

For the third year running, the Federation of Crown Green Bowls held their Junior/Youth league matches at Leyland and once again I am pleased to announce, met with approval from all the associations taking part and the spectators supporting the events.

Helped again by some nice weather, spectators were once again treated to some excellent bowling by all the enthusiastic youngsters competing.

The youth matches were played at Fox Lane, while the juniors used the greens at Eagle & Child, Wymott Bowling Club and Farington Conservative Club.

Rochdale and Ormskirk dropped out of the youth league, while Rochdale and Stockport & North West did not compete in the junior section.

With players getting to old for the juniors, Furness entered a team in the youth section, while Heavy Woollen had a second team in the older age group.

Playing all the youth matches at Fox Lane, the five associations played each other once with 8 players per team and again with 4 in a team.

Heavy Woollen champions for the last 2 years were hoping to retain their title, but losing 6-9 overall to rivals Leeds in the first round of matches proved costly, as they eventually finished 2 points behind their near neighbours. Furness who led after the first round of matches finished third.

In division 1 of the junior league, reigning champions Leeds comfortably won all six matches to finish top on 55 points, with Preston finishing runners up 24 points behind the Yorkshire outfit.

In division 2, East Lancashire finished a point ahead of Furness 'A' despite the Cumbrians winning both legs 8-7.

The Federation is the only place where youngsters can play 3 league matches in a single day and spectators can enjoy 6 hours of continuous league bowling.

Most associations with junior and youth teams are getting the benefits from it, as a lot of players make a progression through the teams to senior and in some cases county level.

As Deputy President of the BCGBA this year, I have attended junior county games involving Cheshire, North Lancashire & Fylde, North Midlands, Potteries, Shropshire, South Yorkshire, Staffordshire, Warwick & Worcester and Yorkshire.

There are many talented youngsters in those counties and it would be nice to see some of those areas joining the Federation junior/youth leagues.

So please, I urge you to go back to your associations and see if you can enter a team, for next year, or the following year if more time is needed. There is no fee for entering teams in the junior-youths.

The merit competition, awarded on games won in the league matches, is still proving to be very successful.

I would like to thank all the association team managers for sending me their result sheets and players ages. I would also like to thank all managers and captains for making their team sheets ready to keep the games continuously flowing.

13 year old Leeds player Owen Laurie finished top in the **13 and under age group**, with another 13 year old East Lancashire player Hannah Greenwood runner up. Laurie won all 6 games, while Greenwood won 5 out of 6.

14 year old East Lancashire bowler Thomas Clamp was the winner of the **14-16 age group**, winning all six games, as did Preston bowler Aaron Hayhurst (16) who was runner up. Aaron has won all of his 18 matches in the 14-16 age group over the last 3 years. A remarkable achievement.

A special mention to Amy Tobin (Leeds) who also won all six matches.

In the **17-20 age group** it was Leeds bowler Sophie Worrall (17) who took top place. She just pipped another Leeds bowler Sam Farmer (17) after both had won all 6 games.

The final league tables were:-

FINAL YOUTH LEAGUE TABLE

TEAM	PLAYED	POINTS
LEEDS	6	45
HEAVY WOOLLEN	6	43
FURNESS	6	37
CHESHIRE COUNTY	6	16
HEAVY WOOLLEN 'A'	6	9

FINAL DIVISION 1 TABLE

TEAM	PLAYED	POINTS
LEEDS	6	55
PRESTON	6	31
ORMSKIRK	6	22
LEEDS 'A'	6	12

FINAL DIVISION 2 TABLE

TEAM	PLAYED	POINTS
EAST LANCASHIRE	6	41
FURNESS	6	40
ORMSKIRK 'A'	6	9

13 & UNDER FINAL MERIT TABLE

	Name	Association	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against	Aggregate
1	O LAURIE	Leeds	6	6	0	126	64	1.969
2	H GREENWOOD	East Lancs	6	5	1	118	73	1.616
3	R MACPAKE	Furness	6	5	1	122	84	1.452
4	D THOMPSON	Furness	6	5	1	119	93	1.280
5	H PRESCOTT	Ormskirk	6	4	2	116	91	1.275
6	A ARNOLD	Ormskirk	6	4	2	109	87	1.253
7	B THOMPSON	Furness	6	4	2	122	108	1.130
8	J PARK	Furness	3	3	0	63	33	1.909
9	J PRESTON	Furness	3	3	0	63	43	1.465
10	A COOPER	Leeds	3	3	0	63	44	1.432
11	T PATRICK	Leeds	6	3	3	119	99	1.202
12	H MACPAKE	Furness	6	3	3	113	102	1.108
13	K GREENWOOD	East Lancs	6	3	3	102	94	1.085
14	B JONES	Ormskirk	6	3	3	97	106	0.915
15	J BROWN	East Lancs	3	2	1	58	44	1.318
16	H PRESTON	Furness	3	2	1	58	45	1.289
17	L COPELAND	Ormskirk	6	2	4	79	108	0.731
18	R IRWIN	Ormskirk	3	1	2	49	47	1.043
19	L PRESTON	Leeds	3	1	2	45	57	0.789
20	C RIPLEY	Heavy Woollen	6	1	5	96	123	0.780
21	W HUNTING	East Lancs	3	1	2	42	54	0.778
22	C CATTON	Ormskirk	6	1	5	95	123	0.772
23	H VEEVERS	Preston	6	1	5	86	116	0.741
24	N SHARPLES	Furness	3	1	2	43	60	0.717
25	Jude GOODHALL	Heavy Woollen	3	1	2	42	60	0.700
26	H COPELAND	Ormskirk	6	1	5	83	119	0.697
27	L JONES	Ormskirk	3	1	2	41	61	0.672
28	Jacob GOODHALL	Heavy Woollen	3	0	3	43	63	0.683
29	Ollie PARKER	Heavy Woollen	6	0	6	69	126	0.548
30	L PLATT	Ormskirk	6	0	6	68	126	0.540
31	L McNEIL	Ormskirk	3	0	3	34	63	0.540
32	M FINCH	Ormskirk	3	0	3	33	63	0.524
33	H SEDDON	Ormskirk	6	0	6	64	126	0.508
34	W HANSON	Leeds	3	0	3	30	63	0.476
35	M DOUGAN	Ormskirk	3	0	3	63	63	0.444
36	R PATRICK	Leeds	3	0	3	28	63	0.444
37	A DOUGAN	Ormskirk	3	0	3	26	63	0.413
38	T SINGLETON	Furness	3	0	3	23	63	0.365

14-16 FINAL MERIT TABLE

	Name	Association	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against	Aggregate
1	T CLAMP	East Lancs	6	6	0	126	67	1.881
2	A HAYHURST	Preston	6	6	0	126	75	1.680
3	A TOBIN	Leeds	6	6	0	126	91	1.385
4	J THOMAS	Leeds	5	5	0	105	59	1.780
5	E TOBIN	Leeds	6	5	1	121	77	1.571
6	M LINDLEY	Leeds	6	5	1	116	80	1.450
7	E LOWDEN	Furness	6	5	1	121	86	1.407
8	R SMITH	Furness	6	5	1	116	86	1.349
9	T SCORAH	Leeds	6	5	1	122	96	1.271
10	F RIGG	Furness	6	5	1	113	94	1.202
11	B OATES	East Lancs	6	4	2	122	87	1.402
12	L WEATHERILL	Heavy Woollen	6	4	2	114	83	1.373
13	K TOOTLE	East Lancs	6	4	2	115	90	1.278
14	J HARRIS	Preston	6	4	2	114	95	1.200
15	M WILSON	Furness	6	4	2	110	100	1.100
16	A BRINE	Leeds	3	3	0	63	27	2.333
17	A EDMONDSON	Leeds	3	3	0	63	35	1.800
18	A BACKHOUSE	Leeds	3	3	0	63	41	1.537
19	S FISHER	Furness	6	3	3	110	92	1.196
20	A CLAMP	East Lancs	6	3	3	113	96	1.177
21	M BROWN	Preston	6	3	3	101	87	1.161
22	J SMITH	Furness	6	3	3	103	89	1.157
23	Oscar SCOTT PARKER	Heavy Woollen	6	3	3	112	110	1.018
24	M POTTER	Ormskirk	6	3	3	117	118	0.992
25	H SPRIGGS	East Lancs	3	2	1	55	48	1.146
26	T NASH	Ormskirk	3	2	1	59	57	1.035
27	J LAST	Furness	6	2	4	112	114	0.982
28	J WINTER	Preston	6	2	4	106	108	0.981
29	E STARLING	Cheshire County	3	2	1	49	51	0.961
30	A HARRIS	Cheshire County	6	2	4	103	108	0.954
31	A COGGIN	Leeds	3	2	1	52	55	0.945
32	M FARRELL	Cheshire County	6	2	4	99	110	0.900
33	H WILSON	Heavy Woollen	6	2	4	98	112	0.875
34	J HANSON	Leeds	6	2	4	91	116	0.784
35	E McNEIL	Ormskirk	6	2	4	85	109	0.780
36	L CURRIE	Ormskirk	6	2	4	83	111	0.748
37	L BUTTERFIELD	Heavy Woollen	6	2	4	73	124	0.589
38	S SPENCER	Cheshire County	1	1	0	21	15	1.400
39	J BRANNON	Furness	3	1	2	59	58	1.017
40	A McDERMOTT	Cheshire County	6	1	5	105	111	0.946
41	K WELSH	Cheshire County	2	1	1	35	40	0.875
42	K NOBBS	Cheshire County	6	1	5	99	115	0.861
43	C FARRELL	Ormskirk	6	1	5	99	118	0.839
44	W VEEVERS	Preston	6	1	5	86	119	0.723
45	I LAURIE	Leeds	6	1	5	78	120	0.650
46	R HUGHES	Leeds	6	1	5	79	123	0.642
47	H RISLEY	Leeds	3	0	3	40	63	0.635
48	A GARWOOD	Cheshire County	6	0	6	78	126	0.619
49	H JONES	Ormskirk	3	0	3	36	63	0.571
50	L DEAKIN	Cheshire County	2	0	2	24	42	0.571
51	J FAGLEMAN	Heavy Woollen	6	0	6	69	126	0.548
52	J PARKES	Cheshire County	4	0	4	46	84	0.548
53	D FARLEY	Leeds	3	0	3	31	63	0.492

17-20 FINAL MERIT TABLE

	Name	Association	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against	Aggregate
1	S WORRALL	Leeds	6	6	0	126	82	1.537
2	S FARMER	Leeds	6	6	0	126	87	1.448
3	S SHAW	Heavy Woollen	6	5	1	121	87	1.391
4	M HILL	Leeds	6	5	1	122	90	1.356
5	S BERESFORD	Heavy Woollen	6	5	1	122	94	1.298
6	B RICE	Heavy Woollen	6	5	1	115	91	1.264
7	S NAYLOR	Furness	6	4	2	117	87	1.345
8	L COOPER	Leeds	5	4	1	98	74	1.324
9	B FALKINGHAM	Leeds	5	4	1	96	77	1.247
10	K HAINESWORTH	Leeds	5	4	1	92	80	1.150
11	J GREEN	Heavy Woollen	6	4	2	113	99	1.141
12	D TEALE	Heavy Woollen	3	3	0	63	36	1.750
13	C SHARPLES	Furness	6	3	3	112	101	1.109
14	G HOLMES	Leeds	5	3	2	92	94	0.979
15	C FENNELL	Heavy Woollen	3	2	1	62	40	1.550
16	J BOWES	Leeds	3	2	1	53	40	1.325
17	M HYDE	Heavy Woollen	3	2	1	55	44	1.250
18	D SCHOLEFIELD	Cheshire County	3	2	1	62	55	1.127
19	W BEDFORD	Leeds	2	1	1	36	28	1.286
20	S BROWN	Heavy Woollen	3	1	2	54	60	0.900
21	T JOHNSON	Leeds	5	1	4	85	102	0.833
22	K DEAKIN	Cheshire County	3	1	2	48	59	0.814
23	E WILSON	Heavy Woollen	3	0	3	39	63	0.619

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