

## HUDDERSFIELD & DISTRICT VETERANS BOWLING ASSOCIATION

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*A review of the past month, a preview of the coming month and more*

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# LOCKWOOD CON ARE CHAMPIONS

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## COVER PHOTOGRAPH

This shows the Lockwood Con A team who have won the Section 1 title for a sixth successive year and also collected the 2019 Team KO trophy for good measure.

## OCTOBER SPONSOR

Thankyou to Taylor Funeral Service for their generous support of the Newsletter. This month is the second of a six-month sponsorship commitment and we are very grateful for their support.



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Taylor Funeral Service have been serving the community of Huddersfield for over 80 years. Founded in 1933 by Harry Taylor, the home moved to it's present location in 1954, becoming the first residential funeral home in Huddersfield.



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**Lockwood Con A** are the 10-Man League Champions for a record breaking sixth consecutive season but they had to survive their greatest test yet to achieve it. Pushed all the way by Elland C&BC A who led for much of the campaign with the title holders only getting back in contention in the last quarter of the season. Eventually needing six points from their last fixture at home to third-placed Clayton West and gaining seven to take the title by two points. That was the tightest winning margin of the top Section battle since 2006 when Milnsbridge beat Waterloo to the title by one point (136-135). Ironically Milnsbridge A have been relegated from Section 1 this year along with Almondbury BC A. The 2019 top two is the same as the previous year but the 2018 points gap between the two teams was 34 points so the gap has certainly been narrowed and the competition is expected to get even more difficult next year.

**Crosland Moor** completed their deserved return to the top flight after finishing third in Section 2 for the last two years and are joined by Thongsbridge A making an immediate return to the top level. Meltham B drop through the Section 2 relegation trapdoor along with Skel Windmill who will be pleased to have survived the year after the very real threat to their existence, which still exists, caused by the closure of The Windmill public house.

A final day meeting of the top two teams in Section 3 saw **Paddock I&C** use home advantage to take the title when beating runners-up Bradley & Colne on a better 'Aggregate For' record whilst Slaithwaite took third place. Primrose Hill Lib A and Almondbury BC B have both lost their Section 3 status for next year.

**Lowerhouses** ran away with the Section 4 title race beating Marsh Utd B by 18 points with Meltham C and the Rugby Club dropping down into Section 5 for next season.

A final day defeat at bottom team Primrose Hill Lib B meant that Lindley BC B handed the Section 5 title to **Kirkheaton Con B** as both celebrated promotion. The Wooden Spoon goes to Dalton who found themselves in that position for the first time on the final day of the season.

These are the headlines of the 2019 10-Man League season but an in-depth Team-by-Team Review will appear in the November issue of your newsletter with the 6-Man League Team-by-Team Review added in the December edition.

# BISTRO & LEAGUE DOUBLE FOR CROSLAND MOOR

The Bistro KO Final was notable for the absence of a Section 1 team in the line-up. Section 1 teams have dominated this competition for many years and although its unique five-pairs format tends to throw up a good number of surprise results the top Section teams have a track record of winning the competition.

Not this year with Section 2 Champions Crosland Moor and Section 3 high-fliers, Slaithwaite, eliminating the last two Section 1 teams at the Semi-Final stage to win their day in the sun at Brockholes BC.

Crosland Moor showed their promise for a good top Section return next year by knocking out three Section 1 teams en-route whilst Slaithwaite ended Marsh Utd A's hopes of retaining the trophy at the Sem-Final stage.

A beautiful Brockholes BC green proved a great setting for the 37<sup>th</sup> holding of this competition with Crosland Moor proving too



*The winning Crosland Moor team along with their Bistro trophy*

strong on the day for their opponents to register a great league and KO double.

This trophy was donated to the League by Johnny's Night Club in 1982 and used to be celebrated by the sponsors hosting a dinner for the winning team at their much-revered Bistro restaurant. Those days are passed and much as though the Crosland Moor team enjoy celebrating, they will be satisfied to wallow in the glory of adding this achievement to their previous capture of this trophy they last won in 2008.



*The runners-up team of Slaithwaite BC*

Bistro FINAL (On Brockholes) Crosland Moor		Thu 12th Sep Slaithwaite	
P Cliffe	21	Robert Bradshaw	8
Ron Swallow		R Gartside	
D Bradford	21	B Burhouse	4
A Fowler		D Hall	
Derek Frost	21	C Wheelwright	6
Rodney Whitehead		L Wright	
Tony Clegg	21	Chris Sykes	5
Graham Illingworth		S Wood	
Mick Wenzel	10	J Hague	21
A Robinson		R Mozley	
Handicap:	+8	Handicap:	+20
Aggregate:	102	Aggregate:	64
Games:	4	Games:	1

## TEAM KO No.4 FOR THE CON

For the fourth time in the last seven years Lockwood Con have won the Team Knock-Out competition although that still leaves them short of the record held by Lindley Lib of eight trophy winning years although Lockwood would maintain that is still a work in progress. This year it was the turn of Section 2 team New Mill A to feel the force of the best team in our League over the past few years and despite a valiant effort they were comprehensively beaten on the day.

Team KO FINAL (On Lindley B.C.)		Thu 5th Sep	
New Mill A		Lockwood Con. A	
Allen Hufton	12	Mick Cox	21
Peter Booth	21	Peter Kain	20
Michael Chapman	6	Eddie Haigh	21
Stuart Greaves	21	Ronnie Manning	10
Bruce Jakeman	9	Keith Beaumont	21
Ian Johnson		Dougie Duck	
Chris Washington	13	Richard Walsh	21
Peter Burgess		Graham Wilkinson	
Geoff Haigh	9	Alan Bamforth	21
Robert Whiteley		Ray Harper	
Handicap:	+10	Handicap:	Scr
Aggregate:	101	Aggregate:	135
Games:	2	Games:	5

A great Lindley BC sun-bathed green and typical warm club hospitality greeted both teams but once the action started there was only going to be one winner. New Mill can be justifiably proud of their achievement in reaching this stage of a competition involving the top 32 teams in our 10-Man League. On route to the Final they overcame two Section 1 teams including the 2018 competition winners from Waterloo with every match a tight affair with never more than 6 points between teams in their matches, until the Final.

So Lockwood Con added a knock-out competition trophy to their season to go alongside the Section 1 winner's trophy. There were also individual success for club members with skipper Ronnie Manning and Ed Haigh taking the new Over-70's Pairs title and Mick Cox winning the much-coveted Rose Bowl.



*Competition sponsor Deborah Little of Travel Counsellors of Lindley along with winning captain Ronnie Manning and HDVBA representatives Alan Hirst and David Sykes.*

We had a new competition sponsor this year with Travel Counsellors of Lindley supporting us for the first time, many thanks. Another good HDVBA day in the sun and congratulations to both teams for their contributions to a good day of competition and both adding to their own club's and the League's, history.



*Beaten Finalists New Mill A showing off their new team shirts and specifically the names of their sponsors on the right sleeve.*

# PAIRS KO TITLE GOES WEST

Congratulations to Tim Poulter and Edwin Haigh of Clayton West in winning the 2019 Pairs Knock-Out Final. Another good day at Almondbury Lib as the eight Quarter-Finalists were whittled down to the final two pairs for the Final with the Springwood pair of Keith Morris and Colin Hampshaw doing exceptional well to reach the Final.

It is the second consecutive year that a Section 3 pair has reached the Final and although they couldn't emulate the 2018 success of Geoff Rollinson and Peter Sykes from Holmfirth they gave an excellent account of themselves and did their Section proud.

Six of the final eight were Section 1 team representatives so the playing standards remained high throughout and with eight different clubs represented interest was prolonged through what is always a long but rewarding day of competitive bowling.

The winners were pushed all the way as they won to 19 and then 20 in their two earlier rounds on the day before overcoming their Springwood opponents 21-14 in the Final. This success was the second time that a Clayton West pair have lifted this trophy as R Johnson & A Kaye won the 2009 competition.



2019 Pairs KO Winners Tim Poulter and Edwin Haigh

2018 Winners Geoff Rollinson and Peter Sykes returned to the scene of their big success but were unable to recreate the special performances that were so much a feature of last year's competition and were eliminated by the Springwood pairing at the first hurdle.

The favourites and 2016 winners, Mick Cox and Ed Haigh of Lockwood Con, also missed out at the Quarter-Final stage as the Netherton Con pairing of Winterburn and Garner edged a tight match. This competition is always one of the highlights of the Veterans League season and this year didn't disappoint with the hospitality of the sponsoring Almondbury Lib Club always most welcome. Another good day.

Quarter-Finals			
M Cox & E Haigh (Lockwood Con)	19-21	P Winterburn & D Garner (Netherton Con)	
G Rollinson & P Sykes (Holmfirth)	17-21	K Morris & C Hampshaw (Springwood)	
E Haigh & T Poulter (Clayton West)	21-19	J Hirst & A Stephenson (Waterloo)	
D Emsall & C Lloyd (Meltham)	21-19	D Simmons & A Carter (Marsh Utd)	
Semi-Finals			
P Winterburn & D Garner	12-21	K Morris & C Hampshaw	
E Haigh & T Poulter	21-20	D Emsall & C Lloyd	
FINAL			
K Morris & C Hampshaw	14-21	E Haigh & T Poulter	



The Quarter-Finalists

# KIRKHEATON CON WIN SUB-TEAM KO



*The 2019 Sub-Team KO winners from Kirkheaton Con B*

The Kirkheaton Con B team won the Sub-Team Knock-Out Final held at Broad Oak when they overcame Section 3 opponents Bradley & Colne by 168-152. They didn't know it at the time but this was the first half of a 2019 double as the team went on to lift the Section 5 title on the last day of the season to celebrate their first season in the League. Bradley & Colne also didn't appreciate at the time that they were to be runners-up twice this year when also taking the runners-up position in Section 3 again with a final day reversal of positions saw them lose out to Paddock I&C.

Both teams had won four earlier round ties in this competition which features the 32 teams that had finished outside the top 32 of the previous season and whilst retaining the League format of four singles and three pairs is decided on aggregate totals. Bradley & Colne won this trophy back in 1999 but it is a new name that will be added this year as Kirkheaton Con have never won it before.

The competition was once again sponsored by Croft Care Homes who have been very generous to us over recent years. We are indebted to their support.

*The Bradley & Colne team*

Sub-Team KO FINAL (On Broad Oak)		Fri 30th Aug	
Bradley & Colne		Kirkheaton Con. B	
Keith Hatzler	21	Colin Fleetwood	20
Jeff Waters	21	R A Charlesworth	15
Steve Mynott	19	Keith Manning	21
Graham Beevers	7	Kevin Stringer	21
Colin Wood	17	Barry Wilton	21
David Catherine		Peter Paxman	
David Batley	21	Stuart Goddard	9
John Pickering		Keith Rawlins	
Peter Dickinson	21	Jeff Jacklin	16
Ian Hunter		Brian Parker	
Handicap: +25		Handicap: +45	
Aggregate: 152		Aggregate: 168	
Games: 4		Games: 3	



# DENNIS TAKES OVER-70's TITLE

Netherton Con bowler Dennis Garner won the Over-70's Knock-Out title with a runaway win in the Final at the home of competition sponsors Lockwood Con.

When you are '14-All But' down in the Quarter-Final to the reigning Champion then your first thought is unlikely to be 'I am going to win this competition'. However Dennis came back to overhaul Graham Illingworth and set up a Semi-Final against home bowler Brendan O'Prey. A 21-16 win then set him up to meet Inter-District bowler Roger Stopford where he continued to bring his A game to the fore and ran out a very good 21-4 winner indeed. That Final scoreline being unique on Finals Day as each of the other six matches were very closely contested.

Although a long serving stalwart bowler for his club and the Inter-District teams in the past this is the first individual honour that the popular and quietly spoken Dennis has won.

Good day also for 89-years young Graham Stockton from Almondbury Lib who reached the Semi-Finals by beating Marsh Utd's Trevor Sykes 21-18 before losing narrowly to Roger Stopford.

There was a good split of bowler backgrounds with eight different clubs represented on Finals Day and half of those were from teams outside the top Section.

*More photographs from all our Finals Day competitions can be found on our Google Photos account which can be accessed from the HDVBA website.*



*The Final 3 on the green.  
(L to R): Roger Stopford, Ray Tunnacliffe (referee) and Dennis Garner*

QUARTER-FINALS		
T SYKES (Marsh Utd) 2	18-21	G STOCKTON (Almondbury Lib) 7
R STOPFORD( Rastrick) SCR	21-19	J BEAUMONT(Skel Windmill) 7
G ILLINGWORTH( Crosland Moor) SCR	20-21	D GARNER (Netherton Con) 2
B OPREY (Lockwood Con) -2	21-19	P BOOTH (New Mill) 3
SEMI-FINALS		
G STOCKTON	18-21	R STOPFORD
D GARNER	21-16	B OPREY
FINAL		
R STOPFORD	4-21	D GARNER(NETHERTON CON)2



*The eight quarter-finalists for the 2019 Over-70s KO Finals Day along with HDVBA Competition Secretary David Sykes and trophy*

## FIRST AID TRAINING SESSION

Once again this close-season we have organised another session to educate folk on how to react to every day medical emergencies. This is a free session open to all, not just Veterans League bowlers, and will be led by the British Red Cross.



The two-hour session will be held at Paddock I&C on Monday 28 October. The session covers a range of medical emergencies and will provide life-saving skills so that you will know how to react when someone in your company suffers a stroke, heart attack, wound and much more. How useful to have that skill in your locker for when you really need it.

Book your place by contacting Jeff Jacklin on 07968 171 197 or jefftheref2000@yahoo.co.uk

## FANTASY LEAGUE WINNERS

Tom Kelly of Thongsbridge is the 2019 winner of our unique season long



Fantasy League competition. With a 22 point lead going into the final week and just three 6-man fixtures to add he cannot be caught and takes our

top prize of £30 worth of bowling gear from competition sponsor Well Bowled of Luddendenfoot.



## REST IN PEACE

We have lost two highly regarded local bowlers over the past month. **ROGER CROWTHER** passed away on 12 September after a short illness. He was one of the best bowlers of his era winning practically every honour in local and County competitions. He was a major driving force in the success of his long time club of Longwood and will be sorely missed. **BRIAN MORLEY** passed away on 20 September. Brian was for many years a highly successful bowler with Crosland Moor going on to play for Lindley Lib in his later years. He played for the Veteran's Inter-District team from 2010 to 2014 before eventually being forced to stop bowling altogether in July 2016 due to ill-health.

## CLUB REPS CORNER

It is the Clubs' Half-Year Meeting on Monday 14 October 2019 starting at 2.00pm at Paddock I&C. Any club not represented will be fined £5 as per our rules.

As well as presentations of all the cups, shields and trophies to all the team, individual and pairs winners of our leagues and knock-out competitions there is the issue of changes to League Rules to be voted upon. A number of changes have been put forward and all these are included on the last two pages of this newsletter. Any bowler should pass on his views on these proposed changes to his club representative to help them decide which matters to support or vote against.

Clubs will set League fees at this meeting for 2020 following a recommendation from the Treasurer. There will also be an update on plans for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the League celebrations.

All clubs are reminded that if you are considering withdrawing from our League or looking to add another team to the 10-man or 6-man competitions for 2020 then the closing date for all is the second Monday in January (the 13<sup>th</sup>).

In addition if any club has an active bowler member passing their 90<sup>th</sup> birthday before the start of the 2020 season please let the Management Committee aware. We like to mark such milestones with a small presentation at the AGM in February. Good to see that 95-years old Jack Hewitt has signed on for Lockwood Con for the 2020 season.

## FREE ADVERTISING IN THE NEWSLETTER

We are now offering all members **FREE** Classified Advertisements in the monthly newsletter. This service is for members of our League only and applies to individuals and clubs.

A free Classified Ad can be no more than 20 words excluding contact details. Just go to the 'Contact Us' page on the HDVBA website to forward your advertisement. It can be used to promote a social function, sell your woods or your house or home-made jam. Or maybe you just want to say thank you to somebody or everybody about anything.

If you need more than 16 words then consider the options for a bigger advertisement as below with rates starting from around £3.85 per month for a quarter-page advertisement.

Having been approached about providing some advertising space in the monthly newsletter we are now making available quarter-page adverts for just £5 per issue. It gets even cheaper for longer term commitments (6 months £25, 12 months £45). Whether you want to advertise your business, bowls or house for sale, birthday celebrations or just to say thank you for anything then get in touch we will be delighted to hear from you.

### ADVERTISING RATES

SIZE	MONTHS	COST
Quarter-Page	1	£5
	6	£25
	12	£45
Half-Page	1	£10
	6	£45
	12	£75
Full-Page	1	£20
	6	£90
	12	£150

Closing date to get your free or paid for advertisement in the next issue of the newsletter is **Thursday 24 October**

### NEXT MONTH

The November issue will include a full write up on the Club's Half-Year Meeting along with a team-by-team review of the 2019 10-Man League season with the 6-Man League review being included in the December edition of your newsletter.

## 50th ANNIVERSARY PATRONS

We are very grateful to the growing list of Golden Jubilee Anniversary Patrons for their support of this scheme with Tony Clegg of Crosland Moor being the latest contributor to join the list, thankyou. All funds raised go directly towards commemorating the Anniversary milestone. Further contributions are most welcome with a minimum donation of £10 getting your name on the list which will be widely shared over the next 18 months. The scheme has already raised over £340 which will be spent on celebrating our Anniversary season.

The current list of 23 Patrons is below and you can add your name to this list and show your support by contacting the League Secretary.

### 2020 ANNIVERSARY PATRONS:

Peter & Judith Muff, David Sykes (Brockholes), Jeff Jacklin (Kirkheaton Con), Allan Dobson (Kirkheaton C&BC), Philip Walker (Lindley BC), Bob Swan (Cowcliffe), David Union (Outlane), Jeff & Ann Smith (Meltham), Paul Rushworth (Broad Oak), Ian Crawford (Longwood), David Blackburn (Thorpe Green), Brian Faichney (Canalside), Bill Blackburn (Lindley BC), Dougie Mellor (Lockwood Con), Tony Lockwood (Golcar C&BC), Derek Sykes (Marsden Park), Ray Tunnacliffe (Netherton Con), Graham Hall (Rastrick), John Townend (Paddock I&C), Colin Wood (Bradley & Colne) and Tony Clegg (Crosland Moor).

## 50th ANNIVERSARY BOOK

Meanwhile work continues on compiling the 50th Anniversary book and any articles or photographs of veterans teams from our clubs are still very welcome. There will be at least a page devoted to each member club and it would be great if each club contributed to that with current team photographs especially welcome.

## CLUBS' HALF-YEAR MEETING

**Monday 14 October 2019  
2-00pm at Paddock I&C**

**All clubs should be represented**

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HUDDERSFIELD & DISTRICT VETERANS' BOWLING LEAGUE

HALF-YEAR MEETING

14 October 2019

**PROPOSED CHANGES TO LEAGUE BYE-LAWS**

Proposed by Marsh United    Seconded by Dalton, David Brown Sports & Holmfirth

**1. CURRENT RULE: Match Play Rule 3a (Page 52)**

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In re-arranged matches players having played in other teams on the original date, cannot play in the re-arranged game. In the case of a dispute, the matter is to be referred to the committee whose decision will be final. Failure to play the game within 28 days of the original date shall result in a £5 fine to both clubs.

**1. PROPOSED CHANGE:**

..... Where a match has to be re-arranged the date must be agreed within 7 days of the original date and the match must be played within 28 days of the original date **excepting if teams agree to play on a free normal match day outside that 28 day period. This applies to only 6 man teams on Mondays, and 10 man teams on Tuesdays respectively.** In any event the League Secretary must be informed.

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All the following proposed rule changes are put forward by the Management Committee

**2. CURRENT RULE: Match Play Rule 4 (Page 52)**

Matches shall consist of three doubles and four singles played in any order, the home team captain having preference. All doubles matches shall consist of two bowlers per team.

**2. PROPOSED CHANGE:**

Matches shall consist of three doubles and four singles played in any **order combination**, the home team captain having preference. All doubles matches shall consist of two bowlers per team.

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**3. PROPOSED NEW RULE: Match Play Rule 3c**

Any team playing an ineligible bowler in a League match shall lose that match 0-9. Any team playing an ineligible bowler in a Knock-Out match shall be expelled from that competition for that season. In addition clubs and players transgressing this rule may be fined as determined by the Management Committee

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**4. CURRENT RULE: Knock-Out Competitions: General: Rule 1h (Page 54)**

A member shall not be allowed to bowl for more than one team in any one competition during the season except that a member of a club who has played in the 'B' and 'C' team may play in the same team clubs 'A' or 'B' team in later rounds, but having played in the 'A' /'B' team, he cannot revert to the 'B' or 'C' teams

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In the event of Proposed Change 4 (above) being passed then Proposed Change 5 will be withdrawn

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