



BRITISH CROWN GREEN BOWLING ASSOCIATION

LADIES SENIOR INDIVIDUAL MERIT

The 2022 BCG Ladies Senior Individual Merit takes centre stage on Saturday 9th July when the county qualifiers descend on Yorkshire's Brighthouse Sports Club, with play getting underway at 10am.

Nicola Boulton (pictured) is the only former winner of the Merit in the 64-strong field and will be out to retain the title she won at Windle Bowling Club (Merseyside) back in 2019 and make it a hat-trick of victories, having won in 2014. The Mid Cheshire player faces a stern opener against the 2019 Ladies Waterloo champion, Lynsey Gorman (Merseyside). Jenny Moore (Isle of Man), the winner of last season's Singles Merit Trophy, has qualified and will play Amanda Nicholas from Wales.

Local interest will come in the form of County Champion, Alexis Lunn-Gadd, who takes on Julie Bonnar (North Derbyshire) in her opening round. Sally Turner plays the North Derbyshire champion, Janice Wilson, Andrea Buckley faces Shropshire's Louise Cotton, Chloe Hirst is up against Anita Richardson (Merseyside), Amy Tobin takes on another North Derbyshire player in Sheila Wilson while Jasmin Kendall and Dudley & District's Kaye Coulthard will battle it out for a place in the last 32.

You can find a copy of the draw on page 9.



VETERANS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP MAKES ITS RETURN

Some 1,079 days since the **BCGBA Veterans County Championship** ended in 2019, the 2022 competition makes a welcome return having had an enforced break as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Qualifying takes place on Thursday 14th July at four regional venues with the four regional winners qualifying for the finals on Thursday 4th August.

All rounds start at 10am and the neutral final venue will be announced once all qualifiers are known.

REGION 1 – at Bamber Bridge Catholic Club (PR5 6TA)

North Lancs & Fylde, Cumbria, Lancashire, Merseyside

REGION 2 – at Staveley King George V (S43 3JL)

British Parks, Derbyshire, South Yorkshire, Yorkshire

REGION 3 – at Esclusham BC (LL4 4AR)

Wales, Cheshire, Greater Manchester, Potteries & District

REGION 4 – West Bromwich Supporters Club (B70 8LD)

Warwick & Worcester, North Midlands, Shropshire, Staffordshire

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YORKSHIRE RETAIN 'VETS' TITLE

Yorkshire retained the **BCG Ladies 2022 Veterans County Championship** title coming through the day unscathed to claim their third win in the competition's history.

This year's competition was played on a gloriously hot sunny day on the superb Yorkshire greens of Cleckheaton Sports, Cleckheaton Moorend and Spen Victoria Cricket, Bowls & Athletic Club, in total contrast to the 2019 competition where the players received a soaking from the persistent rain that fell throughout the day in Burton & District.

Following a couple of late withdrawals, only ten teams competed in this year's competition with Merseyside and Yorkshire entering two teams. The eventual winners, Yorkshire B, ended up in a group of three teams playing at Spen Victoria bottom green along with Greater Manchester and Merseyside B. Having received a bye in round 1, they defeated the Merseyside B by 38 chalks in round 2 and booked their semi-final place following a 39 chalk victory over Greater Manchester in round 3.

In the semi-finals, they faced Lancashire in a 'Battle of the Roses' encounter at Cleckheaton Moorend. Lancashire, playing their qualifying group at Cleckheaton Sports top green, were also in a group of three teams and they were

involved in two close matches, defeating the Isle of Man by 9 chalks and Warwick & Worcester by 5 chalks. Yorkshire proved too strong at the penultimate stage, winning by 20 chalks with Lorraine Hirst and Linda Gledhill's 15-6 cards proving vital in their victory.

Burton & District awaited them in the final after they won through their group at Cleckheaton Moorend with victories over Staffordshire (16), Merseyside A (39) and Shropshire (10). In their semi-final with Cheshire on Spen Victoria bottom green, Burton won by 15 chalks, claiming six winning cards which included a 15-4 from Linda Wheeldon.

The final, played on Cleckheaton Sports bottom green saw Yorkshire claim five of the eight winning cards with Lorraine Hirst winning 15-2, Linda Gledhill 15-7 and Lynda Drury 15-9 building up a big aggregate advantage. Liz Merrick replied with her own 15-9 card but it wasn't enough to avoid a 13 chalk Yorkshire victory.

All scores can be viewed via the BCGBA website, bcgba.org.uk.

BCG Ladies President, Sheila Whiteley, was on hand to make the presentations to her county colleagues.



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D DAY IN MEN'S COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Sunday 3rd July is decision day in the **2022 Men's BCGBA Senior County Championship** as this is the last opportunity to stake a claim for a place in the semi-finals.

In **Section 1**, Warwick & Worcester made it two wins out of two following their 61 chalk victory over Cheshire and now face Staffordshire, who are yet to get any points on the board, in their final section fixture. Staffordshire went down by 36 chalks to Derbyshire, who along with Cheshire, will be hoping that the current holders have a nightmare final game and pinch the top spot from them.

In **Section 2**, It is going to take some result from Greater Manchester to deny Yorkshire a semi-final place as the White Rose county currently hold a two point advantage and a superior aggregate by some 170 chalk over their Mancunian rivals. Yorkshire accounted for Potteries & District by 150 in their June fixture while Greater Manchester recorded their first points of the season courtesy of an 81 chalk victory over North Lancs & Fylde.

Section 3 can still go either way. Shropshire hold the advantage thanks to their 59 chalk victory over Merseyside, avenging their semi-final defeat of 2019. Cumbria, who they play in their final game, could cause an upset and take the top spot. South Yorkshire's defeat by 24 against Cumbria leaves them pointless but will be hoping to make it through to the Supplementary County Championship by beating Merseyside.

In the three-team **Section 4**, Lancashire bounced back from their loss to Wales by inflicting a 57 chalk defeat over North Midlands. Wales need to beat North Midlands by 18 chalks

or more to deny Lancashire a semi-final place but a big win from North Midlands could see them leapfrog both teams.

You can view the teams and follow the live scores at bcgba.org.uk.

Section 1	Points	Agg
Warwick & Worcester	4	134
Derbyshire	2	-37
Cheshire	2	-41
Staffordshire	0	-56

Section 2	Points	Agg
Yorkshire	4	197
Greater Manchester	2	27
Potteries & District	2	-96
North Lancs & Fylde	0	-128

Section 3	Points	Agg
Shropshire	4	72
Cumbria	2	11
Merseyside	2	-46
South Yorkshire	0	-37

Section 4	Points	Agg
Lancashire	2	37
Wales	2	20
North Midlands	0	-57

SUNDAY 3rd JULY 2022

Section 1: Cheshire v Derbyshire / Staffordshire v Warwick & Worcester

Section 2: Greater Manchester v Yorkshire / North Lancs & Fylde v Potteries & District

Section 3: Cumbria v Shropshire / Merseyside v South Yorkshire

Section 4: North Midlands v Wales - *Lancashire (no match)*

MEN'S VETERANS AND SENIOR MERIT DRAWS SOON TO BE MADE

The draw for the **BCGBA 2022 Jack & Jean Isherwood Veterans Championship**, to be played at Prees Cricket & Recreation Club, Shropshire, on Wednesday 20th July and the **BCGBA 2022 Senior Individual Merit**, to be played at Hawcoat Park, Cumbria, on Saturday 30th July will be posted on the BCGBA website – bcgba.org.uk.

Both draws should be available to view and download from Wednesday 6th July.

WARWICK & WORCESTER CLAIM LADIES JUNIOR TITLE

The **2022 BCG Ladies Junior County Team Championship** was played on the greens at Heaton Park, Greater Manchester, with Warwick & Worcester claiming the title.

After some late withdrawals, just seven teams took part in this year's championship with the Isle of Man and Warwick & Worcester both entering two teams.

The seven teams were divided into two groups, one of four teams and one of three teams. All games were 15up and the standard of bowling was superb throughout.

Warwick & Worcester 'A', playing on green 2, were drawn in the three-team group and after beating Isle of Man 'B' by 16 they just got the better of North Lancs & Fylde by 4 chalks to top the group and secure their place in the final.

Yorkshire, playing on green 1, after a tough opener with Cheshire, winning by 6 chalks, were rarely troubled by the Isle of Man 'A' and Warwick & Worcester 'B' as they booked their place in the final.

The final was played on both greens starting on green 2 where Warwick & Worcester opened up an 8 chalk advantage at the halfway stage thanks in the main to Claran Andrews' 15-7 card. The Midlands dominated the remaining three games on green 1 with Ryan Hucknull matching Claran's 15-7 card as his side finished with 26 chalks to spare.

BCG Ladies President, Sheila Whitely, made the presentation of vouchers to both teams.



JUNIOR SIX-A-SIDE CHAMPIONS TO BE DECIDED

The May fixtures in the newly introduced **BCGBA 2022 Junior Six-a-Side Championship** were a great success with the juniors taking part and all enjoying the new format.

The competition now continues to Heaton Park and St Marys Park, Greater Manchester, on Sunday 10th July to decide the winners. Once all teams have confirmed their attendance the fixtures will be posted on the BCGBA website.

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LAST CHANCE TO QUALIFY IN LADIES COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Like the men, Sunday 17th July is decision day in the **2022 BCG Ladies Senior County Championship** as this is the last opportunity to stake a claim for a place in the semi-finals.

Following a change in rules, the winners of each Section will contest the semi-finals with the runners-up contesting the Mavis Dearden Supplementary County Championship semi-finals.

Yorkshire have all but booked their place in the semi-finals by topping **Section 2** with one match to go. Although Cheshire or South Yorkshire could go level with them on points, their plus aggregate of 338 will surely see them through.

In **Sections 1** and **Section 3**, it is top versus bottom with Wales needing a point against Greater Manchester in Section 1 while Shropshire need the same result against North Derbyshire. Assuming both section leaders win, it will be a straight fight between Lancashire and Dudley & District in Section 1 and North Lancs & Fylde and North Midlands in Section 3 as to who takes the runners-up spot.

Section 4 will see the winners of North Warwickshire and Warwick & Worcester take the top spot with the losers ending up runners-up. Both teams are unbeaten, though Warwick & Worcester have a better aggregate so it is a 'must win' match for North Warwickshire.

In the three-team **Presidents Section**, victory for North Shropshire will see them claim the title.

You can view the teams and follow the live scores at bcgba.org.uk.

Section 1	Points	Agg
Wales	4	62
Lancashire	2	0
Dudley & District	2	-44
Greater Manchester	0	-18

Section 2	Points	Agg
Yorkshire	4	338
Cheshire	2	53
South Yorkshire	2	-101
Merseyside	0	-290

Section 3	Points	Agg
Shropshire	4	213
North Lancs & Fylde	2	24
North Midlands	2	-80
North Derbyshire	0	-157

Section 4	Points	Agg
Warwick & Worcester	4	167
North Warwickshire	4	24
Burton & District	0	-92
Mid Cheshire	0	-99

Presidents	Points	Agg
North Shropshire	2	60
Staffordshire	2	-45
South Staffordshire	0	-15

SUNDAY 17th JULY

- Section 1:** Dudley & District v Lancashire / Greater Manchester v Wales
Section 2: Cheshire v Yorkshire / Merseyside v South Yorkshire
Section 3: North Derbyshire v Shropshire / North Lancs & Fylde v North Midlands
Section 4: Burton & District v Mid Cheshire / North Warwickshire v Warwick & Worcester
Presidents: South Staffordshire v North Shropshire - *Staffordshire (no match)*

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BCG LADIES SENIOR INDIVIDUAL MERIT

Saturday 09 July 2022

10am

Brighouse Sports Club, Russell Way, Brighouse HD6 4LX

Janet Walker (Greater Manchester)*	v	Joanne Smith (Burton & District)
Shannon Kernick (Warwick & Worcester)	v	Susan Pugh (Dudley & District)*
Jackie Burdett (North Midlands)	v	Liz Buckley (North Warwickshire)
Louise Cotton (Shropshire)	v	Andrea Buckley (Yorkshire)
Michelle Tootle (Lancashire)	v	Sylvia Bradbury (Cheshire)
Samantha Murray (South Staffordshire)*	v	Andrea Bell (Mid Cheshire)
Janice Wilson (North Derbyshire)*	v	Sally Turner (Yorkshire)
Joan Beer (North Lancs & Fylde)	v	Nicola Gilmore-Coupe (Merseyside)
Elaine Jones (North Shropshire)	v	Jackie Fraser (South Yorkshire)
Anita Richardson (Merseyside)	v	Chloe Hirst (Yorkshire)
Sue Gawne (Isle of Man)	v	Dawn Parkes (Staffordshire)
Sonia Robson (North Warwickshire)	v	Sarah Weaver (Shropshire)
Lynn Clarke (North Midlands)	v	Sharon Rigden (Lancashire)*
Sarah Skidmore (Dudley & District)	v	Mia Benton (South Staffordshire)
Catherine Lockwood (North Lancs & Fylde)	v	Aileen Coleman (Wales)*
Liz Roscoe (Mid Cheshire)	v	Kirsty Darling (Warwick & Worcester)
Sheila Wilson (North Derbyshire)	v	Amy Tobin (Yorkshire)
Sheila Speed (Greater Manchester)	v	Wendy Jackson (Burton & District)*
Vikki Wilson (South Staffordshire)	v	Cheryl Caswell (Shropshire)*
Donna Stancliffe (South Yorkshire)	v	Karen Galvin (Cheshire)*
Jane Cooper (Staffordshire)	v	Helen Hinton (North Shropshire)
Lynsey Gorman (Merseyside)	v	Nicola Boulton (Mid Cheshire)*
Clair Russell (North Lancs & Fylde)*	v	Wendy Smart (North Warwickshire)
Emily Kernick (Warwick & Worcester)*	v	Belinda Lloyd (Wales)
Janet Hargreaves (Staffordshire)*	v	Alyson Evans (North Warwickshire)*
Viv Hampton (Cheshire)	v	Andrea Ainley (South Yorkshire)*
Carol Verdon (North Midlands)*	v	Sharon Tatem (Burton & District)
Kaye Coulthard (Dudley & District)	v	Jasmine Kendall (Yorkshire)
Di Foster (North Shropshire)	v	Mary Fox (Lancashire)
Alexis Lunn-Gadd (Yorkshire)*	v	Julie Bonnar (North Derbyshire)
Amanda Nicholas (Wales)	v	Jenny Moore (Isle of Man)*
Emily Rhodes (South Staffordshire)	v	Louise Ollerton (Greater Manchester)

* Denotes Merit winner

YORKSHIRE JUNIORS – ‘LET’S TALK ABOUT SIX’

Yorkshire are on the brink of a sixth consecutive **BCGBA Junior County Championship** title, with just Staffordshire standing in their way of becoming history makers.

Having already defeated Wales and Shropshire they now face the young and less experienced Staffordshire side in their final match. Even a shock defeat should see them lift the trophy once again as they have a healthy aggregate of 179.

PAUL JOINS THE ONE HUNDRED CLUB

PAUL HEMMING joined an elite group of a Warwick & Worcester bowlers who have achieved 100 caps for their county – Alan Powell, Paul Gamsby, Anthony Bracken, Steve Darling, Carl fielding - when he took to the green at King George V in his sides Senior County Championship fixture with Cheshire last month. He celebrated his achievement with a 21-12 victory.

David Perry, a Life Member, Past President, Chairman and Chairman of the County Selectors of the Warwick & Worcester Association was asked to say a few words on Paul's milestone and gave a commanding speech.

Affectionately known as ‘Mr Angry’, David reported that Paul's first ever county game was played in May 1997 against Lancashire in their away leg at Barr Lane, Bolton where he narrowly lost to Mike Holden, 21-20. Since then, he has played one or more county matches against every other BCGBA County, including the Isle of Man, during his 25-year involvement with the county.

Before his game with Cheshire, Paul has a record to be proud of. He has played 47 away games, winning 20 and has played 34 times at home, winning 24. He has also played 18 Supplementary County Championship matches, winning 10 and has appeared in 8 Crosfield Cup finals where he has never been on the losing team.

COUNTY MERIT RESULTS ON BCGBA WEBSITE

Results of all the Men's County Merits that have been played to date are now available to view via the BCGBA website.

There is currently a link on the homepage from which you can access the results.

Shropshire and Wales will battle it out for the runners-up spot with both sides level on two points each.

Section 1	Points	Agg
Yorkshire	4	179
Wales	2	78
Shropshire	2	-62
Staffordshire	0	-195



David went on to say that Paul has been a member of a most successful county team in his chairmanship of the county selection committee, which ended two years ago. Having chaired the selection of 47 consecutive county teams during which 44 matches were won, Paul played in all 44.

He closed by saying Paul has represented Warwick & Worcester County Bowling Association with much energy, skill, enthusiasm, humour and has always demonstrated a willingness to help at any level. He then presented him with his commemorative 100 cap badge.