

Bowls Dorset Newsletter

Wow! What an amazing month it has been for Bowls Dorset.

I have just returned from two weeks supporting all the players from Dorset and I must say it was a privilege for me to be there to share their wonderful achievements.

Also supporting at various times were several committee members Margaret Crawford (Ladies President) Beverley Plympton (Ladies Vice President) Carole Beckford (Junior Vice President) Ann Allman (Competition Secretary) Sue Maggs (County Administrator and Past President) Past Presidents, Di Mogg, May Jenkins (with her great Hooter which reverberated around the green every time Dorset made a good shot!), Eileen Haddleton and Hilda Stokes. Beryl who along with Hilda are the best supporters ever being at every game. Alexander Wilson worked so hard umpiring and his wife Hilary was there to support on many occasions. Also John Brudenell (Umpire) There were husbands, wives, daughters, partners and other Dorset players, it was so impressive to have so many Dorset supporters around the greens. Then when the eleven youngsters from Bowls Dorset Youth Academy came to play in the Sutton Winson there were Mums, Dads, Siblings, Grandparents and of course their Coaches Sid, Joy, Penny and Julie watching and encouraging.

If I have missed anyone's name from the list please do not take offence as with so many people from Dorset there it is hard to mention everyone.

I am sure with all this support it helped to get such amazing results.

First of all for the first time since 1993 when Dorset had their last Champion we have the

Triples National Champions !!!



Wet but happy!

Julie Leake, Bridget Hodder and Penny Cresswell from Poole Park won after six challenging games played in some appalling weather conditions too. In spite of the weather they all remained positive and went out determined to win. The semi final started at 9 a.m on the A Green which became flooded and play was halted for some time before the game restarted on D Green.

After winning the semi final Julie had to play her first round in the two wood championships, which she should have played the day before but couldn't because of the clash with the Triples. She won this game and then went straight out to play the Final.

The Triples Final was a well fought game and went down to the last wood being played by the Surrey Skip. Dorset were holding one shot and there was a big sigh of relief as we watched Surrey's wood drift past the head and the reaction of Penny, Julie and Bridget is captured in the photo below.



What a team - the ecstasy of winning

Two wood second round

After the presentation at approx 7.30pm Julie had to play her **fourth game** of the day. The two wood game against Sophie Tolchard. It was a great game and went into the last end level on scores and in almost darkness. With Julie's first wood it looked the perfect shot just behind the jack and within one inch of it. Sophie's reply was to bowl another perfect wood and just rested on Julie's wood to win the game.

With the help of Matt Wordingham Publicity and Media Officer at Bowls England Press Releases of

Bowls Dorset's successes has been sent to local papers.

Press Releases

Great news! Dorset's representatives have enjoyed some considerable success during the Bowls England National Championships so far this year.

Poole Park's Julie Leake, Bridget Hodder and Penny Cresswell won the Women's Triples title



The last success in the Women's Triples came in 1981 (1981 winners - J Searle, J Briggs & M Poots).

Women's National Triples Championship – Winners

Julie Leake, Bridget Hodder and Penny Cresswell (Poole Park)

First Round: beat Brimfield & Little Hereford, Herefordshire (Sheila Bennett, Helen Skinner and Jennie Cole) 21-9;
Second Round: beat Grampond, Cornwall (Angie Hiett, Elspeth Summers and Joyce Barrett) 17-11
Last 16: beat Dukeries, Nottinghamshire (Jackie Yelland, Margaret Munro and Anne Patten) 19-11
Quarter-Final: beat Parkway, Huntingdonshire (Sarah Newson, Jean Baker and Catherine Popple) 15-14
Semi-Final: beat New Lount, Leics (Sharon Cobb, Nikkie Hollis and Lynn Green) 18-12
Final: beat Sutton, Surrey (Sharmishta Patel, Maureen Vandrau and Margaret Smith) 12-11;

In addition to the Triples win Bridget Hodder and Penny Cresswell playing with Stef Pinson and Sandie Smith also from Poole Park reached

the Final of the Women's Fours and they



became the National Fours Runners Up

It is the first time that Dorset's women have won a National title since 1993 (Women's Fours winners in 1993 were J Chudley, R Pittman, I Porter & R Peters). Poole Park

Women's National Fours Championship – Runners-Up

Stef Pinson, Sandie Smith, Bridget Hodder and Penny Cresswell (Poole Park)

First Round: beat Houghton Dairy Lane, Durham (Susan Forster, Carmel Guy, Glynis Morgan and Joan Rodgerson) 29-16;
Second Round: beat Horton Kirby, Kent (Sue Miles, Sue Lang, Jean Eslick and Marilyn Haskins) 28-9;
Last 16: beat Brimfield and Little Hereford, Herefordshire (Karen Tandler, Marian Wheatley, Barbara Griffiths and Jennie Cole) 19-15;
Quarter-Final: beat Borough of Eye, Suffolk (Kelly Ling, Diane Stannard, Sally Butcher and Sue Bernard) 24-22;
Semi-Final: beat Swinton, Yorkshire (Hayley Robinson, Michelle Sykes, Margaret Watson and Sue Allen) 28-13;
Final: lost to Kings, Devon (Lauren Hackett, Hayley James, Emma Cooper and Harriet Stevens) 26-9

Report from Editor

After playing five games, Stef, Sandie, Bridget and Penny reached the final after a nail biting quarter final against Suffolk when with two ends to go Dorset were 6 six down, they fought back to force an extra end. Suffolk were holding and with Penny's last wood, she played an amazing shot under pressure taking out Suffolk's wood and this left Dorset holding two shots. The Suffolk Skip crumbled under pressure missed the head and Dorset were through to the semi final! Great friendships were made with the Suffolk Triples who stayed to cheer Dorset on in the remaining games.

In the semi final against Yorkshire, Dorset got off to a flying start and were never under pressure. Winning the game 28/13. This game was played in the morning in extreme heat.

The final was played in even hotter conditions against Kings Devon. A very young team, which included the winner and runner up of the Under 25 Championship. Devon's Skip although over eight months pregnant played all six games to get to the final and was the winner of the Under 25s. A tough game well fought by Dorset but the Devon Ladies were outstanding winning 19/9

Stef, Sandie, Bridget and Penny can be truly proud of their achievement at Leamington.

Gillingham's Donna Rock also reached the final of the Women's Two-Wood Singles.



A Dorset representative last reached the final of this discipline in 2000 (Janet Green).

**Women's National Two Wood Championship – Winner Sophie Tolchard
Runner Up Donna Rock (Gillingham)**

First Round: Karen Westwood (Wigton, Cumbria) 14-11;
Second Round: beat Janette Noyes (Isle of Thorns, Sussex) 18-2;
Last 16: beat Chelsea Tomlin (Royal Mail Cart, Lincolnshire) 16-12;
Quarter-Final: beat Jackie Devitt (Norfolk BC, Norfolk) 13-10;
Semi-Final: beat Kirsty Richards (Whitnash, Warwickshire) 17-8;
Final: lost to Sophie Tolchard (Kings, Devon) 19-9

Report from the Editor.

It was wonderful to follow Donna's progress to the Final. This was Donna's first time playing at the National Championships and right from her very first game she played with such confidence. Her first game was on Tuesday 13th August and she was so surprised when May Jenkins and Margaret Leamingham arrived to watch and support her. May was in the middle of moving house but decided to drive up for the day to support Donna.

Donna played a very good game and won 14/11.

May and Margaret then decided they would stay the night to watch the next day. After finding a bed and breakfast they went to the shops to buy the essentials you need for an overnight stay!

On the second day Donna really raised her game to win 18/2 in the morning and was buzzing when she played the last sixteen game a short time after. When there was an incident and some of the worse marking I had ever seen resulting in a break of approx ten minutes when the score was 13/10 to Donna she kept very calm and focussed. Going on to win the game 16/12.

Then followed the quarter final in the afternoon where again playing very well she beat a lady from Norfolk 13/10.

What a fabulous Wednesday for Dorset Ladies as whilst Donna was playing, the semi and final of the Triples was happening too.

On Thursday morning Donna stepped out on to the A Green with Margaret Crawford and the Bowls England Presidential Team to be introduced before playing the two Wood Semi Final against Bowls England International Kirsty Richards of Warwickshire.

After some really good bowling and exceptional heads Donna won 17/8 and it was a pleasure for me to be there to watch Donna play. To see the reaction of other Dorset players after this wonderful win was fantastic.



Julie Leake and Penny Cresswell rushing forward to congratulate Donna as she left the green

After a short break came the final where again Donna kept her cool and was not fazed by her opponent and well known International from Kings Club in Devon Sophie Tolchard

Donna played very well and was Two Wood Championship Runner Up. An outstanding achievement and not matched in Dorset since 2000

Summary of other Ladies games at Leamington

Sherborne Ladies make their debut in the National Fours

Glenda Shave, Ruby Rose, Chris Jones and Veronica Roberts played on Tuesday 5th August against a strong team from Yorkshire.



It was a proud moment for them all and an achievement to get to Lesmington and I think the experience was enjoyed by all of them. (Judging by the lovely smiles!)

Triples

Rosie Middleton , Margaret Crawford and Ann Chislett (Greenhill) represented Dorset on C Green on Monday 12th August.

Rosie played very well in her first game with Margaret and Ann at Leamington who have many years of experience. It was a close game and they only lost on an extra end 18/20. Never a good way to lose a game.

(I apologise that I did not get a photo as I was there in my Immediate Past President role at the medal ceremony substituting for Margaret as she was playing!)

Pairs



Ann Allman and Gill Mitchell (Lyme Regis) were a great partnership winning their first two games. The enjoyment of playing together at Leamington shone through and reflected in their play supporting each other. They won their preliminary round game convincingly against Hertfordshire 26/16. In their next game they met Devon and won 20/18. They then met Berkshire in their third game and lost by just one shot 22/23.

A very good run against some tough opposition.

In the other Pairs, Penny Cresswell and Julie Leake played Warwickshire Helen Slimm and Kirsty Richards in a delayed game as Kirsty had been in the semi final against Donna Rock. It was a very good and competitive game with Warwickshire winning 18/16

Four Wood Singles

Margaret Crawford (Greenhill) had a very good game playing against Jenny Ralph from Bedfordshire . She had a great comeback but unfortunately lost 21/17.

After sitting in the sun on Friday watching the semi and final of the National Fours , Julie Leake unfortunately suffered from the heat and it really affected her play in the first round of the Singles on the Saturday morning being knocked out by Buckinghamshire 21/5. Luckily she had a couple of days to recover before playing the Triples.

Junior Singles

Catherine Solway (Blandford) was told she had a walkover in her first game, before she arrived in Leamington and would be playing at 2pm on Sunday 4th August

Rebecca Cresswell (Poole Park) was due to play at 11.30 a.m. and was ready and waiting and then news came that her opponent from Middlesex had been delayed. She had got a taxi to take her to the train station in London but it was the big Cycle Festival in London and all the roads were closed off so she missed her train. She then paid for the taxi to take her to Leamington but they got stuck in roadworks on the outskirts of Leamington and arrived over half an hour late so Rebecca then had a walkover too in the first round.

Unfortunately when Rebecca and Catherine came to play their first games their opponents had already played and they had spent a lot of time waiting to play.

In the second round games Rebecca played Hannah Malden from Sussex . Rebecca got off to a very good start scoring a three on the first end but then Hannah really upped her game and she beat Rebecca 21/6

Catherine played Rebecca Fey from Surrey and it was a very close game with Catherine losing 21/17

Junior Pairs

On Saturday 17th August Rebecca and Catherine played together in the Junior Pairs. It was a real



pleasure to watch them play together so confidently. In the first round they played Jade Haughan and Abbie Bowe from Cumbria who told me before the game that they were in their fifth year at playing in this competition. Rebecca and Catherine played very well and won comfortably 21/ 8

In the next round they were up against International Nicole Rogers and Heather Statham from Hampshire. Rebecca and Catherine were unfazed by this and we were treated to a really good and competitive game with some excellent play by both sides. The game went right to the last end when Rebecca and Catherine needed three to force an extra end. With her last wood Rebecca moved the jack but unfortunately only picked up a two. Final score 17/16.

Senior Singles

Bridget Hodder represented Dorset and played Norma Stephenson from Durham in the first round and won 21/15. Which got her into the last sixteen where she met Carol Gaskins from Oxfordshire. Bridget won this game 21/14. She then played in the quarter finals where she lost 21/8 to Janet Eames from Nottinghamshire who got to the final and was the Senior Singles Runner Up

Senior Pairs

Julie Leake and Penny Cresswell played their first game at Leamington in the Senior Pairs and played Linda Brooks and Sue Maynard of Hertfordshire winning 24/8. . In the next round they beat Isle of Wight 21/8 to get them into the quarter final which they lost to Norfolk 18/13.

Senior Fours

This event took place the following week during the Men's Championship. Caroline Wilson, Jill Evans, Penny Cresswell and Bridget Hodder (Poole Park) represented Dorset. It was Jill's first time at Leamington and hope she enjoyed the experience. Unfortunately I was not there to see this game but understand that they were up against some tough opposition and lost to Surrey 18/9

Sutton Winson

Dorset had eleven youngsters representing them in the Sutton Winson Competition. Hazel Marke Bowls England President kindly was photographed with them all.



Those attending from the Dorset Youth Bowls Academy were Jack Hancock, Connor Joyce, Millie Tuck, Nathan Wood, Calum Rankine-Macintosh, Liam Cockwell (sorry hidden in photo!) Antony Hobby, Ollie Kenway, Jamie Wood, Arron Rankine-Mcintosh and Catherine Solway.

They all looked so smart in their Dorset Youth Academy hoodies and Dorset shirts.

The day before the Sutton Winson the youngsters were invited to play in a game against a visiting development squad from Hong Kong and this was a really good experience for them . Joy and Sid Steele were there to watch and support them at all times.

As this was the second year some of them had been to Leamington they knew what to expect and played very confidently . They also have made several friends with other keen young bowlers from across England.

The Sutton Winson with 96 players is played in sets with three players playing against each other and each marking one of the games. The winner goes into the Last 32 Group Winners of the Sutton Winson Trophy .

The other two in the group pair up and go into the Plate Competition.

We were proud to say that nine out of the eleven youngsters got through to the next day.

On Sunday, in pouring rain and terrible windy conditions, Nathan Wood got to the quarter finals and caught the eye of Tony Allcock who took a great interest in Nathan's game.

Ollie Kenway did very well to get through to the Semi Final in the Plate Competition.

The youngsters behaviour and bowling etiquette was exemplary. Joy, Sid , Penny and I had many other Counties coming up and they commented on

the youngsters and asked how we had set up our Academy.

I am confident that we will have a winner of this competition very soon and hopefully some of our youngsters will be playing for England in the not too distant future.

Men's Championships and Competitions

Unfortunately I was not there for this so can only give the results to date, taken from the Bowls England website

National Two Wood Singles

Carl Fountain and Ben Paulley (both Poole Park) represented Dorset.

Carl was knocked out in the Prelims against Lincolnshire 16/8

In the first round Ben beat Essex 15/10
Second round Ben won against Lancashire 14/10
Last 16 Ben won against Surrey 15/8
In Quarter Finals Ben beat International Andrew Walters Worcestershire 16/12

Fantastic achievement for Ben who got through to the Semi Final where he lost by just one shot to Shaun Jones from Herefordshire 17/16 who went on to win the final.

Men's Pairs

Dorset were represented by Bill Fox and Brian Fitzgibbon (Sherborne) and Chris Weeks and Ben Paulley (Poole Park)

Bill and Brian played against Buckinghamshire and had a tough game losing 25/8

Chris and Ben lost to Essex 25/19

Men's Triples

Dorset were represented by Warwick Brown, Doug Rumble and Jamie Lockwood (Greenhill) Dorset A

George Spracklen, Graham Parker and Ryan Stone (Greenhill) Dorset B

Dorset B played Cambridgeshire in the first round and lost 19/8

Dorset A won against Bedfordshire in the first round 16/13

In the next round they won against Essex 17/16 to get in the last sixteen

In the next game they lost against Wiltshire 31/22

Men's Fours

Dorset were represented by David Stiggants, Gordon Brown, Paul Tidby and John Hobby (Poole Park) Dorset A

And

Chris Weekes, Dan Steadman, Ben Paulley and Chris Kane (Poole Park) Dorset B

In the first round Dorset A played Leicestershire and lost 23/10

Dorset B played Cambridgeshire and won 26/12
In the second round Dorset B played Surrey and won 17/16 to get into the last sixteen. They then beat Derbyshire 24/10 to get into the quarter finals.

In the quarter finals they lost to Essex 19/16

Again another quarter final and a good performance for Dorset.

National Junior Singles

Dorset were represented by Kurt Murray (Shaftesbury) Dorset A

And

Tom Poore (Poole Park) Dorset B

Kurt Murray won his 1st round match against Josh Halcrow [Durham] 21-12

Then Kurt came up against Joe Vandeppeer [Kent] who won the Under18 Singles at Leamington during the previous week it was 11-15 when a couple of 3s meant a 11-21 loss

In the first round Tom beat Lancashire 21/10 then lost in the second round 21/17

It was good to be able to support these games and to meet some of Kurt's family who had a nine hour journey driving down from Scotland to support him.

Junior Pairs

Dorset were represented by Tom Poore and Ollie Thake (Poole Park)

They won their first game against Berkshire 20/19 but then came up against Essex where they lost 22/3

Men's Seniors Fours

John Brudenell , Mike Barron, Terry Buck and Gordon Wallis (Swanage) qualified for Dorset but were unable to field a team due to holidays and

important hospital appointments so their game was conceded.

Men's Senior Singles

Dorset was represented by Warren Smith (Greenhill) who lost to Trevor Collins Huntingdonshire in the first round 21/16

Men's Senior Pairs

Dorset was represented by Warren Smith and Mike Chislett who lost to Buckinghamshire in the first round 17/4

Report complete to Wednesday 28th August.

What a wonderful Championships for Bowls Dorset with National Champions, National Runner Ups , Semi and Quarter Finalists and it is not over yet with more games left to play.

To all who qualified to play at Leamington many congratulations as you are all winners to get there!

(I hope my report is complete and accurate if there are any mistakes please accept my apologies.....it has been quite a massive task getting the report together)

Other News and Reports

Well done To the Ladies of Broadstone for winning the Dorset Area of the Top Club for 2019.



Unfortunately Broadstone lost to Clevedon in the Top Club area Final. 3-1. All the players played well.

Lyn Howard reports

The most disappointing part of the day was the hospitality of Clevedon Ladies. They did not wait to

say goodbye or have the curtesy to offer us a drink afterwards. I think this must be the first time I have played Bowls and not been offered something when the game finished. There was a cafe next to the Bowls Club where we enjoyed a nice cup of tea or coffee and had a chat between ourselves.

Shaftesbury Bowls Club

The Shaftesbury Four namely Ken Barrett , Phil Tobin , Ian Sanger and Roger Alford travelled to Bristol St Andrews Bowls Club to take part in that clubs Open 4s . 24 teams took part and after some close games The Shaftesbury Four were the Winners on Shot Difference

A Shaftesbury Four will defend the title in late September 2019

Shaftesbury Bowling Club held Captain versus President Match on 18th August 52 bowlers took part on 7 rinks and Captains Team Won 111-110 but more importantly Thanks to The Meal , Raffle and Spider the Grand Total of £452-32p was raised on the Day for Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance

Academy versus Ferndown



It was all smiles before the match but there were more smiles on the faces of the Academy Youngsters when the Ferndown bowlers had bowled the last wood. Academy 84 - Ferndown 67. But things were not as easy as the final score may signify. With 4 ends to play the Academy was losing on 3 of the 4 rinks and only leading by 4 shots, due to Oli Kenway's rink playing exceedingly well. The youngsters rallied in the final 4 ends and out scored the home team by 26 shots to 12, winning on 3 of the 4 rinks.

Sid and Joy

Lyme Regis Ladies Triples Tournament



Tournament Winners - Severalls Jubilee

Players

A Bright , L McLaren, A Larcombe

20 teams of Triples played 3 games in a round robin basis at Lyme Regis BC in the annual Lyme Regis Ladies Triples tournament on Sat 28th July , sponsored by Sue Rowe and Trevor Allman (club members) . Severalls Jubilee won all 3 games winning with 6points and +18 shot difference

Runners Up



The Sunbeams (Greenhill BC)

K. Hofen, V.Spicer, J. Brown.

Won all 3 games 6 pts +16 shot difference and won 14 ends ,as there was another team The Greenies (Greenhill) who had same shot difference but had only won 13 ends .

Cobern Trophy



Ferndown hosted the Cobern Trophy on Monday 29th July when Officers of most clubs came together to play.

The winners of the quarter finals who will be playing at Finals Weekend at Greenhill are

C Dixon (Wellworthy) -v- T Kilminster (Ferndown
A Streets (Shaftesbury) -v- J Cornick (Blandford)

Lust Competition

Played at Dorchester on Sunday July 28th

The winners of the quarter finals who will be playing at Finals Weekend at Greenhill are

J Wilcox (Bridport) -v- T Lake (Blandford)
A Clough (Sherborne)-v- J Clark (Wellworthy)

Under 16's Competition

Played at Dorchester 28th July

The winners of the semi finals who be will playing at the final at Finals Weekend at Greenhill are

C Solway(Blandford) -v- E Langridge(Broadstone
Wessex)

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*For full details please see Beverley at the Ladies Finals Weekend or contact Carol Williams by email
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Bookings to be received by September 16th 2019 please.



As I said at the beginning of the Newsletter what a month for Bowls Dorset. I wish good bowling to all the Competitors in the Men's and Ladies Finals Weekend.

I hope you have enjoyed reading of all the successes.

Unfortunately I will be away on holiday in Canada for my sister's 70th Birthday celebrations and will miss the Final Weekends.

Please can I ask for you to send in your favourite photos taken at the Final Weekends with comments.

Also any other bowling news to go in the next newsletter which will be sent out at the end of the season.

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