

Following a relaxation of Covid rules, the Federation of Crown Green Bowls reverted back to their normal format with rounds of matches being played on the first Sundays of May & July in 2022.

The greens at Eagle & Child and Fox Lane Leyland were used.

Almost 100 players competed, with bowlers aged from 7 to 24 taking part.

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

Leeds were champions, 9 points clear of North Lancashire & Fylde, with Mon Menai Dragons 4 points further back.

With the introduction of new member West Yorkshire, the junior section also comprised of 5 teams.

Leeds proved to be dominant once again, finishing a massive 21 points in front of Mon Menai Dragons and 32 ahead of 3<sup>rd</sup> placed Furness.

Unfortunately, there are some things that we all need to improve on. We still 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.

Our teams (Players, officials and supporters) need to be respectful of the host clubs and their officials and adhere to any comments/requests made by them. We are after all guests of these clubs and will probably lose these venues if we are not respectful.

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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 Leeds player Logan Preston finished top in the **13 and under age group**, with Mon Menai Dragon player 13 year old Haiden Williams runner up. Preston won 5 out of the 6 games played.

16 year old Leeds bowler Owen Laurie was a deserved winner of the **14-16 age group**, winning all six games, as did teammate Jacob Goodall (15) who was runner up. Two other Leeds players Charlie Ripley and Poppy Fox also won all 6 games.

In the **17-24 age group** another Leeds bowler Darren Harrop (24) took top place. Like runner up Ryan P Williams, he won all 6 matches played. Congratulations to Mon Menai Dragons starlet Ryan on winning the 2022 BCGBA Junior Individual Merit.

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