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INTER-DISTRICT CHAMPIONS AGAIN

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COVER PHOTOGRAPH

This shows the first ever winners of the new Over-70's Pairs Knock-Out competition as Ronnie Manning and Eddie Haigh of Lockwood Con lifted the new trophy.

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



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Serving the community of Huddersfield since 1933

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.



Husband and Wife, Tony and Helen Dalton, now look after Taylor Funeral Service. With over 37 years of experience in the profession between them, they understand that bereavement can be an intense and distressing time and work tirelessly to deliver a first class service based on outstanding care, genuine kindness and a focus on attention to detail.

Our representative team has won the West Yorkshire Inter-District title for the first time since 2014. The closest of final tables shows our team on level points with West Riding but with a greater individual match total of 65 as opposed to West Riding's 63 we inched the title and collect the Famous Grouse trophy once more. One point behind were Halifax and a further point back was Bradford in surely the tightest of competitions ever held. Congratulations to all our team members and well done.

As we move into the final month of the 2019 season there are still many twists and turns expected in the final League tables. It is also the business end of the Knock-Out competitions with the Pairs, Over-80's, Julie Fuller Trophy and Lower Divisions Trophy all now completed and reported on within this issue of your newsletter. The first team Knock-Out Trophy of the season - the Sub-Team KO - was also due to be played in the final week of August, as was the Pairs KO, but after the deadline for this newsletter. A full write up on those and all the remaining KO competitions will appear in our October issue.

Lots still to happen in the League competitions with no title or promotion issues finalized yet. It is tight at the top of Section 1 where Elland C&BC A are playing very well in an attempt to stop Lockwood Con setting up a record-breaking sixth consecutive title. This is going to go down to the wire. As is the Section 2 title and surely not a third consecutive last day capitulation by Crosland Moor to deny themselves promotion.

Paddock I&C, Lowerhouses and Lindley BC B all have good leads in their respective Sections but the end-of-season colliwobbles are always likely to set in for at least one of our top performers before the fat lady sings to denote the end of the season.

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INTER-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP CLIMAX

Our Inter-District representative team has won the West Yorkshire Inter-District title for the 15th time and for the first time since 2014. There has never been a tighter title race with just two points separating the top four. The delayed fixture between Bradford and Skipton being key in the final outcome as Bradford needed 34 points from the match to take the title but fell short despite winning 31-25 and came fourth.

The final day of the season was the first time that our side had topped the table all season, an outcome that seemed some way off earlier in the year but the two teams got stronger as the season progressed and the results became better raising hopes of achieving something special.

With a new set up this year including two new team captains, Mick Cox for the home side and Malcolm Gilbert for the away team, they came from well back in the chasing pack to win six of their seven matches and win the 26th holding of this competition.

Originally started in 1992 and sponsored by Diago including the introduction of the Famous Grouse Trophy. The bottles of whisky presented to winning team members has long since passed but that will not diminish the thirst for more success of the teams as they look forward to defending the trophy in what is bound to be another strong competition next year.



Mick Cox and Malcolm Gilbert the two Inter-District team captains.

FINAL LEAGUE TABLE

		P	W	L	Pts
1	HUDDERSFIELD	7	6	1	232
2	West Riding	7	4	3	232
3	Halifax	7	6	1	231
4	Bradford	7	5	2	230
5	Wakefield	7	2	5	173
6	Skipton	7	1	6	172
7	Leeds	7	2	5	170
8	Castleford	7	2	5	128

RESULTS

3 May v Leeds Won 34-22
 17 May v Wakefield Won 31-25
 31 May v Halifax Won 36-20
 14 June v Bradford Lost 26-30
 28 June v Skipton Won 30-26
 26 July v Castleford Won 43-13
 9 August v West Riding Won 32-24

PLAYER AVERAGES 2019

HOME TEAM

Pos.	Lge.	Player	PI	W	L	For	Opp	Avg
1	8	Ronnie Manning	6	5	1	125	87	6.3
2	12	Peter Kain	6	5	1	123	89	5.7
3	27	Alan Bamforth	7	5	2	134	113	3.0
4	39	Andy Carter	7	4	3	122	111	1.6
5	41	Kevin Brown	7	4	3	133	124	1.3
6	54	Graham Howe	7	3	4	118	124	-0.9
---	---	Barry Gibson	1	1	0	21	7	14.0
---	---	Graham Illingworth	4	4	0	84	51	8.3
---	---	Mick Cox	5	5	0	105	71	6.8
---	---	Frank Griffin	1	1	0	21	18	3.0
---	---	Brendan O'Prey	2	1	1	31	34	-1.5
---	---	Robert Mudd	3	0	3	47	63	-5.3

AWAY TEAM

Pos.	Lge.	Player	PI	W	L	For	Opp	Avg
1	5	Peter Hopkinson	6	5	1	118	76	7.0
2	20	Frank Griffin	6	4	2	118	93	4.2
3	35	Roger Stopford	6	3	3	109	97	2.0
4	40	Donald Booth	6	4	2	118	109	1.5
5	45	Malcolm Gilbert	7	3	4	132	130	0.3
---	---	E Haigh	4	2	2	77	65	3.0
---	---	Eddie Haigh	1	0	1	20	21	-1.0
---	---	Derek Hewitt	4	1	3	65	74	-2.3
---	---	David Pollard	4	1	3	63	75	-3.0
---	---	David Singleton	4	2	2	62	74	-3.0
---	---	T Poulter	4	1	3	63	77	-3.5
---	---	Harold Hick	3	1	2	35	59	-8.0
---	---	Andy Broughton	1	0	1	6	21	-15.0

RONNIE & EDDIE ARE TOP PAIRING

The Lockwood Con pairing of Ronnie Manning and Eddie Haigh won the first ever holding of the Over-70s Pairs Knock-Out when beating Barry Gibson and Roy Sutton of Meltham 21-15 in the Final.

A good day of bowling deserved better weather with an overcast but dry day for

most of the time held on the Brockholes green.

That absence of the sun may have been a blessing in disguise as the finalists played three games over four-and-a-half hours which would have been a lot more demanding in hot or wet weather.



Competition Secretary David Sykes shows the new trophy to the finalist in the Over-70s Pairs Knock-Out

FINALS DAY RESULTS

FINAL

B Gibson & R Sutton 15
R Manning & E Haigh 21

SEMI-FINALS

A Crowther & G Howe 20
B Gibson & R Sutton 21
N Bennet & D Beeby 13
R Manning & E Haigh 21

QUARTER-FINALS

A Crowther & G Howe (Longwood) 21
R Lees & D Crowther (Almondbury BC) 18
F Greenwood & S Manson (Golcar Lib) 10
B Gibson & R Sutton (Meltham) 21
N Bennett & D Beeby (Golcar Lib) 21
A Chapman & B Walsh (Meltham) 19
R Manning & E Haigh (Lockwood Con) 21
A Kaye & E Haigh (Clayton West) 7

There were some tight matches but there was no doubt that the two finalists had played the best bowling of the day. It looked for a long while that the Meltham pairing would lift the trophy as they led 15-12 but the Lockwood Con duo fought back in singles to draw level and then take a four and a two to run out victors. Congratulations to the winners.

The generous but anonymous competition sponsor also suggested this KO format and has promised funding for the first three years. His additional gesture of buying each finalist a pint was also very much appreciated and may be a fore-runner to other such similar gestures in the future.

The result meant that Lockwood Con bowlers have lifted the first two trophies of the season following Mick Cox's success in the Rose Bowl.

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OVER-80's KNOCK-OUT IN THE RAIN

The double-featured Finals Day at Hemplow was devastated by heavy rain as the Over-80's and the Julie Fuller Trophy Finals were played out to a very soggy conclusion.

Referee Ray Tunnacliffe had to make two corners of the Hemplow green out-of-bounds as areas became under-water and dangerously slippery. However as we all know the show has to go on and go on it did with a surprisingly high standard of bowling, considering the conditions, prevailed as the green ran mainly true whenever a dry path could be found.

This Two-in-a-Day format fits well with the two Over-80's Semi-Finals being played with the winners getting a much needed break and drying out period whilst the three-pairs Julie Fuller Trophy Final is contested.



The four Over-80's Semi-Finalists. Left to Right: Eddie Hine (Kirkheaton C&BC), Ray Clayton (Netherton Con), Gordon Walker (Kirkheaton Con) & Joe Cocking (Hemplow)

Home bowler Joe Cocking had a reduced handicap to compensate for his local knowledge which surely can't have extended to the day's conditions very often and he went down 16-21 to Gordon Walker. Then 2017 Champion, Eddie Hine, eliminated Netherton Con bowler Ray Clayton 21-10 to set up a Kirkheaton Derby Final between two old friends and former team-mates.

SEMI-FINALS

Eddie Hine (3) 21-10 Ray Clayton (6)
Joe Cocking (6) 16-21 Gordon Walker (3)

FINAL

EDDIE HINE 21-17 GORDON WALKER

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Two very damp finalists take refuge in the clubhouse for the presentation made by sponsor Pat Stephenson to Gordon Walker (left) and winner Eddie Hine.

In the Final both bowlers tested each other out on a speculative long mark but once convinced that their opponent could reach their longest target then it settled down to more of a tactical short mark encounter. It was always tight but Eddie eventually broke clear to land this trophy for the second time and both bowlers were relieved that it was over and they could retire to the clubhouse for respite and the presentations. Competition sponsors Alan and Pat Stephenson were on hand to congratulate all four Semi-Finalists for their performances and perseverance.



The two finalists along with match referee Ray Tunnacliffe before the Final

SLAITHWAITE BOWLER WINS LDT

If there has been a better green for one of our KO Finals Days this season then I haven't seen it. In a year that many greens are still recovering or still suffering from the very hot and prolonged Summer of 2018 then the Outlane green is a sight for sore eyes - it was immaculate.

As John Hoyle stated when making the presentations the only think that out-performed the bowlers was the green and that takes nothing away from a very good day of bowling. Shame about the dress code though. With four of the Quarter-Finals failing to adhere to the BCGBA Dress Code which we require in our showpiece Finals, presented a problem. To stick to the letter of our own rules would have seen four bowlers instantly eliminated. That would have been very unfair on our sponsors and hosts as the competition would have instantly been devalued and undermined all the preparatory work that Outlane had undertaken to host their first Final for many years. All were allowed to compete but how do we get this message over to bowlers?



Outlane President Trevor Brook presents the trophy to Lower Division Trophy winner Chris Sykes of Slaithwaite with Competition Secretary David Sykes looking on.



The multi-coloured trousers line-up of the eight Quarter-Finalists of the 2019 Lower Divisions Trophy Finals Day.

Springwood have been big supporters of this competition in recent years including last year's Champion Mike Ralph who again featured in Finals Day. This year from an original entry of six club bowlers three of them had progressed through to Finals Day. There were also two from Slaithwaite and Meltham and a lone Farnley Tyas representative in Geoff Sykes who won this title in 2012.

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Geoff Sykes went all the way to the Final where we had a Sykes Final with Slaithwaite bowler Chris Sykes top in the other half of the draw. So it was that Chris played better at the ultimate stage to run out the winner by 21-14 to claim his first ever Veterans League individual trophy. In this sort of form it wont be the last time we see him in the later stages of one or more of our competitions.

QUARTER-FINALS

C.Bradshaw (Slaithwaite)(3) 21
J.Knott (Meltham)(5) 16

K.Morris (Springwood) (4) 15
C.Sykes (Slaithwaite)(4) 21

A.Lawton (Meltham)(5) 21
M.Ralph (Springwood)(5)

C.Hampshaw (Springwood)(4) 17
G.Sykes (Farnley Tyas)(7) 21

SEMI-FINALS

C.Bradshaw 13-21 C.Sykes
A.Lawton 13-21 G.Sykes

FINAL

CHRIS SYKES 21-14 GEOFF SYKES

LONGWOOD WIN JULIE FULLER

The only Team KO competition in the Six-Man League is the Julie Fuller Trophy with its unique three pairs format coupled with team handicaps can lead to some surprise results. That was certainly the case this year as we didn't have any Section A teams left in the competition by the Semi-Finals stage. Longwood from Section B and Section C leaders Marsden Park progressing through to the rainy Hemplow Final.

Marsden Park are in their first season in the Six-Man League and have had a great start to their experiences at this level and look assured of the Section C title. Having tested out their potential by eliminating four higher Section teams, two of them from Section A, in the Julie Fuller Trophy without needing their handicap advantage in any of those four wins, they were on an unbeaten run of 16 matches in their Six-Man League life.

Longwood have a wonderful Julie Fuller Trophy history having won it four times in the last five

years as well as lifting the Section A title three times over that same time period. So a great history and so it was that the teams went head-to-head at a very wet Hemplow.

Big day experience told as Longwood ran out victors in all three games to collect the trophy for a fifth time which extended their own longest record in this competition.

MATCH RECORD

Julie Fuller Trophy Final (On Hemplow) Longwood		Fri 16th Aug Marsden Park	
John Ollerenshaw	21	Bryan Cook	9
Tony Crowther		C Butters	
Roy Whitehead	21	Derek Sykes	5
Ian Gledhill		C Perry	
Tommy Walker	21	G Kewley	12
Steve Broadhead		D Matthews	
Handicap:	+12	Handicap:	+18
Aggregate:	75	Aggregate:	44



Both teams huddling together for warmth prior to the start of the 2019 Julie Fuller Trophy Final

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.

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	6	£25
	12	£45
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	6	£45
	12	£75
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	6	£90
	12	£150

Closing date to get your free or paid for advertisement in the next issue of the newsletter is **Thursday 26 September**

NEXT MONTH

The October issue of your Newsletter will include full write ups on our five final competitions of 2019 - the Over-70's, Pairs, Team KO, Sub-Team KO and Bistro.

HALF-YEAR MEETING

All clubs are reminded that the Half-Year Meeting will be held at Paddock I&C at 2.00pm on Monday 14 October. Notice with full details have already been sent out to all clubs. This is the meeting where member clubs will vote on any changes to League Rules and those proposed this year are listed on the next page of your newsletter. The presentation of awards to all League winners and runners-up are also made along with all the Individual, Team and Pairs KO winners are also made.

50th ANNIVERSARY PATRONS

We are very grateful to the growing list of Golden Jubilee Anniversary Patrons for their support of this scheme with being the latest contributors to join the list, thank you. 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 £300 which will be spent on celebrating our Anniversary season.

The current list of 22 Patrons is below and you can add your name to this list and show your support by contacting the League Secretary.

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) and Colin Wood (Bradley & Colne).

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.

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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)

.....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. In any event the League Secretary must be informed.

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.

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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

4. PROPOSED CHANGE:

A member shall not be allowed to bowl for more than one team in any one competition during the season. **For the purposes of this rule the Team KO and Sub-Team KO shall be regarded as one competition.**

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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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