

The Federation of Crown Green Bowls took the decision to hold their Junior/Youth Competitions in 2021, but because of covid restrictions moved the rounds from May & July to July and September.

The greens at Eagle & Child, Farington Conservative Club and Fox Lane Leyland were used.

100 players competed and the age limit for the Youths was changed from under 21 to under 25 at the 1st January.

The youth league had 5 teams competing and played all their matches at Fox Lane.

Leeds were champions, but had a close contest for the title with newcomers Mon Menai Dragons only finishing 4 points in front.

North Lancashire & Fylde claimed third place 12 points behind Mon Menai, with Leeds 'A' 10 points further adrift, 3 points ahead of Cheshire County.

In the junior section, 6 teams competed in the first round of matches, being divided into 2 groups of 3 teams.

In Group A, Newcomers Wrexham were winners, Furness runners up and Ormskirk third.

Group B saw Leeds and Mon Menai Dragons finishing on 18 points each ahead of East Lancashire.

Unfortunately because of Covid restrictions, Wrexham and Ormskirk had a shortage of players and dropped out of the September round of matches.

Mon Menai Dragons showed what a good squad of players they possessed by comfortably winning all their games to finish top, 8 points clear of Furness who were 3 points in front of East Lancashire, with Leeds a further 2 points adrift.

Unfortunately there are some things that we all need to improve on. We need to be more organised at the venues making sure that team managers have teams exchanged and cards ready for marking as soon as the previous match games are ending. This keeps everything flowing and not periods of waiting.

Also can managers ensure that players adhere to the laws of the game. Managers are referees on the day if no referees are in attendance.

Finally can Managers please clamp down on any bad language that might happen. The occasion is a family one so let us all have respect for one another.

I urge you please, go back to your associations and see if you can enter a team, for this year.

I have attached a Federation Registration Form.

Can you please return this form by the 28th February.

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.

13 year old Furness player Sam Blackstone finished top in the **13 and under age group**, with Mon Menai Dragon player 11 year old Jack Dougal runner up. Blackstone won 5 out of the 6 games played.

16 year old Leeds bowler Thomas Scolah was a deserved winner of the **14-16 age group**, winning all six games, with teammate Owen Laurie (15) runner up.

In the **17-24 age group** Mon Menai Dragon bowler Harry Lawton (20) took top place. He was one of four players who won all 5 matches, the others being Georgina Holmes (Leeds), Aaron Hayhurst (North Lancashire & Fylde) and Mon Menai's Ryan P Williams. Holmes was runner up by virtue of having a better aggregate.

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