

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS BRINGS WATERLOO WEEK TO A CLOSE

The 2019 BCGBA Champion of Champions weekend is upon us and will bring to a close what is expected to be a superb week of bowls at the Waterloo Hotel in Blackpool. The men's championship takes place on Saturday 28th September with the ladies taking centre-stage the following day on Sunday 29th September. Both championships commence at 10am.

Waterloo Week starts on Saturday 21st with the last 64 of the men's Autumn Waterloo taking place, with the winners returning on Monday 23rd for the last 32. The sixteen qualifiers then play on Tuesday 24th with the final eight playing to a finish on Wednesday 25th. The Ladies Waterloo is concluded on Sunday 22nd with the 32 qualifiers playing to a winner. On Friday 27th, it is the finals of the Charlie Tattersall 31up competition. Unfortunately, there will be no televised action this year, or intended streaming, as Ricky Cochrane, Gary Ellis, Mark Mills and their committee are doing their best to keep the stadium open following the early season set-back which nearly saw the end of the Waterloo. They are working tirelessly behind the scenes and call on all bowlers to come along and support the Waterloo. All the main draws can be found elsewhere in this Newsletter.

But the bowling is not just at the Waterloo. The Raikes Hall Hotel will host the Ladies Talbot on Saturday 21st and the Men's Talbot on Thursday 26th, plus there is plenty of evening bowls at Marton Institute. The ever-popular Marton Floodlit starts on Friday 20th with qualifying each night until Monday 23rd. The final eight return on Tuesday 24th. Then the new two-man team invitation is sure to draw a big crowd on Friday 27th, the night before the Championship of Champions.

In the men's Champion of Champions, the defending champion, John Bailey, secured his place by winning the Isle of Man September Festival and takes on the Cumbria Merit winner, Paul Clark, in his opening game. Two other former winners, Callum Wraight and Graeme Wilson, could meet in round two if they win their opening games. Wraight is waiting for the outcome of the Autumn Waterloo to find out who his opponent is going to be whilst Wilson has an all-Yorkshire clash with Jack Dyson.

There are also three former winners in the ladies Champion of Champions. Four-time champion, Nicola Boulton, plays Lisa Kerford, the 2013 champion, Helen Gilroy, is waiting for the winner of the Ladies Waterloo while the 2017 champion, Lynsey Gorman, plays Debi Davis in her opening game.



2019 CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

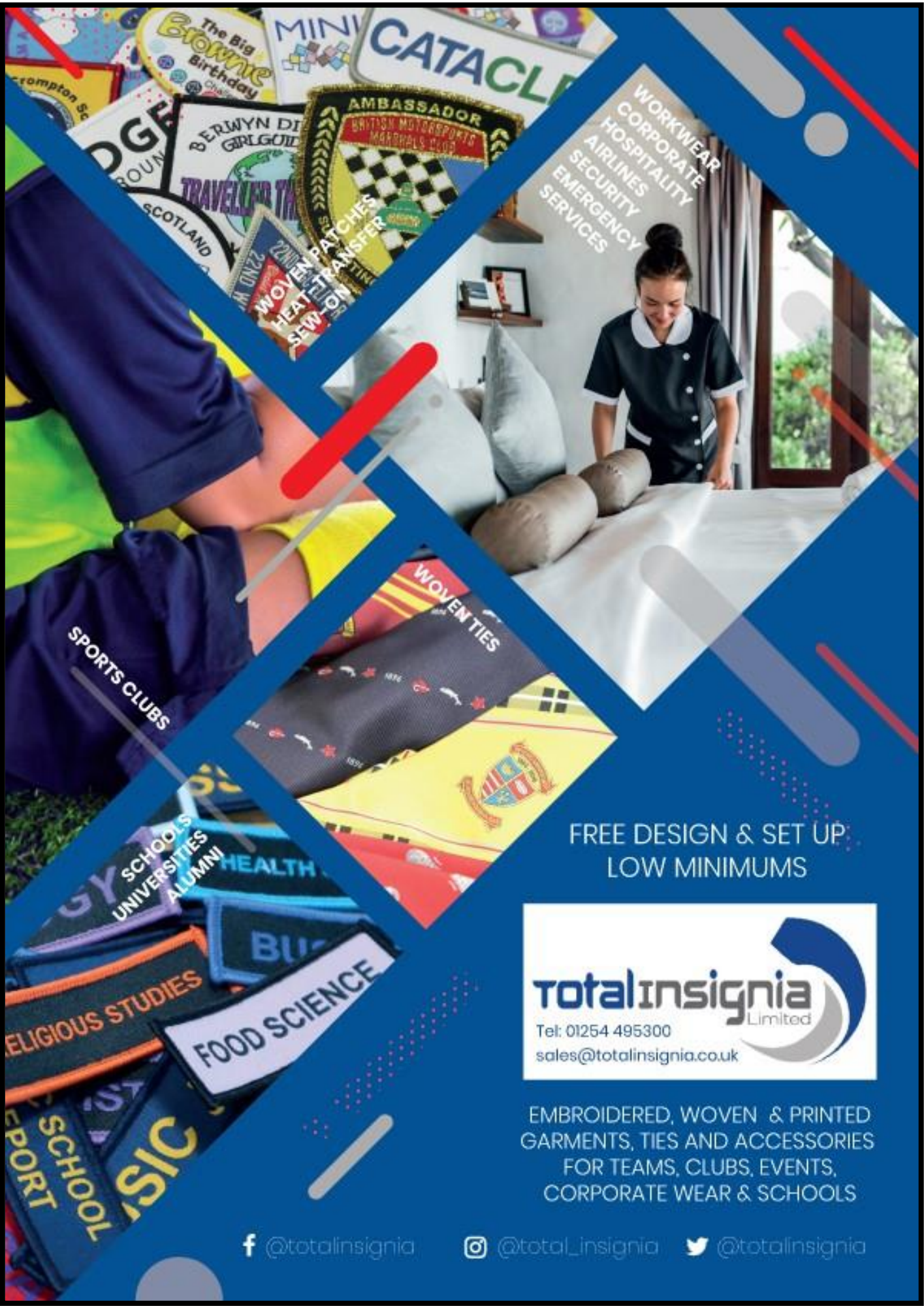
MENS – Saturday 28th September – 10am

1	Callum Wraight (Coors Meole Brace Open) *	v	2	Autumn Waterloo Handicap
3	Jack Dyson (Isle of Man June Festival)	v	4	Graeme Wilson (Yorkshire Merit) *
5	Callum Sharples (BCGBA Junior Merit)	v	6	Scott Simpson (Wrockwardine Wood – 2018)
7	Jamie King (Midland Masters)	v	8	Gary Owen (West Brom BowlsComps Open - CCF) *
9	Kevin Kearns (Merseyside Merit)	v	10	David May (Derbyshire Merit)
11	Lee Johnstone (Castle Private Classic)	v	12	Matt Gilmore (Isle of Man September Tourism Trophy)
13	James Hanson (Hillcrest Classic)	v	14	Josh Towey (British Parks Merit)
15	Ant Bracken (George Masters – 2018)	v	16	Steve Freer (Staffordshire Merit)
17	James Higgins (South Yorkshire Merit)	v	18	Robin Cook (Sabden Floodlit – 2018)
19	John Bailey (Isle of Man September Festival)	v	20	Paul Clark (Cumbria Merit)
21	Damian Morrison (Lancashire Merit)	v	22	Colin Kelly (Isle of Man Merit)
23	Jack Hargreaves (Greater Manchester Merit) *	v	24	Craig Gant (Pudsey Classic)
25	Spencer Clarke (Shropshire Merit)	v	26	Mark Hughes (Isle of Man June Tourism Trophy)
27	Steve Morrey (Cheshire Merit)	v	28	Paul Stretton (BCGBA Veterans Championship)
29	Matt Allen (North Midlands Merit)	v	30	Geraint Booth (Welsh Merit)
31	Talbot Trophy	v	32	Ryan Prosser (BCGBA Senior Merit) *

LADIES – Sunday 29th September – 10am

1	Helen Jackson (Burton & District Merit)	v	2	Sue Pugh (Dudley & District Merit)
3	Rebecca Teare (Isle of Man June Tourism Trophy)	v	4	Deborah Watters (North Lancs & Fylde Merit)
5	Cathy Wall (British Parks Ladies Merit)	v	6	Sharon Rigden (Lancashire Merit)
7	Kathryn Gee (Cheshire Merit)	v	8	Donna Bennett (North Shropshire Merit)
9	Jenny Moore (Isle of Man Merit)	v	10	Sonia Robson (North Warwickshire Merit)
11	Rachel Jackson (Staffordshire Merit)	v	12	Gill Simm (Isle of Man September Festival)
13	Lyn Bolton (Isle of Man September Tourism Trophy)	v	14	Vicky Mosley (Stretton Anglesey Ladies)
15	Jane Bowler (Nercwys Ladies Open)	v	16	Janet Walker (Greater Manchester Merit)
17	Ladies Talbot Trophy	v	18	Emma Tobin (BCG Ladies Junior Merit)
19	Waterloo Ladies Open	v	20	Helen Gilroy (Yorkshire Merit)
21	Jenny Hadwin (Wales Merit)	v	22	Violet Dennison (Cumbria Merit)
23	Lisa Kerford (Norden Ladies - Jack Taylor)	v	24	Nicola Boulton (BCG Ladies Individual Merit) *
25	Samantha Murray (South Staffordshire Merit) *	v	26	Lyn Clarke (North Midlands Merit)
27	Debi Davis (Cynthia Tonge Memorial)	v	28	Lynsey Gorman (Merseyside Merit) *
29	Tracy Ryan (Shropshire Merit)	v	30	Heather Johnson (North Derbyshire Merit)
31	Kellie Hill (South Yorkshire Merit)	v	32	Steph Witherspoon (Warwick & Worcester Merit)

* Denotes multiple qualifier



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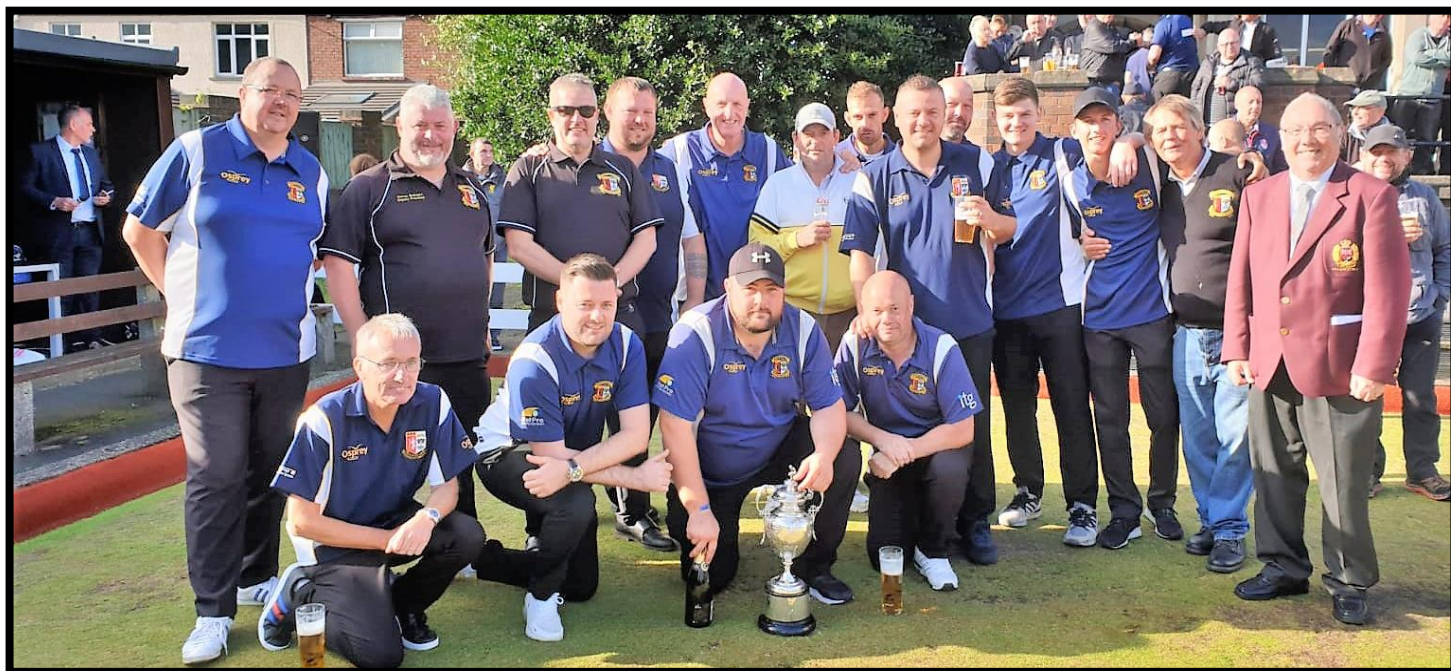
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WARWICK & WORCESTER RETAIN THEIR COUNTY TITLES

Midlands county, Warwick & Worcester, once again hold both the men's and ladies County Championship titles following victories in the September finals. Warwick & Worcester men overcame the challenge of Merseyside in the final of the Endsleigh Senior County Championship to retain the Crosfield Cup while their ladies kept a firm grip on the Ladies Senior County trophy with victory over Shropshire.

Warwick & Worcester got off to a dream start against Merseyside winning seven of the first eight jacks to open up a 38-chalk advantage. Merseyside fought back in the middle four to win six of the eight games but with all games being close affairs they could only reduce the holders lead by ten. A late 21-7 card from Man of the Match, George Curran, coupled with two more winners in the last four at Carr Mill, gave Merseyside hope but a reversal of winning jacks at Moor Lane saw Warwick & Worcester retain the Crosfield Cup with 35 chalks to spare.



Warwick & Worcester ladies once again got the better of Shropshire in this season's county final but with a bigger winning margin. When the sides met at Littleover BC in last season's final, Warwick & Worcester won by 24 chalks overall but twelve months on, the winning margin on the greens at Florence Tennis & Bowling Club was 56. The sides were level after the first four jacks on each green had been completed but the holders dominated the remaining games with Shannon Kernick winning 21-6 and Michelle Chatwin 21-8.





Mel Evans MBE

BCGBA Centenary Mixed Pairs

Saturday, 5th October 2019

Horwich RMI, Ramsbottom Road, Horwich BL6 5NH

Commencing at 10am

Free Admission

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|----|--|---|----|--|
| 1 | Debbie Talbot & Neil Fletcher (South Yorkshire) | v | 2 | Sue Barber & Adie Cowley (Lancashire) |
| 3 | Karen Hughes & Bradley Cooke (Greater Manchester) | v | 4 | Sarah Edmunson & Dean Butler (North Lancs & Fylde) |
| 5 | Emily Kernick & Ryan Prosser (Warwick & Worcester) | v | 6 | Vikki Wilson & Darrell Handley (Staffordshire) |
| 7 | Fern Beaumont & Jack Dyson (Yorkshire) | v | 8 | Paula Firth & Sid Bolton (Isle of Man) |
| 9 | Sarah Homer & Paul Beechey (Warwick & Worcester) | v | 10 | Nicola Gilmore & Chris Barton (Merseyside) |
| 11 | Rebecca Teare & Paul Skelly (Isle of Man) | v | 12 | Kellie Hill & Andy Spragg (Derbyshire) |
| 13 | Vikki Senior & James Senior (Yorkshire) | v | 14 | Tracey Jones & Thomas Lowden (Wales) |
| 15 | Rachel Barber & Ian Dowle (South Yorkshire) | v | 16 | Gill Sutton & Mark Sutton (Greater Manchester) |
| 17 | Jorden Picken & Steve Davies (Staffordshire) | v | 18 | Maggie Pailing & Elliot McGuinness (Warwick & Worcester) |
| 19 | Julie Gardner & Dave McDermott (Merseyside) | v | 20 | Jenny Moore & James Teare (Isle of Man) |
| 21 | Linda Williams & Ritchie Jamieson (Wales) | v | 22 | Carol Davies & Martin Davies (Potteries & District) |
| 23 | Rachel Clarke & Jack Clarke (South Yorkshire) | v | 24 | Christine Gee & Mike Gee (Greater Manchester) |
| 25 | Molly Sullivan & Rich Lawson (Shropshire) | v | 26 | Carol Dawson & Dave Darley (North Lancs & Fylde) |
| 27 | Clare Cooper & Lee Dawson (Isle of Man) | v | 28 | Amanda Nicholas & Kevin Nicholas (Wales) |
| 29 | Natalie Hughes & Mark Hughes (Yorkshire) | v | 30 | Jackie Owen & Nigel Fryer (Greater Manchester) |
| 31 | Jayne Bates & Adam Walker (Warwick & Worcester) | v | 32 | Elaine Caddick & Colin Haywood (South Yorkshire) |

EMMA AND CALLUM CLAIM JUNIOR TITLES

EMMA TOBIN became the fourth consecutive player from Yorkshire to win the BCGBA Ladies Junior Merit when she stormed to a 15-2 victory in the 2019 final, played on the excellent Heswall RBL green in Merseyside. She proved too strong for Shropshire's Emma Massey Jones who played far better than the final score line suggests.

It could have been so different for Emma as she was heading for defeat in her semi-final with Susie Lawson (North Shropshire). Trailing 5-nil after just three ends she rallied to level at eight across only for Susie to reclaim the jack to go 13-8 in front. She once again fought back and finished with three twos' in the last four ends to secure her place in the final with a 15-14 victory.

CALLUM SHARPLES meanwhile won the Junior Merit in his home county of Cumbria when the finals were played at the superb Netherfield BC. He defeated Ben Hinton in the final despite seeing his leads of 9-1, 13-9 and 16-12 whittled away as his Shropshire opponent close the gap to a solitary chalk at 16-15. Sharples though regained his composure to finish with a single and two doubles for a 21-15 victory.

The 17-year-old from Barrow had never seen the green before he rolled up to play his first game where he ousted another Shropshire player, Harry Parsonage, 21-17. Further victories followed against Tom Palmer (Potteries & District) who ended up on the wrong side of a 21-6 card, Owen Evans (Staffordshire) 21-16 and North Midland's lively character, Alfie Knight, who he beat 21-12 in the semi-finals.



Applications are invited for the post of Ladies Competitions Officer

Job Description

Main Responsibilities

- To work with the Ladies Competition Committee, Referees, Green Managers and other personnel at all British Crown Green Bowling Association Ladies events to ensure the competitions are run smoothly and in a professional manner.
- Must be available to attend all British Crown Green Bowling Association Ladies competitions and to run these competitions on the day, both mid-week and weekends.
- Organise a team to run each event from the Ladies Competition Committee and volunteers from the host county.
- Implement and maintain a database of all equipment for competitions held by the Ladies Competitions Officer.
- Ensure adequate provision of necessary equipment for all British Crown Green Bowling Association Ladies competitions which could include: PA System; Walkie Talkies; Scoreboards; Jacks; Mats; Measures; 19m Tapes; Results Boards; Green Number Boards; Scorecards.
- Play an active role in the governance of the sport of Crown Green Bowls and attend various BCGBA meetings, both mid-week and weekends.

Skills Required

- Experience of running competitions - essential.
- Computer proficient with the ability to update social media and live scoring.
- Sound administrative background.
- Good planning and organisation skills.
- Skilled communicator, with proven verbal and written ability.
- Good interpersonal and leadership skills.
- Ability to work well within a team.
- Ability to deal with problems in a professional manner.
- Full, clean Driving Licence.

The BCGBA is the National Governing Body for the sport of Crown Green Bowls and this role is one of 13 Officers responsible for the administration of that sport.

Applicants are invited to contact the BCGBA National Administrator, Brian Hampson - admin@bcgba.org.uk - for an application form. All application forms to be returned **no later than Saturday 12th October 2019**.

WATERLOO WEEK DRAWS

AUTUMN WATERLOO HANDICAP

Mick Prescott	v	Tommy Johnstone	Damian Morrison	v	Jamie Bramley
Andy Thornton	v	Scott Fisher	Tom Brown	v	Phil Lee
Ian Booth	v	Paul Dale	Richard Hoyles	v	Kevan Shaw
Kevin Kelly-Wally	v	Allan Rushton	Greg Smith	v	Chris Rigby
Gareth Gwilliam	v	Zac Walker	Dan Finch	v	John Kennish
David O'Brien	v	Simon Hargreaves	Larry Wells	v	Gary Wike
Noel Burrows	v	Ryan Sandham	Jake Dearden	v	Steve Waugh
Gary Owen	v	Wayne Ditchfield	Neal Ocego	v	Kevin Nicholas
Bill McLellan	v	Robert Whyatt	Tony Mellor	v	Andy Proctor
Michael Sweeney	v	Matthew Gartside	Lee Brown	v	Stuart King
Nick Hamman	v	Ian Grady	Brian Smith	v	Danny Sillitoe
Nick White	v	Phil Wainwright	Ashley Daykin	v	Chris Morrison
Matt Simpson	v	Mike Tunstall	Adrian Hodgson	v	Bill Burlinson
Carl Armitage	v	Matty Stewart	Darren Woodend	v	Paul Bailey
Mark Regan	v	Andy Spragg	Matty Worden	v	Simon Mills
Gareth Coates	v	Glyn Cookson	James Hanson	v	Lee Johnstone

LADIES WATERLOO

Lynne Rimmer	v	Jessica Pickshall	Wendy Cowling	v	Sandra Chadwick
Sarah Fox	v	Jane Bowler	Marion Woods	v	Samantha Murray
Louise Ollerton	v	Sue Worrall	Margaret Dewhurst	v	Elsie Cahill
Lynsey Gorman	v	Violet Dennison	Wendy Allen	v	Margret Brooks
Yvonne Gregory	v	Glenis McDonald	Gay Cooper	v	Linda Williams
Ronni Lyon	v	Kathryn Gee	Jacqueline Bird	v	Emily Kernick
Anita Richardson	v	Sharon Rigden	Nicola Cooper	v	Shannon Kernick
Kellie Hill	v	Sharon Tatem	Lisa Daykin	v	Sheila Wilson

TALBOT TROPHY

Greg Smith	v	Kevin Wainwright	Graeme Wilson	v	John Bradshaw
Jim Kenny	v	Gaz Lally	Sam Millward	v	Ivan Smout
Andy Walker	v	Callum Wraight	Owen Jackson	v	David Lloyd
Ste Jackson	v	Tommy Johnstone	Lee Casey	v	Paul Evans
Jack Dyson	v	Damian Morrison	Malcolm Wensley	v	Ryan Faulkner
Josh Mordue	v	Lee Dale	Mike Hill	v	Simon Coupe
Chris Barton	v	Paul Mottram	Billy Speed	v	Nick White
Glynn Cookson	v	Andy Howie	Paul Dale	v	Mitch Toth

LADIES TALBOT TROPHY

Sarah Fox	v	Janet Walker	Karen Hill	v	Jacqueline Bird
Emily Kernick	v	Maggs Swift	Chloe Hirst	v	Emma Goode
Lyndsey Gorman	v	Jackie Gloag	Donna Stancliffe	v	Shannon Kernick
Julie Alderman	v	Tracey Baker	Anita Richardson	v	Joan Clarkson
Sharon Tatum	v	Lorraine Hirst	Hannah McDonald	v	Kathryn Gee
Ronnie Lyon	v	Jackie Butterworth	Sharron Rigdon	v	Sheila Speed
Louise Ollerton	v	Caroline Hall	Samantha Murray	v	Sarah Homer
Lynn Rimmer	v	Anne O'Loughlin	Tracy Livesey	v	Janet Needham

MARTON INSTITUTE

Marton Floodlit

16 bowlers each night – Friday 20th (September), Saturday 21st, Sunday 22nd, Monday 23rd – 6.30pm each night

Qualifiers return on Finals night – Tuesday 24th September – 6.30pm

Marton 2-Man Team Invitation

Friday 27th September – 7pm

Teams (not the draw) – Simon Coupe & Graeme Wilson

Wayne Ditchfield & Gary Ellis

Gareth Herbert & Greg Smith

John Bailey & Callum Wraight