

Mens Merit (Sponsored by Taylor Bowls)

Will take place on Sunday 11th September at Halifax Bowling Club, commencing at 10-30am. Entry fee £2-50. Closing date, on the day up to 10-15am when the draw will take place. Open to all male bowlers registered in the Elland league.

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NORMAN NICHOLL MEMORIAL TROPHY MIXED PAIRS REPORT

Brian Hildred and Julie Marsden (Ackroyden Vics and Laurel Crescent) won the Elland Bowling Association's Norman Nicholl Memorial Mixed Pairs Trophy, sponsored by Briggs Priestley Ltd, with an exciting 15-14 victory over Martin Greenwood and Tracey Atkinson (Siddal Park) at Kingston BC.

The final produced some excellent bowling from both pairs, the game started out with Hildred and Marsden both playing well and scoring two pairs and a single to lead 5-nil, with Marsden leading well on a medium length pegging mark across the crown as they increased their advantage to 11-2, a couple of pairs later they still led 11-6. another pair and they were coasting home, but then Greenwood and Atkinson began to fight back with a couple of singles, a pair and a painful to take the lead 14-13 and looking the likely winners as both played really good bowls, but as in lots of games, one loose end can be costly, this being the case as the victors scored a pair at the last end to secure the victory with the final score 15-14

Earlier the winners had played their semi-final against Brendon Malone and Cathy Ness (Siddal) who had opened strongly with Ness leading well to establish a 6-1 lead. Marsden then began to lead well over the crown on a difficult mark to take command of the game and with two threes, pairs and singles to lead 13-6 and the game looking over, but there opponents had different ideas and with Malone now leading produced a great comeback to level the scores at 13 apiece. The next end proved decisive with Malone and Ness lying game with a pair, Hildred bowled a superb wood to take the end and the lead once again, with Ness then playing another good wood the game reached 14 across, the last end requiring a measure to decide who proceeded to the final, with Marsden and Hildred getting the verdict to win 15-14 to book their place in the final.

The other semi-final looked as if it would be very close with both pairs having played well throughout the day, and scoring plenty of points, but Liam and Yeolande Sykes (Brockholes) just failed to get over the line. They had conceded a pair and a three in the first couple of ends but rallied strongly to go ahead 6-5, Greenwood and Atkinson scored at the next couple of ends, from that point the Sykes fought back determinedly to take a commanding lead of 13-8. This was the time when the victors reasserted themselves to storm back, including a painful at the penultimate end to take the game 15-13

Earlier in the day, the competition was organised on a round robin basis, with all pairs playing each other in divisions, each game lasting 8 ends, the winners of each division then playing in the semi-finals, this format proving very popular.

Open Pairs Report

Gareth Coates and Danny Barker (Akroyd Vics) won the Elland Bowling Association's Open Pairs Trophy, sponsored by Briggs Priestley Ltd, with a hard fought victory 15-8 over Tricia and Clive Austin (Luddenden Foot) at Hipperholme BC.

The final produced some excellent bowling from both pairs, with the Vics pair opening the

scoring with a couple of singles, the Austins then found a mark to suit with Clive leading well to take the next three ends to lead 5-2, Coates and Barker responded to draw level at 5 across, and from then on the game fluctuated with neither pair taking control until with the game tied at 8 apiece, Coates took the jack and leading well on a long mark over the crown bowled really well and ably assisted by his partner Barker to score a single and two threes to record a 15-8 victory and secure the trophy.

Coates and Barker had began the day by beating Cathy Ness and Maddy Hildred (Siddal) by 15-9, with Barker leading impressively scoring consecutive panfuls to secure victory. They followed this with another easy win over homesters Simon and Bev Clayton (Hipperholme) in seven ends to record a 15-0 win.

The quarter final game was against Martin Holt and his grandson Charlie Holt-Conway, Coates and Barker opened up a 7-2 lead before being pegged back to 7-6, the game was to and fro after until at 12-10, the victors made the game safe with a single and pair, going to game 15-10

In their semi-final against clubmates, Martin Steele and Les Holmes (Akroyd Vics) the scores were level at 5 across before Holmes, leading a short mark across the pip, established a 10-7 lead, but from then on Coates, bowling a superb line and length dictated the next four ends running out to reach the final with a 15-10 win.

Clive and Tricia Austin began against Sylvia Allott and Heather Smith (Akroyd Vics) who despite bowling good woods were always in arrears, the Austins taking the game 15-4. Their quarter-final opponents Julian and son Bailey Dawson (Akroyd Vics) were in total command of their game cruising to a 12-6 lead, only for the wheels to fall off, allowing the Austins to take advantage with Tricia in particular playing really good woods to run out with a 15-12 victory. Their semi-final opponents were the all female pairing of Christine Barker and Amy Marsden (Hove Edge). The game began with the Austins playing a long mark under the crown to take a commanding 14-2 lead, the next four ends all going the way of Barker and Marsden as they stormed back with a single, pair and two fours to reach 13, before the Austins made the game safe as they eased to victory with a 15-13 win.

Quarter-Finals:

C & T. Austin 15, J & B. Bailey 12

I & D. Ryding 3, A. Marsden / C. Barker 15

M. Steele / L. Holmes 15, M. Holden / G. Roberts 13

G. Coates / D. Barker 15, M. Holt / C. Holt-Conway 10

Timely Reminder

Due to the weather, several games have had to be cancelled, please note the rules, all cancelled games to be played within 28 days of original fixture, try to arrange to play these games within that timeframe, if your having problems with players not being available, than play on separate dates 4 and 4, 5 and 3 or 6 and 2, at least this gets the game completed.

Also, a reminder when making the draw for match play, both captains selection of players

order of play should have score cards face down and numbered 1-8, then there can be no arguments!!

Season 2016

Have just been informed that **Elland C & BC 'C' team in Division 8 have withdrawn** from the league.

As late as last night, **Queensbury 'B'** team have informed me that they are also **withdrawing the team from Division 8**

Will inform each team in Division 8 of plans to create extra fixtures towards total of 16 games

Extra Fixtures in Division 8

April 25 th	Shelf Park	v	Outlane 'B'
May 23 rd	Siddal Park 'B'	v	Pellon 'B'
June 13 th	Hove Edge 'D'	v	Allan Park 'B'
June 20 th	Outlane 'B'	v	Siddal Park 'B'
July 11 th	Allan Park 'B'	v	Elland WM 'B'
July 18 th	Pellon 'B'	v	Halifax 'C'
August 1 st	Elland WM 'B'	v	Shelf Park
August 15 th	Halifax 'C'	v	Hove Edge 'D'

Do not reverse these fixtures, no extra 1 point bonus will be awarded in these games.

All game results will count towards team points in the league and averages.