

JOSH IS THE NEW JUNIOR CHAMPION

He started the day with the number one on his back and ended it as the number one junior bowler as 17 year-old Josh Towey from Potteries & District became the 2011 BCGBA Junior Merit Champion.

The Junior Merit is always played in the county of the Deputy President and this year took place at Winnington Park Recreation Club in Northwich, Cheshire. Deputy President, Peter Kelly was on hand to make the presentation of the magnificent trophy to a worthy winner.

The final turned out to be a hard-fought game with Greater Manchester Merit winner, Jack Holland and at 9 nil to Towey and with Holland struggling on the short mark, Towey was playing up and down the centre of the green where it was looking like an early finish was on the cards.

Holland finally got in with a double and scoring eight to Towey's two bringing the scores closer at 11-8 before he lost the jack to allow Towey to get back on his favourite and stretch his lead to 16-8. Undeterred, Holland kept on battling and was soon breathing down Towey's neck at 15-16 after a six-end run on a corner mark with some quality bowling.

Towey capitalised on a rare Holland short bowl to claim two and added another double at the following end leaving just one needed for victory. Holland was still not finished and two singles and a double once again brought him within a whisker of his Potteries opponent before Towey scored the vital point needed to bring to an end an enthralling game.

Earlier, Towey overcame the challenge of Nathan Scott (North Lanes & Fylde) 21-16 in his First Round game having led 19-8 at one stage while Holland eased to a 21-6 victory over John Mansell (Shropshire).

Round two saw another 21-16 victory for Towey, coming from 14-10 down to beat the North Midlands Champion, Jamie Serpell, while Holland was once again convincing with Derbyshire's Adam Hawker on the receiving end of a 21-10 score line.

It was roles reversed in the quarter-finals as Towey had a surprisingly comfortable victory over South Yorkshire's Anton Haigh 21-11 but Holland was made to sweat in his 21-19 victory over the Lancashire champion, Jack Marrow, who fought back from 20-14 down.

Both finalists had similar semi-final games with each pulling away from 13. Towey finished the stronger from 13-10 against Eddie Wakeman to win 21-12 with Holland ending hopes of an all Potteries final pulling away from Sam Bailey from 13-12 and going on to a 21-14 triumph.

Josh Towey now goes forward to the BCGBA Champion of Champions at the Waterloo Hotel, Blackpool on 1st October. Before that Josh has an appointment at the Waterloo in the last 64 of the Waterloo World Bowling Championships. Having defeated Noel Burrows in the qualifying rounds, Josh now plays Andy Buckley, winner of the BCGBA Junior Merit in 1985.



Josh receives the magnificent trophy from BCGBA Deputy President, Peter Kelly

SHROPSHIRE AND YORKSHIRE MEET IN FINAL ONCE AGAIN

The finalists are now known for the **Endsleigh Senior County Championship** and it will be a repeat of the 2009 encounter after Yorkshire and Shropshire won through their semi-final matches against Greater Manchester and Potteries & District respectively. .



The Yorkshire versus Greater Manchester semi-final was always going to take centre stage and in the build up to the day opinion was divided on who would win. But hopes of a close match were soon erased as Yorkshire dominated after the first four blocks at each venue.

Greater Manchester's away side, who had up to this point been instrumental in their County's progress to the penultimate stage, lost by 12 at Almondbury BC, a creditable result by any away side. Yorkshire's Ashley Tattersley carded the best win of the match 21-6 but the overall Endsleigh Man of the Match went to Gary Ellis whose 21-8 return for the visitors proved in vain.

Over at Stalybridge Rec it was the Yorkshire away side who dominated, set on their way by an outstanding 21-5 opening win by Nathan Webster which earned him the Endsleigh Man of the Match award. A late 21-8 card from Matthew Jones spoilt Robert Hitchen's day with the Yorkshire stalwart making his 150th appearance.

There was nothing between Potteries & District and Shropshire with both sides level with four games left to play at each venue. Shropshire came away from Florence Tennis & BC with an 11 shot deficit sharing the last four games two winners each but made full use of their Hanwood BC home advantage with three wins including the only single win of the match from last man Wayne Rogers. .

Wayne's winning 21-5 card earned him the Man of the Match award with Potteries & District, Joe Melvin, claiming the award at Florence after his 21-13 success.

Greater Manchester 380 v Yorkshire 428 Potteries & District 423 v Shropshire 446

Attention now turns to the final which will be played on **Sunday 4th September** with play commencing at 2pm. In the 2009 final, Shropshire won home and away for an overall 44 shot victory but with different venues - Shropshire using Old Shrewsbury and Yorkshire using Newsome - the feeling is that this year's final will be much closer and both venues should be packed to the rafters



Shropshire, 2009 champions

at Old Shrewsbury BC, SY1 1XR

SHROPSHIRE	v	YORKSHIRE
Rich Goddard	v	Robbie Fitzpatrick
Glyn Herbert (C)	v	Nathan Webster
Simon Parsonage	v	Graeme Wilson
Clay Flattley	v	Scott Fisher
Wayne Phillips	v	James Wilcox
Darren Wellings	v	Liam Griffin
Keith Wall	v	Ian Booth
Callum Wraight	v	Keiren Smith
Keith Walton	v	James Davison
Michael Beer	v	Robert Hitchen
Colin Beaman	v	Chris Mordue (C)
Wayne Rogers	v	Nicky White

at Newsome WMC, HD4 6JP

YORKSHIRE	v	SHROPSHIRE
Graham Higgins	v	Andy Moss
David Fisher	v	Martin Lloyd
Craig Gant	v	Rich Lawson
James Hanson	v	Alan Davidson
Jack Dyson	v	Charlie Weaver
John Spinks	v	Glyn Picknell
Dave Fox	v	Chris Grocott
Dave Cooper	v	Scott Harries
Mark Regan	v	Alan Palin
Ashley Tattersley	v	Peter Farmer
Ashley Daykin	v	Spencer Clarke
Graham Hickey (C)	v	Derek Wright (C)

MERSEYSIDE WIN SUPPLEMENTARY COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Opinion is divided on the Supplementary County Championship but whatever you think a great day's bowling is guaranteed by those Senior County Associations who missed out on a semi-final place in the Crosfield Cup. This year's honours went to Merseyside who won an exciting final against North Midlands by 18.

Merseyside qualified for the final on Green 2 with three victories. They were convincing in their 34 shot victory over defending champions Wales and followed that by defeating a strong Lancashire side by 13. They booked their final place with an emphatic 43 shot triumph over Cheshire, falling just three short of maximum points.



North Midlands were drawn in a tough group on Green 1 where all teams played experienced sides. After opening wins against South Yorkshire by 12 and the Isle of Man by 61, victory over Warwick & Worcester would see them through to the final. But, defeat could let in their final group opponents, or South Yorkshire, who faced the Isle of Man who had found the going tough.

South Yorkshire put pressure on the two Midlands counties by finishing on a plus aggregate of 65,

just 8 short of North Midlands, after inflicting another heavy defeat on the Isle of Man by 59 but North Midlands hung on to top spot despite losing to neighbours Warwick & Worcester by 2 with a plus average of 71.

The final was played over the two greens used starting on Green 2 where Merseyside played all their games. After a good start from the scousers, North Midlands gradually got back in to the match as they soon picked up the pace and marks on the trickier green. But their efforts were thwarted as the Merseysiders stepped up a gear to open up a 15 shot lead, claiming all four winning cards, the best from John Hignett Jnr who won 21-13.

The final four games on Green 1 were delayed by a heavy thunderstorm which flooded the green. After a thirty minute delay, in which the Pennfields staff swept the green clear of the pools of water, play commenced with Merseyside once again getting the better start.

Gradually, North Midlands began to get a run with the jack with Steve Pratt, coming from 13-6 down to run out on John Finch, reducing the deficit to 7 with three left on the green. This seemed to spur on the Merseysiders as once again they stepped up a gear to march on to an overall 18 shot victory with three more winning cards.

Peter Higham (with Trophy) made the presentation of the Stan Higham Cup, in memory of his father, to the Merseyside Team Manager, John Hignett Snr. *Photograph courtesy of Mike Potter*

Green 1 MERSEYSIDE

John Finch	13	21
Chris Barton	21	18
Anthony Thompson	21	15
Nick Burrige	21	19
	76	73

NORTH MIDLANDS

Steve Pratt
Mark Blackmore
Les Haylor
Stu Perry

Green 2

MERSEYSIDE

John Hignett Jnr	21	13
Danny Barwise	21	20
Steve Davies	21	19
Mike Tunstall	21	17
	84	69

NORTH MIDLANDS

Paul Lamb
Darren Plenderleith
Shane Day
Alan Belcher

LADIES OFF TO BLACKPOOL

The British Crown Green Ladies Bowling Association are off to the Waterloo Hotel, Blackpool for the finals of their County Championship and Waterloo Cup. All 24 games in each final are played on the one day creating an amazing atmosphere and often providing close results.

The final of the **County Championship** will be played on Sunday 4th September (11am) and will be a 'derby' match between holders, Warwickshire and neighbours, North Warwickshire. Warwickshire secured their final place with a 33 shot semi-final victory over the 2006 champions, Wales. In the other semi-final, North Warwickshire beat Mid Cheshire by 26.

Wales 395 v Warwickshire 428

Mid Cheshire 387 v North Warwickshire 413

The previous day, Saturday 3rd September (11am), the **Waterloo Cup**, for teams finishing runners-up in their group, takes place and will be contested by Yorkshire and Coventry & District who both had comprehensive victories in their semi-finals. Yorkshire were 70 shot victors over North Derbyshire while Coventry & District beat Cheshire by 86.

North Derbyshire 393 v Yorkshire 463

Cheshire 356 v Coventry & District 442

WATERLOO CUP – SATURDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER

COVENTRY & DISTRICT		YORKSHIRE
Maggie Barnes	v	Louise Whitely
Jackie Burdett	v	Debbie Davis
Carol Blakely	v	Amanda Hagen
Angela Jones	v	Sharon Gadd
Julie Hallam	v	Suzanne Howarth
Rebecca Taylor	v	Karen Hill
Liz Roberts	v	Julie Best
Lyn Clarke	v	Karen Gant
Lyn Wood	v	Linda Gledhill
Joyce Thompson	v	Marie Lockwood
Ros Taylor	v	Pauline Wilde
Gillie Greenbank	v	Lisa Rice
Jennie Adams	v	Judi Hollingworth
June Lloyd	v	Jean Gee
Jo-Ann Smith	v	Ann Hinchcliffe
Carol Verdon	v	Lynn Carter
Aideen Perry	v	June Johnson
Heather Verdon	v	Sue Haigh
Anne Rutter	v	Marjorie Haigh
Diane Wilkinson	v	Jacqui Roper
Janet Edgington	v	Andrea Buckley
Eve Murphy	v	Alexis Lunn-Gadd
Karen Healey	v	Lynda Drury
Liz Wooding	v	Helen Gilroy

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP – SUNDAY 4th SEPTEMBER

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE		WARWICKSHIRE
Jill Gibbon	v	Anne O'Loughlin
Wendy Smart	v	Faye Montgomery
Chris Davies	v	Lorraine Kirby
Yvonne Painter	v	Joan Garner
Sarah Richards	v	Michelle Chatwin
Kath French	v	Maggie Failing
Lorna Perry	v	Emma Goode
Tina Mcgee	v	Kate Fall
Amy Evans	v	Michelle Meadowcroft
Annette Wyles	v	Joan Ingram
Lesley Shaw	v	Sheena Leek
Kate Williams	v	Christine Faulkner
Jodie Dewis	v	Anne Fisher
Charlotte Dubberley	v	Sam Edwards
Helen Harrigan	v	Bev Pritchard
Sonia Robson	v	Karen Worsey
Amy Brittan	v	Claire West
Lynn Harrie	v	Cath McComb
Sue Robinson	v	Kirsty Darling
Pat Moore	v	Maureen Simpson
Amanda Morris	v	Chris Price
Vicki Fryer	v	Kelly Round
Alyson Evans	v	Tracey Carter
Lorraine Dewis	v	Sue Dunkley

TWO MORE COMPETITIONS COMPLETED BY LADIES



LESLEY SMITH & KAREN GALVIN stormed to victory in the BCGLBA **Dorothy Pearce Memorial Pairs**, rarely troubled on the greens at Florence Tennis & Bowling Club. The Cheshire pairing started and finished the day with 21-7 returns and in the final they outplayed their Mid Cheshire rivals, Susan Worrall & Nicola Boulton.

They made their intentions known right from the off as South Staffordshire's Sally Evans & Jackie Smith found out in their 21-7 defeat. Laura Hamer & Janet Salmon (Staffordshire) scored 11 in round two but it was another comprehensive performance that saw them safely through to the semi-final courtesy of a 21-8 victory over Sarah & Daisy Weaver from North Shropshire.

The Wirral duo of Lynsey Gorman & Jan Meskell had almost matched their opponents scores to date but were unable to end the Worrall & Boulton's dominance in a 21-12 defeat.

NICOLA BOULTON made up for her disappointment of suffering defeat in the last two Individual Merit finals by claiming the BCGLBA **County Average Winners Classic** thanks to a 21-10 final victory over Dudley & District's Jenny Geary.

Played at Winnington Park Recreation Club the day after the BCGBA Junior Merit, Nicola coincidentally also wore the number one on her back just like the men's junior champion Josh Towey.

Lisa Smith (Lancashire) was her first opponent of the day and having won her opener 21-14 she eased into the last eight with a 21-6 victory over North Derbyshire's Ann Hawker. It was a different story in her semi-final with Rachel Bennett (Dudley & District), winning a 21-20 thriller and then booking her place in the final with a 21-16 success over Lesley Fennell from Cheshire.

Jenny Geary's best result en route to the final came in her semi-final against Doris Cargill in her 21-11 defeat of the Cheshire lady. Apart from that Lynsey Gorman (Wirral) pushed her to 18, Debra Hughes (Burton & District) scored 16 but North Derbyshire's Darlene Walker gave her her toughest test, like Nicola, scraping home 21-20 in the quarter-finals.



Results of all

BRITISH CROWN GREEN LADIES BOWLING ASSOCIATION

competitions can now be viewed or downloaded at

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FINAL REPEAT IN JUNIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP



The final of the 2011 Drakes Pride Junior County Championship will be contested between Warwick & Worcester and Yorkshire.

Holders, Yorkshire, fought off the challenge from a determined Derbyshire side winning by 49 overall. They had no problem in their 32 shot home victory at Almondsbury Liberal Club but away from home it took two 21-8 cards from Finlay Hickey and Zoe Brain in the middle four at Barton to put the match beyond their opponents

It was a similar story for Warwick & Worcester who got off to the perfect start in their home leg at Great Barr BC thanks to Jac Locker's 21-1 opening card. Luke Clarke and Shannon Goodman added 21-6 returns to complete a 44 home win. Over at Royton Park BC, the 2008 and 2009 champions team captain Luke Davis' 21-6 win in the final game of the day secured a 12 shot victory. Earlier, Greater Manchester's Sarah Vincent (21-9), Bradley Cooke (21-6) and Jack Holland (21-8) had won well with Lee Deakin (21-8) and Karl Taylor (21-7) also in top form for the visitors.

Who wins the final is anyone's guess as both sides have dominated the Junior County Championship over the seasons. One or the other has appeared in every final since 2001. The sides met in the 2007 and 2009 finals with one win each. Whatever happens, a great final is in prospect between two quality sides.

**Warwick & Worcester 424, Greater Manchester 368
Yorkshire 470, Derbyshire 421**

at King George V BC, B31 2SP

WARWICK & WORCESTER		YORKSHIRE
Luke Davis (C)	v	Stephen Walker
Ashley Heath	v	Ryan Lloyd
Josh Sturdy	v	Neil Wood (C)
Karl Taylor	v	Alicia Ormsby
Jack Whitehead	v	Joseph Cranston
Luke Clarke	v	Robbie Ellis
Josh Hale	v	Zoe Brain
Jack Williams	v	Finlay Hickey
Shannon Goodman	v	Marc Armitage
James Bracken	v	Ryan Lynch
William Freeman	v	Jordan Crabtree
Eddie Wakeman	v	Joshua Mordue

at Newsome WMC, HD4 6JP

YORKSHIRE		WARWICK & WORCESTER
Luke Peacock (C)	v	Jac Locker
David Ryding	v	Jack Clayton
Shane Wainwright	v	Luke Staunton
Ashley Southwell (VC)	v	Jake Williams
Ellis Owen	v	Adam Patrick
Danny Teale	v	James Cosgrave
Nathan Haigh	v	Joseph Bown
Rhys Beaumont	v	Russell Inns
Danny Kilburn	v	Ben Lynch (C)
Tom Lawrence	v	Lee Deakin
Robert Wainwright	v	Adam Walker
Liam Sykes	v	Chris Gerrard

BRITISH CROWN GREEN LADIES BOWLING ASSOCIATION

JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL MERIT

Saturday 24th September 2011 – 10am - Owley Wood Bowling Club, Northwich, CW8 4BH

SOUTH YORKSHIRE DOMINANT IN JUNIOR SUPPLEMENTARY

Having won the Senior Supplementary County Championship the previous week, Merseyside hosted the Drakes Pride Junior County Championship at New Brighton Cricket & Bowling Club with once again eight counties competing.

A check on the weather forecast showed for a dry sunny day but the start was delayed by a heavy rain shower which sent the teams running for cover. From the minute the first bowl was eventually played right through to the last, the atmosphere was electric with the youngsters offering plenty of vocal support, all good humoured, and made for a great day.

Wales emerged victorious from Group 1 at the expense of holders, Shropshire, with high drama in their final matches. After both sides had won their opening matches against Cheshire and Lancashire they drew their second match with just 6 aggregate points separating the sides. It was all down to the final games with whoever won by the biggest margin likely to qualify for the final. Shropshire beat Cheshire by 38 to finish on a plus average of 58 leaving Wales needing to beat Lancashire by 32 or more. Wales duly despatched their opponents by 36 giving them their final place with 4 shots to spare.

Group 2 was more clear cut with a determined South Yorkshire side qualifying unbeaten. But, they did not have things all their own way in their final match against Cumbria. For the first time during the day they found themselves chasing the game as Cumbria gave them a run for their money, leading at the half way stage by 5 and the cards looking good on the green. South Yorkshire though finished the stronger to win by a surprising 23 shot margin.

Like the seniors, the final was played over two greens with Wales moving to the South Yorkshire 'home' green for the first four blocks. South Yorkshire set about the task of building a big advantage by claiming all four winning cards including a 21-7 from Daniel Fowler to open up a commanding 29 shot lead. Wales won three of the four games on their green but with all scores close they couldn't stop South Yorkshire from claiming the trophy with an overall aggregate win of 18.



Green 1

SOUTH YORKSHIRE

Jack Waring	21	14
James Higgins	21	12
Sam Day	15	21
Deane Missere	21	20
78	67	

WALES

Dion Owen
Ben Riley
Danny Rossington
Adam Penlington

Green 2

SOUTH YORKSHIRE

Anton Haigh	21	15
Daniel Marsland	21	17
Daniel Fowler	21	07
Neil Fletcher	21	16
84	55	

WALES

Jake Stanley
Dylan Williams
Jordan Riley
Jay Salisbury

THE MONTH AHEAD

Saturday 3rd September (11am)

BCGLBA Waterloo Cup Final (see page 4)

Saturday 3rd September (5.30pm)

Spn Masters at Spn Victoria CB & AC, BD19 4PJ

Sunday 4th September (11am)

BCGLBA County Championship Final (see page 4)

Sunday 4th September (2pm)

BCGBA Senior County Championship Final (see page 2)

Sunday 11th September (2pm)

BCGBA Junior County Championship Final (see page 6)

Wednesday 14th September (10am)

Waterloo World Championships at The Waterloo Hotel, FY4 2AF

Saturday 17th September (5.30pm)

Brighouse Classic at Brighouse Sports Club, HD6 4LX

Sunday 18th September (10am)

James Birks Midland Masters at M&B Portland Road BC, B17 8LS

Friday 23rd September

Isle of Man September Festival

Saturday 24th September (5.30pm)

Coors Pudsey Classic at Pudsey BC, LS28 8JQ

Sunday 25th September (10am)

BCGLBA Junior Merit at Owley Wood BC, CW8 4BH

MORE LADIES QUALIFY FOR 'CHAMPIONS' LINE UP

There are just eight more spaces left in the British Crown Green Ladies Bowling Association Champion of Champions line-up which follows the mens finals at the Waterloo Hotel, Blackpool, on Sunday 2nd October.

The full list of qualifiers to date are:

Burton & District Ladies Merit : **Wendy Jackson**

Cheshire Ladies Merit :

Coventry & District Ladies Merit : **Maggie Barnes**

Cumbria Ladies Merit : **Debbie Hall**

Dudley & District Ladies Merit : **Claire Pugh**

Greater Manchester Ladies Merit : **Pat Roscoe**

Isle of Man Ladies Merit : **Janet Monk**

Lancashire Ladies Merit : **Jackie Owen**

Mid Cheshire Ladies Merit : **Wendy Allen**

North Derbyshire Ladies Merit : **Lisa Poole**

North Lancs & Fylde Ladies Merit : **Patricia Tootell**

North Shropshire Ladies Merit : **Tracy Harding**

North Warwickshire Ladies Merit : **Jill Gibbon**

Shropshire Ladies Merit :

South Derbyshire Ladies Merit : **Linda Wheeldon**

South Staffordshire Ladies Merit : **Sharon Barlow**

South Yorkshire Ladies Merit : **Kerry Brown**

Staffordshire Ladies Merit : **Gill Welsh**

Warwickshire Ladies Merit : **Jodie Faulkner**

Welsh Ladies Merit : **Jane Bowler**

Wirral Ladies Merit : **Lynsey Gorman**

Yorkshire Ladies Merit : **Julie Best**

BCG Ladies Individual Merit : **Maliza Herbert**

BCG Ladies Junior Merit :

Isle of Man Ladies Festival - June : **Cynthia Tonge**

Isle of Man Ladies Festival - September :

Waterloo Ladies Open :

Freeport Fleetwood Ladies Bowls Festival : **Julie Gardner**

Talbot Ladies Open :

New Brighton Ladies Tournament :

Lisdoonie Ladies Cup : **Amy Huddleston**

Stretton Anglesey Ladies Open :

BCGBA OFFER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Did you know the BCGBA can offer your Club financial assistance?

There are two forms of assistance available, the long established GRANT APPLICATION and the recently introduced LOAN SCHEME. In both cases, a Club must have paid their £10 annual subscription to the BCGBA before any application will be considered. Below are brief details of each scheme and further details are available from the Financial Officer, Alan Whitworth (pictured), who can be contacted at alan@alangwhitworth.co.uk or on 01772 782354.

Loan Scheme

The Loan Scheme was only introduced in June of this year and offers Clubs financial assistance by an interest free loan (£20 administration fee to apply). A Club can apply for any amount up to £1,000 and the loan must be repaid within a 12 month period. Each application must be supported by two guarantors. It must be stressed that an approval of any Loan Scheme application can only be considered providing there are sufficient funds available.

Grant Application

Provided that your Club has not had a BCGBA Grant in the last 5 years and that work has not commenced prior to the Application, you can request an Application Form from the Financial Officer which must be completed and returned to your **County Secretary** within 60 days of first contacting the Financial Officer. If it is not returned within this timeframe a new request will be required. If everything is in order, a response should be received within twelve weeks.

Accompanying the Application Form must be:

- » copies of any Planning Permission, plans, photographs and quotations, whichever and wherever necessary
- » a copy of the Bowling Club's latest Annual Accounts
- » a current copy of the Club's Insurance Policy

On completion, take appropriate photographs and send them to the Financial Officer confirming completion. On receipt by the BCGBA Financial Officer payment of the Grant will be made provided that the receipt of 'Proof of Completion' is received within 12 months of the Grant Approval. If you cannot complete within 12 months then contact the Financial Officer with an explanation and to obtain an extension.

Purpose of Grant

Sum Available

New Bowling Green	£850
New Floodlights	£350
New Pavilion	£350
Irrigation for the Bowling Green	£300
Toilets	£250
New Shelter	Up to £250
Fencing and Paths	Up to £ 150
Extending a Bowling Green	Up to £150
Legal Fees to fight Green Closure -50%	Up to £300



IOM VISIT

The Isle of Man senior side made their annual pilgrimage to the BCGBA Senior Supplementary County Championship and although they lost they thoroughly enjoyed their trip.

They enjoy meeting their many friends from the mainland and visiting different greens each year.

This year they faced tough opposition from North Midlands, South Yorkshire and Warwick & Worcester but despite being on the receiving end of some heavy defeats they are already looking forward to next year.



CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS DRAW

The draw for the Champion of Champions has made for some eagerly awaited games.

The competition gets underway with Glynn Cookson v Wayne Ditchfield and will be followed by Greater Manchester team mates Gareth Gwilliam and Gary Ellis. Gwilliam beat Ellis 21-2 in the semi-final of the Greater Manchester Merit so there could be a score to settle there. Two of our young bowlers, Callum Wraight and Jack Hargreaves go head-to head but the recently crowned Junior Champion, Josh Towey, will have to wait for his opponent as he faces the September Isle of Man winner.

Elsewhere, BCGBA Senior Merit champion, Mike Riley takes on Craig Barker who he beat 21-7 in the quarter-finals at Meole Brace while Graeme Wilson faces another Welshman in Nicky Jones.

There are now just three qualifying competitions left - Waterloo World Championships, Midland Masters and Isle of Man September Festival - and still there are no double qualifiers from the main qualifying competitions. The final draw will be updated in next month's edition.

BCGBA

Champion of Champions

at the

WATERLOO HOTEL, BLACKPOOL

Saturday, 1st October, 2011
10.00 a.m. start
Admission £10.00
including programme

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Glynn Cookson (*Cheshire Merit*) v **Wayne Ditchfield** (*Hillcrest Classic*)
James Hanson (*Yorkshire Merit*) v **Martin Gilpin** (*Cumbria Merit*)
Steve Pratt (*North Midlands Merit*) v *Waterloo World Championship*
Paul Brett (*N Lancs & Fylde Merit*) v **Ross Dunkley** (*Tony Pagett Open*)
(*James Birks Midland Masters*) v **Dave McDermott** (*CCF Open – WBFSC*)
Richard Jackson (*South Yorkshire Merit*) v **Peter Worfolk** (*British Parks Merit*)
Gareth Gwilliam (*Gt Manchester Merit*) v **Gary Ellis** (*John Smiths Classic - Cleckheaton*)
Kevin Boon (*Potteries & District Merit*) v **Nick Jellyman** (*Derbyshire Merit*)
Josh Towey (*Junior Merit*) v (*IOM September Festival*)
Mike Riley (*BCGBA Padders feelgoodfeet Senior Merit*) v **Craig Barker** (*Staffordshire Merit*)
Chris Goodhand (*Lancashire Merit*) v **Paul Gamsby** (*Warwick & Worcester Merit*)
Steve Curbishley (*Coors Meole Brace Open*) v **Colin Kelly** (*IOM Merit*)
Nicky Jones (*Welsh Merit*) v **Graeme Wilson** (*Freeport Fleetwood Festival*)
Callum Wraight (*Shropshire Merit*) v **Jack Hargreaves** (*IOM June Festival*)
Merwyn Williams (*Jack & Jean Isherwood Veterans Championship*) v **John Hignett Jnr** (*Merseyside Merit*)
Scott Fisher (*South Leeds Classic*) v **Colin Beaman** (*Spring Waterloo*)

RESERVE COMPETITIONS COMPLETED (number order in brackets)

(1) Brighthouse Classic	17th September	(7) Richmond Classic	Chris Macdonald
(2) Spen Masters	3rd September	(8) Moorside Classic	Rob Fitzpatrick
(3) Coors Pudsey Classic	24th September	(9) George Masters (2010)	Craig Barker
(4) Dickie Bond Classic (2010)	Dean Ferris	(10) Wharton Cons Open	Gary Ellis
(5) The Riley Trophy (Wolstanton)	Darren Smith	(11) West Melton Victory Cup	Dave Fisher
(6) Carlsberg Olympic Classic	Dave McDermott	(12) Arthur Johnson Memorial (2010)	Darren Plenderleith