

Bowling Club News 2020 - Season End Report

What a strange summer this has been. Bowls was almost a no go. The green opened on 1st June and accorded with Government and Bowls England guidance on Covid-19.

Many of our bowlers were just glad to get out of their houses and onto the green, both for some exercise and also some limited social interaction. Three rinks were available throughout the season and were well used.

Once we had established a Covid-19 way of play, we managed to run an internal singles competition. Four leagues were formed, each league had 8 players and everyone played each other. It was interesting to hear how all enjoyed playing with members that they hadn't played with before.

We also ran a pairs competition and this was in the more usual format of a knockout.

Finals weekend took place on September 12th and 13th for both the singles competition and the pairs competition. The semi-finals were held on the Saturday and the finals on Sunday. Many members came to support their fellow players and it felt almost like a normal finals weekend (social distancing of course).

Saturday semi-finalists were:

Club League - Gary Burkey against Steve Pape
Mike Gilbert against Ketan Bavalia
Pairs - Mike Wilkins/Jeff Davis against Jim Lange/Peter Murray
Maggie & Chris Marsh against Duncan Paine/Ben Holt

Sunday finalists were:

Club League - Mike Gilbert against Gary Burkey. Mike won.
Pairs - Mike Wilkins/Jeff Davis against Duncan Paine/
Ben Holt. Mike and Jeff taking the honours.

The green is expected to stay open until mid October, weather permitting.