



# **BRITISH CROWN GREEN BOWLING ASSOCIATION**

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## **Mark Bircumshaw, BCGBA Chief Executive Officer**

Mark has decided to step down from his role as BCGBA Chief Executive Officer. Mark has worked tirelessly for the Association in a number of fields over a long period of time. He has been at the forefront of many projects for the Association namely working in partnership with the BDA, Sport England, Coach Bowls, JustGo, Safeguarding and Easyfundraising just to name a few. Mark is currently working with the Association to ensure we have a smooth transitional handover.

British Crown Green Bowling Association would like to thank Mark for his dedication, leadership and direction in the way he has modernised the Association since he was appointed as CEO in 2018. We wish Mark the very best of luck for the future.

## **Brian Hampson, BCGBA National Administration Officer**

At the end of September Brian stood down from his role as BCGBA National Administration Officer. Brian had been in office for a number of years, and previously had been serving the Association in other areas. Brian was impeccable in his administration skills and has left the Association in a good place.

British Crown Green Bowling Association would like to thank Brian for dedication and expertise whilst he was an officer of the Association. We wish Brian the very best of luck for the future.

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## **BCGBA Job Vacancies.**

### **BCGBA Chief Executive Officer**

Applications are now invited for the position of BCGBA Chief Executive Officer.

Please email the Interim Administration Officer and further details on the role will be available.  
[admin@bcgba.org.uk](mailto:admin@bcgba.org.uk)

***Closing date for applications is end of the day Sunday 14th January 2024***

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### **BCGBA Ladies President**

Congratulations to Sue Todd who takes over the Ladies Presidential reins from Mavis Hancock in 2024. This is Sue's second term as the Ladies President having already served in 2003. Sue continues her work with the Ladies & Men's Competition Committee. Everyone wishes Sue all the very best in her Presidential year.

Congratulations also to Janice Wilson of North Derbyshire who has the honour of being elected The Ladies Deputy President.

We would like to thank the outgoing President Mavis Hancock, with the support of her husband Roger for manner in which she carried out her Presidential duties in 2023. We wish Mavis & Roger all the very best for the future.

### **2024 BCGBA Annual General Meeting & Rules Revision**

The BCGBA Annual General Meeting & Rules Revision Meeting will take place on Saturday 20th January (10am). At Winnington Park Recreation Club, Park Road, Winnington, Northwich, Cheshire, CW8 4EB.

All documentation has been sent to all County secretaries.

### **Endsleigh Insurance Portal**

The Insurance Portal <https://www.bcgba.org.uk/club-insurance/> is expected to be live from the 16th December. An email will be sent to all County Secretaries to confirm when we are live.



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## GREG SMITH LIFTS THE CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS TITLE

**GREG SMITH** battled the adverse weather on his way to claiming the **2023 BCGBA Champion of Champions** title at a rain affected Monks Sports Club in Warrington.



In the first Round Greg had a tough draw against the experienced Paul Dudley, he had a comfortable 21-12 win to set up a mouth watering second round clash with Callum Wraight. On this occasion Greg always had enough on his opponent to ease home 21-11. Further wins in the Quarter-Final against Gareth Coates 21-9 and in the semi-Final versus Andy Hamman 21-11, seen Greg reaching the final for the first time.

In the bottom half of the draw the reigning champion Chris Kelly started his defence of his title against the emerging Robbie Ellis. Robbie upset the odds in a tight game edging home 21-17. Robbie continued his great form with wins against Martin Gilpin 21-19 and Neil Harrel 21-10 to set up a semi-final against BCGBA Senior Merit winner Simon Coupe, once again Robbie was in great form winning 21-16 to reach the final. In the final Greg was in complete control with a comfortable victory 21-9, to end Robbie's marvellous run. The Champion of Champions title putting the icing on the cake on a marvellous season for Greg.

### Results

#### 1st Round

Darren Plenderleith (George Masters 2022)	11	v	21	Gareth Coates (Hillcrest Classic)
Ben Gloag (Greater Manchester Merit)	14	v	21	Craig Podmore (Potteries & District Merit)
Callum Wraight (Naz Worthington Memorial)	21	v	13	Louie Furniss (BCGBA Junior Individual Merit)
Paul Dudley (Spring Waterloo)	12	v	21	Greg Smith (Ribblesdale Classic)
Andy Hamman (Cheshire Merit)	21	v	18	Billy Speed (Lancashire Merit)
Nick White (South Yorkshire)	21	v	20	Joe Pritchard (Welsh Merit)
James Davison (Brighouse Classic)	12	v	21	Adam Penlington (Federation Merit)
Ed Furniss (Derbyshire Merit)	10	v	21	Martin Simcock (BCGBA Veterans Championship)
Phil Lee (Isle of Man June Festival)	21	v	14	Matt Gilmore (Merseyside Merit)
Andy Hughes (Meole Brace Open)	19	v	21	Simon Coupe (BCGBA Senior Individual Merit)
Joe Cranston (Spenneth Masters)	19	v	21	Joe Wiltshire (British Parks Merit)
Neil Withers (Isle of Man Merit)	16	v	21	Lee Brown (Autumn Waterloo)
Danny Towning (Sandal Classic)	21	v	9	Richard Lawson (Shropshire Merit)
Neil Harrell (Warwick & Worcester Merit)	21	v	10	Gary Wike (Talbot Trophy)
Chris Kelly (Woodley Classic)	17	v	21	Robbie Ellis (Yorkshire Merit)
Martin Gilpin (Cumbria Merit)	21	v	20	Spencer McCarthy (Staffordshire Merit)

#### 2nd Round

Gareth Coates (Hillcrest Classic)	21	v	17	Craig Podmore (Potteries & District Merit)
Callum Wraight (Naz Worthington Memorial)	11	v	21	Greg Smith (Ribblesdale Classic)
Andy Hamman (Cheshire Merit)	21	v	19	Nick White (South Yorkshire)
Adam Penlington (Federation Merit)	21	v	11	Martin Simcock (BCGBA Veterans Championship)
Phil Lee (Isle of Man June Festival)	11	v	21	Simon Coupe (BCGBA Senior Individual Merit)
Joe Wiltshire (British Parks Merit)	21	v	17	Lee Brown (Autumn Waterloo)
Danny Towning (Sandal Classic)	20	v	21	Neil Harrell (Warwick & Worcester Merit)
Robbie Ellis (Yorkshire Merit)	21	v	19	Martin Gilpin (Cumbria Merit)

#### Quarter-Finals

Gareth Coates (Hillcrest Classic)	9	v	21	Greg Smith (Ribblesdale Classic)
Andy Hamman (Cheshire Merit)	21	v	14	Adam Penlington (Federation Merit)
Simon Coupe (BCGBA Senior Individual Merit)	21	v	6	Joe Wiltshire (British Parks Merit)
Neil Harrell (Warwick & Worcester Merit)	10	v	21	Robbie Ellis (Yorkshire Merit)

#### Semi-Finals

Greg Smith (Ribblesdale Classic)	21	v	11	Andy Hamman (Cheshire Merit)
Simon Coupe (BCGBA Senior Individual Merit)	16	v	21	Robbie Ellis (Yorkshire Merit)

#### Final

Greg Smith (Ribblesdale Classic)	21	v	9	Robbie Ellis (Yorkshire Merit)
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## JENNY MOORE SECURES THE 2023 LADIES CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS TITLE

The weather eased at Monks Sports on the Sunday, with the Isle of Man's top Lady bowler **Jenny Moore** claiming her maiden **BCGBA Champion of Champions** title at the Warrington venue.



Thirty two Champion Ladies gathered at Monk's sports to battle it out in this prestigious competition. In the first Round Jenny Moore had a tough match against Sharon Tatem just getting home 21-18. As the day unfolded this would be the closest match for Jenny, further victories over Sarah Edmondson 21-10, Emily Kernick 21-13 & Shannon Kernick 21-7, as Jenny eased into the final.

In the bottom half of the draw, the twice Champion Linda Williams of Wales was looking to make it a Hat Trick of Champion of Champions wins. In the first round Linda had a comfortable 21-1 victory, in the second round was drawn against Louise Ollerton and in a close match just got home 21-18. Further wins in the quarter-final 21-2, and the semi-final against the Ladies Merit winner Andrea Buckley 21-15 she was now in the final.

In the final was Jenny was always in control and comfortably denied Linda 21-9 to deny Linda on this occasion the hat trick.

### Results

#### 1st Round

Lisa Mills (Ladies Spring Waterloo)	9	v	21	Lorraine Hirst (Enid Blackburn Trophy)
Susan Pugh (Dudley & District)	21	v	14	Nicola Boulton (Mid Cheshire)
Julie Burgess (Staffordshire)	21	v	11	Debbie Whitworth (South Yorkshire)
Emma Earlam (Cheshire)	8	v	21	Shannon Kernick (Norden Open Singles)
Sharon Tatem (Burton & District)	18	v	21	Jenny Moore (Isle of Man)
Sarah Edmondson (North Lancs & Fylde)	21	v	16	Amy Evans (North Warwickshire)
Emily Kernick (Ladies Fleetwood Festival)	21	v	12	Sarah Weaver (Isle of Man September Tourism)
Clare Backhouse (Cumbria)	12	v	21	Jordan Picken (South Staffordshire)
Alexis Lunn-Gadd (Yorkshire)	21	v	19	Lisa Kerford (Lancashire)
Jess Lacey (Ladies Junior Individual Merit)	11	v	21	Lynsey Gorman (Merseyside)
Helen Clee (Isle of Man June Festival)	1	v	21	Linda Williams (Wales)
Louise Ollerton (Greater Manchester)	21	v	18	Emily Weaver (Warwick & Worcester)
Melanie Saville-Fearn (Cynthia Tonge Memorial)	21	v	9	Anne Goddard (North Derbyshire)
Donna Bennett (North Shropshire)	18	v	21	Andrea Buckley (BCGBA Senior Individual Merit)
Linda Hough (Isle of Man June Tourism)	21	v	20	Tracy Bound (Shropshire)
Suzie Lawson (County Average Winners Classic)	21	v	9	Jackie Burdett (North Midlands)

#### 2nd Round

Lorraine Hirst (Enid Blackburn Trophy)	12	v	21	Susan Pugh (Dudley & District)
Julie Burgess (Staffordshire)	14	v	21	Shannon Kernick (Norden Open Singles)
Jenny Moore (Isle of Man)	21	v	10	Sarah Edmondson (North Lancs & Fylde)
Emily Kernick (Ladies Fleetwood Festival)	21	v	14	Jordan Picken (South Staffordshire)
Alexis Lunn-Gadd (Yorkshire)	21	v	19	Lynsey Gorman (Merseyside)
Linda Williams (Wales)	21	v	18	Louise Ollerton (Greater Manchester)
Melanie Saville-Fearn (Cynthia Tonge Memorial)	16	v	21	Andrea Buckley (BCGBA Senior Individual Merit)
Linda Hough (Isle of Man June Tourism)	15	v	21	Suzie Lawson (County Average Winners Classic)

#### Quarter-Finals

Susan Pugh (Dudley & District)	9	v	21	Shannon Kernick (Norden Open Singles)
Jenny Moore (Isle of Man)	21	v	13	Emily Kernick (Ladies Fleetwood Festival)
Alexis Lunn-Gadd (Yorkshire)	2	v	21	Linda Williams (Wales)
Andrea Buckley (BCGBA Senior Individual Merit)	21	v	10	Suzie Lawson (County Average Winners Classic)

#### Semi-Finals

Shannon Kernick (Norden Open Singles)	7	v	21	Jenny Moore (Isle of Man)
Linda Williams (Wales)	21	v	15	Andrea Buckley (BCGBA Senior Individual Merit)

#### Final

Jenny Moore (Isle of Man)	21	v	9	Linda Williams (Wales)
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## YORKSHIRE DUO CLAIM BCGBA CENTENARY MIXED PAIRS SUCCESS AT OWLEY WOOD

Jasmine Kendal & Craig Gant of Yorkshire come through a high class Mixed Pairs field to claim the **2023 BCGBA Centenary Mixed Pairs** title at Owley Wood Recreation Club in Northwich, Cheshire.



The superb Owley Wood venue played host to a top class field in the BCGBA Centenary Mixed Pairs Championship. Thirty one pairs had gathered from around the counties looking for success.

The Yorkshire duo Jasmine Kendal & Craig Gant were one of the fancied pairs in the top half and this was to be proven true when they had a comfortable route to the final.

Their opponents in the final Sophie Rigney & Tom Eccles from Greater Manchester whilst they were also comfortable on the day did have a tough semi-final against the strong Warwick & Worcester pairing of Emily & James Kernick. The Greater Manchester pair just staying strong at the end winning 21-19.

The final was an epic affair and was a credit to the competition. Some outstanding striking from Tom Eccles kept the Manchester duo in the match. After a titanic battle Jasmine and Craig finally sealed the victory 21-19 to thoroughly deserved the win.

### Results

#### 1st Round

Jodie Dickinson & Tom Wiltshire (Sth Yorkshire)	21	v	13	Jack & Vikki Williams (W & W)
Janet Cross & Eddie Gowen (Cheshire)	7	v	21	Lyn Bolton & Peter Jones (Isle of Man)
Denise Hodge & Nigel Fryer (Gtr Manchester)	17	v	21	Lynsey Gorman & John Finch (Merseyside)
Louise Ollerton & David Molyneux (Lancashire)	21	v	12	Emily & Darren James (North Lancs & Fylde)
Debbie & Joshua Talbot (South Yorkshire)	17	v	21	Hayley Carpenter & Carl Lewis (Wales)
Jenny Moore & James Teare (Isle of Man)	9	v	21	Emma Ribbons & Jeff Brown (Potteries & District)
Liza Harrison & Jonathon Lacey (NLF)	21	v	16	Adam Weaver & Abby Easthorpe (W & W)
Tori Hartshorn & Ben Stone-Payne (Derbyshire)	11	v	21	Jasmine Kendal & Craig Gant (Yorkshire)
Tracy Over & Martin Jones (Wales)	21	v	14	Dawn Parkes & Keith Williamson (Potteries)
Shannon Kernick & Jack Newsome (W & W)	21	v	14	Emma Duncan & Nathan Lacey (Shropshire)
Elaine Moore & Glynn Hargraves (Isle of Man)	20	v	21	Maggie & Rob Swift (North Lancs & Fylde)
Lisa & Ian Christopherson (South Yorkshire)	15	v	21	Sophie Rigney & Tom Eccles (Gtr Manchester)
Jade Beresford & Liam Gregson (Lancashire)	w/o	v	-	Gill & Barry Simm (North Lancs & Fylde)
Chloe Hirst & Gareth Coates (Yorkshire)	20	v	21	Emily & James Kernick (Warwick & Worcester)
Olivia & Max Jefferson (North Midlands)	21	v	14	Gill Dixon & Stefan Kelly (Isle of Man)
Sue & Kevin Nugent (Merseyside)	7	v	21	Marie & Paul Hallett (Wales)

#### 2nd Round

Jodie Dickinson & Tom Wiltshire (Sth Yorkshire)	18	v	21	Lyn Bolton & Peter Jones (Isle of Man)
Lynsey Gorman & John Finch (Merseyside)	11	v	21	Louise Ollerton & David Molyneux (Lancashire)
Hayley Carpenter & Carl Lewis (Wales)	10	v	21	Emma Ribbons & Jeff Brown (Potteries & District)
Liza Harrison & Jonathon Lacey (NLF)	15	v	21	Jasmine Kendal & Craig Gant (Yorkshire)
Tracy Over & Martin Jones (Wales)	21	v	16	Shannon Kernick & Jack Newsome (W & W)
Maggie & Rob Swift (North Lancs & Fylde)	18	v	21	Sophie Rigney & Tom Eccles (Gtr Manchester)
Jade Beresford & Liam Gregson (Lancashire)	17	v	21	Emily & James Kernick (Warwick & Worcester)
Olivia & Max Jefferson (North Midlands)	14	v	32	Marie & Paul Hallett (Wales)

#### Quarter-Finals

Lyn Bolton & Peter Jones (Isle of Man)	21	v	8	Louise Ollerton & David Molyneux (Lancashire)
Emma Ribbons & Jeff Brown (Potteries & District)	10	v	21	Jasmine Kendal & Craig Gant (Yorkshire)
Tracy Over & Martin Jones (Wales)	14	v	21	Sophie Rigney & Tom Eccles (Gtr Manchester)
Emily & James Kernick (Warwick & Worcester)	21	v	6	Marie & Paul Hallett (Wales)

#### Semi-Finals

Lyn Bolton & Peter Jones (Isle of Man)	6	v	21	Jasmine Kendal & Craig Gant (Yorkshire)
Sophie Rigney & Tom Eccles (Gtr Manchester)	21	v	19	Emily & James Kernick (Warwick & Worcester)

#### Final

Jasmine Kendal & Craig Gant (Yorkshire)	21	v	19	Sophie Rigney & Tom Eccles (Gtr Manchester)
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## PUDSEY BC REGAIN THE BCGBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

In a change of format from recent years, the **BCGBA World Club Championship** held its qualifying rounds at four venues around the country. From Bellingham, Dudley Dell, Owley Wood & Spen Victoria each venue provided two qualifiers for the grand final day to take place at Heaton Park in Manchester.



Pudsey BC (Yorkshire) were on a mission to regain the title from Fenton Private, in their Quarter-Final they comfortably dispatched Castle Sports (Cheshire) 154-128. In the Semi-Final they blew away a strong Parkfield Labour (North Lancs & Fylde) side gaining all eight winners 168 to 84.

In the other half of the draw Greville Arms (Warwick & Worcester) were playing their Quarter-Final against Alvaston & Boulton (Derbyshire) powering through to the Semi-Final 167-111. In the Sem-Final they encountered an in form Stretton Anglesey (Derbyshire), in a tight match Greville Arms just edged it 149-146.

In the final Greville Arms got off to a flyer, having good starts in three of the first four jacks. Pudsey BC came powering back, with only Ash Bracken winning in the first four for the Greville Arms. The back four of Pudsey BC proved too strong for Greville Arms securing the World Club Championship 161-131. A great overall season for Pudsey BC adding the World Club Championship to their many list of titles.

### FINAL

Pudsey BC			Greville Arms	
Stuart King	21	v	11	Josh Hale
Phil Wilsden	21	v	20	Carl Fielding
Tom Hanson	21	v	13	Darren Round
Josh Mordue	17	v	21	Ash Bracken
James Hanson	18	v	21	Darren Plenderleith
Chris Mordue	21	v	15	Callum Mitchell
Gary Wike	21	v	16	Liam Lowery
Jon Edmondson	21	v	14	Ross Dunkley
	<b>161</b>			<b>131</b>

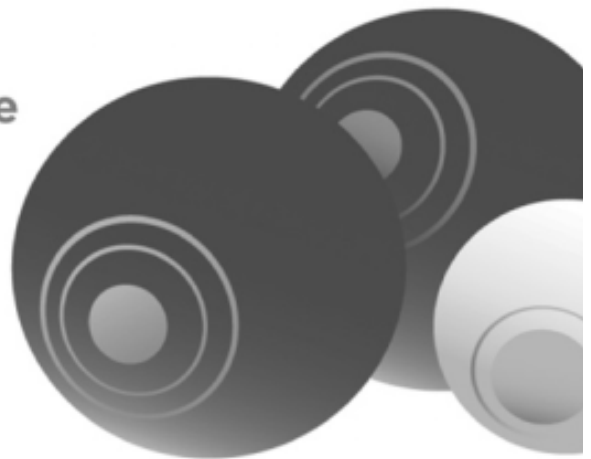


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