

# CROFTERS' CHRONICLE

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Dominoes dates

**Saturday 21st October**

**2023**

**Saturday 25th November**

**2023**

**Saturday 16th December**

**2023**

**Saturday 6th January**

**2024**

**Saturday 10th February**

**2024**

**Saturday 9th March 2024**

**Saturday 6th April 2024**

To book onto these evenings  
then contact Neil Bedder

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## *Race Night*

*11<sup>th</sup> November 2023*

*6.00pm for 6.30pm start*

*Cost £10*

*Includes supper of small fish, or pie*

*With chips*

*Contact Darren or Neil*

## **KINGSCROFT BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER.**

(compiled by Eddie Newell)

## End of Season Round Up

Another season has flown by and it is time to catch up on all the events at Kingscroft through the season. I have tried to keep everyone informed of significant events as they happened, through emails, but now time to put on paper the splendid achievements of our club and club members this year.

It is tempting to start at the top, with our International and National Champions, but, even though it is great to be associated with a club that has so many top players, I am going to begin the club members that are so important to Kingscroft, but do not reach that elite level – yet!

At the end of May, we had the Big Bowls Bash and as a result of that we gained 6 new members. The Bowls Bash was a first for Kingscroft and I am looking forward to working with our new Development officer to plan for the 2024 Big Bowls weekend to make it even more successful.

The Tuesday afternoon Chummies sessions have been well attended. This is a great opportunity for bowlers experienced or novice to come and have a fun afternoon of bowls, followed by tea and biscuits. There are often club coaches available at Chummies and Neil Bedder has just completed his level 1 coaching course so will be an addition to the coaches next year. I am sure all those who regularly turn up and play would like to thank John King and Nev Wood for running this weekly session.

Friendly Matches.

There has been a full program of Thursday, Ladies and Saturday matches. I believe that the respective match captains always had enough members wanting to play to pick strong teams. The problem seems to be other clubs not having enough players on their teams to field matched teams, or not being able to field any team at all. This is especially true of the ladies fixtures and Darren is looking into finding other clubs next year who will want to come and play at Kingscroft. Wherever possible, I have entered the match scores onto the website.

## Competitive Match results

It has been another good year for the club in competitive competitions.

Hinckley and District Triples league. B team Division 1 winners. C team Division 4 winners. C team reached the semi final of KO Cup. The A team and D team remained in Division 1 and 2 respectively.

Leicester League. Kingscroft are Division one Champions and also winners of the Leicester League Knock out cup.

Top Club. The men were Leicestershire winners and then lost in the next National round.

The Ladies were also Leicestershire winners and went on to represent the club and county at the National finals in Royal Leamington Spa.

Mens Unbadged Double rink – lost in the semi finals to the eventual winners – Loughborough Greenfields.

## Individual County Results

Champion of Champion R/U Jonathan Green

Fours Winners – Nick Wardle, Jonathan Green, Chris Moore, Joe Dawson

Pairs R/U Dan Cleveley, Ryan Lowe

Pairs winners, Nick Wardle and Joe Dawson

2 wood singles R/U Tom Renshaw

2 wood singles winner Jonathan Green

Singles R/U Nick Wardle

Singles Winner Darren Allsop (New Lount but also a Kingscroft member)

Women senior fours R/U Julie Wilkins, Kath Fudger, Cath Locking, Pam Sutton.

Fours winners. Julie wilkins, Kath Fudger, Cath Locking. Pam Sutton

U25 pairs R/U Tegan Grewal with Phoebe Wade (NL)

Singles R/U Julie Wilkins

U25 most improved player Tegan Grewal

## National and International achievements

Jamie – Lea Marshall – Gold medal .

World Bowls Championship Australia, Women's Fours

With Sophie Tolchard, Lorraine Kuhler and Amy Pharaoh)

Jane Herbert – Bronze medal

Director World Disability Games Australia

Helen Lewis-Wall – Manager Disability Bowls England team at the World Disability Games, Australia

Sally-Ann Lewis-Wall . Disability Bowls England International.

Nick Wardle and Joe Dawson – National pairs Championship winners

Darren Allsop – National mens 4 wood Singles R/U

Nick Wardle, Jonathan Green, Chris Moore, Joe Dawson – National mens Fours R/U

Joe Dawson – Bowls England international Squad

Ryan Lowe – Bowls England Junior International Squad

Tegan Grewal – Bowls England U18 International Squad.

## Congratulations

I believe I have listed all the achievements of the club and members that have occurred this year.

Most of the above will have been notified to you via email as they happened, and if you have not given me your email address, you will be missing out on all the latest news.

So, although the news of winners etc may not be a surprise to most, having already been notified and celebratory drinks quaffed, it is an impressive list when you see them all together on one page.

We now have to keep the standard as high in 2024.

## Leicestershire County Players

Kingscroft also contributes a sizeable number to the Leicestershire County squad. Leicestershire have had a disappointing season this year and it has been decided that Kingscroft will host three Middleton Cup games in 2024. It is hoped that "home" advantage will change the County's fortunes. This will be a great opportunity for Kingscroft members to witness Inter County bowling and cheer on Leicestershire to success next year.

## Club Competition Finals Day Results

Now for the results.

Ladies Handicap - Louise Delahay beat Pam Sutton 22-19

Mens Jubilee pairs -Jonathan Green and Marcus Clifton beat Darren and Ken Delahay 25-2

Mens Club Pairs - Dan Cleveley and Simon Church beat Eddie Newell and David Marshall 15-14

Mens Championship - Joe Dawson beat Chris Greasley 21-8

Ladies Championship - Cath Locking beat Patricia Tams 21-10

Mens Senior singles - Eddie Newell beat Gary Hughes 22-15

Mens Handicap - Kevin Liffen beat Neil Bedder 21-11

Mens Two wood singles - Jonathan Green beat Simon Church 14-4

Ladies Two wood singles - Cath locking beat Louise Delahay 14-13

Mens Maiden Singles, Neil Bedder beat Eddie Newell 22-6

Open Mixed pairs - Eddie Newell and Mags Dallinger beat Alec Houghton and Patricia Tams 18-17

Men v Ladies Champion - Joe Dawson beat Cath Locking 21-5

These results have been sent by email immediately after the event.

Finals day provided several tense matches, with the result decided by the last bowl. In the two wood singles, Cath Locking looked down and out with her last bowl to play. The scores level, Louise with a wood on the jack, Cath drew off the bowl to give her winning shot. The mens' club pairs also decided by one shot. This time, in a very tight game, Eddie failed in his attempt to draw a second bowl to bring the scores level.

The open mixed pairs final was also a close game. Tricia and Alec stormed into a 10 point lead early on, but excellent leading from Mags helped to bring the scores level on the last end. Nothing separating the two woods next to the jack and Eddie managed to take out the opposition wood to leave Tricia with a difficult draw to win the game. Sadly for them, her wood was just short, but another excellent game. Thank you to all the ladies who entered this year to make this competition worth winning.

There are new names on the winning board this year, and that goes to show that it is not always the same faces that win every year. Kevin, Neil and myself are now disqualified from the Maiden (non winners) trophy, so a good year for all the other non- winners!

There were a good number of entries for all club competitions and I hope that continues, or increases next year. Competitive bowls does help to improve one's game.

### 2024 County Competition entries

I will be sending out County competition entry forms shortly by email. Entries need to be in by end of December for inclusion into the County new Competition software. Information flow should be improved for all competitors next season. I will be giving more information once Secretaries have been shown the package.

### And Finally!

This will be the last newsletter of the year and I hope that you have enjoyed receiving and reading them. I am more than happy if someone else would like to take over this publication, or who would like to write articles for inclusion, then please let me know.

Any suggestion as to changes that may improve the newsletter also welcome. Thanks. Eddie