizes for the top three in the end of season table and also for the winners of the two KO competitions we will be running during the year.

Not only is it free to enter for all HDVBA bowlers but this year we are giving **every entrant a free £5 Sales Voucher** which is valid with our Fantasy League sponsor Well-Bowled of Luddendenfoot when you spend £30 with them. If that isn't enough to entice you to enter, every entrant also goes into a raffle with two prizes of bottles of wine (courtesy of David Union).

All you have to do is select a team in each of the seven Sections of the HDVBA Leagues. Every point your teams win through the season goes to your Fantasy League total. Most points wins the dosh, Easy Peasy.



2017 Fantasy League winner,
Mel Walker, spends his £50
Sales Voucher with Well-Bowled.

We are very grateful to Well-Bowled of Luddendenfoot for their continuing support of this great competition. Weekly reviews on our website will keep you up to date with your selections performance. Every week you will find yourself searching out a key result in each of our Sections, it's great fun. Entries are open now and you can amend your selections as many times as you like before the closing time of 11:00am on Monday 3 April which is the start date of our League fixtures.

Julie Fuller Trophy

The date for the Preliminary Round of the Julie Fuller Trophy is 11 May which hardly gives clubs sufficient time to get enough bowlers through the five qualifying League games required to play in this competition. Therefore your Management Committee has relaxed this rule to introduce a minimum three games played in the 6-Man League to qualify. This change only applies to Preliminary Round matches and will revert to a minimum five-game qualification for Round One and thereafter.

REMEMBER



All matches in 2017
start at 1:30pm

*Will you be the
one who forgets?*

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Club Reps Corner

You can now download your team's individual fixture list from our website. This provides a single A4 fixture list for each team which can be distributed (by email or paper) to your team members as well as pinning a copy to the club notice board. Impress your members with your efficiency!

Two looming deadlines that all Club Reps should be aware of:

6th March: the deadline for submitting any appeal against the identified Starred Bowlers for your club.

31 March: the deadline to ensure that all your bowlers have a BCGBA number. Failure to provide it by then means that those bowlers will not be starting the 2017 season.

Every club's top team has five nominated Starred Bowlers. These Famous Fives can only play for that club's top team. If you don't agree that they are your top 5 bowlers then you can appeal against their selection but must do so before the deadline to be effective for the coming season. The full listing can be found on our website at 2017 Starred Bowlers.

The Management Committee are enforcing the rule that all bowlers in our League must be BCGBA registered. We started the New Year with more than 170 identified non-registered bowlers and a lot of work during the close-season has brought this count down to around 20 bowlers from 12 clubs who still don't have their BCGBA numbers on Bowlsnet. All these clubs have been written to about the situation. All bowlers without a BCGBA number on 31 March **will be deleted from the system and will not be able to bowl** until they provide proof of registration and have re-registered with the League.

Even before then we have the Annual General Meeting which is normally a pretty short meeting of around 30-minutes. Following that meeting there will be a 15-minute induction session for new Club Reps to explain the role of a Club Rep and what your club and the League expects from you. It is the first time this has been held and we hope it will be helpful to the new reps. The session is also open to any club looking for a refresher or hasn't a clue what they are supposed to be doing! We currently have six new Club Representatives for the 2017 season so check out the changes before ringing any club about anything. They are all listed on our HDVBA website.

In addition at the AGM once again we have one of our sponsors Well-Bowled of Luddendenfoot holding a Pop-Up Shop showcasing their range of bowling merchandise for sale. Please **support our sponsor** by taking a look at what they are offering and talk to them about your bowling needs (besides a new improved bowling style, which may be out of stock!).



Discussions on 8-man teams

Membership of the HDVBA Discussion Board continues to thrive and we now have 75 members signed up and contributing to the topics raised between themselves. The Board is warming up matters for the new season with a range of ideas coming under the spotlight. Not surprisingly the qualifying age question hasn't gone away despite the setback of change not being supported at the Half-Year Meeting. On other topics probably the most interesting one being a suggestion that we should look to introduce an eight-man section in the Tuesday competition.

The idea being that it would aid clubs who are struggling to field 10-man teams every week and that it would replace the current Section 5. Lots of difficulties with doing that and it certainly won't be happening in 2017 but it is an interesting suggestion. There are clearly positives about the idea and how it could help teams but it is not straight-forward. Problems around the issue of promotion and relegation as well as the missed participation in the Bistro and Sub-Team KO for eight-man teams would need resolving first. However, anything which helps teams ensure bowling for their members has to be worth further consideration and the Discussion Board is doing full justice to that.

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The visitor statistics for our www.hdvba.co.uk website are now available for the full year of 2016 and they show that we have attracted more visitors than ever over the past 12 months. Top month was June with a **daily average of 348 visitors to the site** and we had a new one-day record of **427 visitors in a single 24 hours** on the 5th July. Impressive numbers - thank you for your support.

Knock-Out Draws

Looking ahead to the Knock-Out competitions later in the season we are in the process of sharing the early round draws for our four tournaments. We will be releasing these draws on to the HDVBA website, one-a-day starting with the 6-Man Julie Fuller Trophy on Tuesday 31 January. Then the following three days will be the Sub-Team KO, Team KO and finally on Friday 3 February we will have the Bistro draw involving all of our 64 10-Man teams.

We had some great Giant-Killing feats in the Bistro last year with its unique 5 Pairs format. This format seems to unsettle some teams and creates some really interesting results. A great chance for some of our lesser teams to get their names on the honours board and have their moment of glory. Bring it on!

MARCH NEWSLETTER

If you have registered to receive the monthly Newsletter then the March 2017 issue should be arriving in your email Inbox on

MONDAY 26 FEBRUARY

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