

Welsh Crown Green Bowling Association Referees Society



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SEASON REPORT FOR 2018

We started the season with the annual Referees Stan Higham Trophy played at Rhos Park on 29th April and was duly won by D.T. Evans for seventh time beating Stan Warburton in the final, both qualified for the Referees Patrons Day which D.T. Evans won for the sixth time. Some achievement and he must be congratulated for keeping Welsh bowling to the forefront. The season started with fifteen active referees but with two resigning and four only being available for two matches, the Placement Secretary had only nine referees to call on regularly for the eighty-two appointments requested. Fulfilling 81, unfortunately we could not accommodate the BCGLBA Veterans County Championship. Again, we are looking for more volunteers to join us and put something back into the game we love.

During our end of season meeting a few points were raised the most prominent being the new APPROVED Bowline String Measures with feedback from both players and referees on their use and accuracy. A letter was duly sent to the Secretary of the BCGRS Mr David Williams asking if he had any other feedback from other areas on these measures bearing in mind that it had been witnessed at the Champion of Champions at the Waterloo they had been changed for the more traditional measures.

He replied that he had not received any comments re the use of the Bowlslime Measures and that the reason for the change at the Champion of Champions was due to a faulty locking device which has now been fixed and those tapes were used at the Centenary Mixed Pairs without any problem. Those the Bowlslime Measures are JUST another approved set of measures and it is up to the individuals measuring which approved measure they use and use correctly.

Also, during our meeting, it was reported that a referee from Merseyside Referees Society had been invited and refereed Cheshire County League Matches within the Welsh Area. This has been taken with Mr Simon Walker to raise with the Cheshire League so in future when the Cheshire League come over to Wales to play their competitions they have a Welsh Referee appointed.

Three of our referees attended the Referee and Assessors Seminar on April 7th at Winnington Park, they being D.T. Evans, Stan Warburton and Peter Hughes this giving a more in-depth of referees' duties before, during and after a match which were conveyed to all our members. Finally, may I remind all leagues and clubs that it is up to them to request a referee and not for the WCGBARS to come to you asking if you require one.

Any person interested in becoming a referee please contact me, my details are on the Welsh web site.

Arthur Peake
Secretary