

# WELSH CROWN GREEN BOWLING ASSOCIATION.

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News Roundup.

There was no luck again for our two valiant teams, Cunliffe and Broughton, at the World Club Championship this year. Cunliffe lost 123 to Dudley Dell 154 on the first Sunday of competition at Fox Lane. The start of the championship was delayed by a week due to freak snow conditions.

Broughton were rescheduled to play their match on Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup>. Broughton lost to The George Hotel 160 to 122. The Championship was eventually won by Parkfield Labour ( NLF ) who beat CastleFields ( Shropshire) 147 to 132.

Wales always seems to draw the short straw with this competition, often coming up against Clubs that qualify regularly. However, everyone looks forward to this first major challenge of the season and we will have to wait to see which clubs represent us next year.

The beginning of April saw Junior trials days similar to last year. The first one, held at Johnstown Bowling Club for the Flintshire and Wrexham Areas, fielded a strong uptake of 25. Girls and boys were well represented and ages varied from seven or eight up to eighteen. Welsh President, Brenda Jones, was there to offer encouragement to those taking part. Selector, Kevin Stephenson and fellow manager, Jay Salisbury, described themselves well satisfied with the day.

Sunday April 22<sup>nd</sup> and the Oval, Llandudno was the venue for the juniors from Glyndwr and Gwynedd. Again there there was a healthy turn out with a good mix of ages, sexes and abilities. All juniors attending both events did so with great enthusiasm and, as usual, were well supported by family members. There were certainly some new faces, and this is an exciting event to start off the Junior County campaign for the year. It was nice to hear some of the juniors expressing admiration for legends such as Gary Ellis. They can't go wrong with role models for the game such as this.

Due to the arrangement of the Junior competition this year, Wales has a bye in the first round. However, a friendly Home versus Away match is planned for Sunday May 13<sup>th</sup> at the Oval when the juniors will gather to impress the team selectors and managers for a chance to wear the red shirt of Wales. Kick off, I gather, will be 12.30 to 1pm.

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April was also the date for a Safeguarding Seminar. This was held at Abergele Bowling Club and given by BCGBA Safeguarding Officer Paul Ashmore. Paul is well qualified to host this very important seminar, and it was a pity more people did not attend. A full report