



Bowls Leicestershire

BE Founder Member 2008 * Unified County Formed 2013

NATIONAL HONOURS, BOWLS ENGLAND and THE EWBA

The details below are a permanent web record of the history of National Success for BOWLS LEICESTERSHIRE AND LLCBA and our relationship with the EWBA. If you can supply any details that are missing, please email ladies.sec@bowlsleicestershire.com.



The Leicestershire Ladies County Bowling Association (LLCBA) was founded in 1930 and affiliated to English Womens Bowling Association (EWBA) in 1934. At the unification of the EWBA and EBA to form Bowls England, the LLCBA was a founder member affiliated to BE. The LLCBA joined with the LBA to form Bowls Leicestershire in 2013.

England Presidents		
Year	Name	Club
1982	Mrs Adeline Parkinson	Sileby
1978	Mrs D Johnson	
1970	Mrs Joan Pickering	Mkt Bosworth
1954	Mrs A M Walker	Blaby
1938	Mrs Whitbread	Brookfield

International Selection – BE and Disability BE (DBE)		
Years	Name	Club(s)
2018	Sally-Ann Lewis Wall (DBE)	Kingscroft
2016-2019	Jamie-Lea Winch	Kingscroft
2014	Pa Walker	Birstall
2010, 2012, 2014	Katie Smith	Kingscroft, Shepshed, New Lount
2010	Helen Wall	ES Kingscroft
2009	Laura Tucker	St Margaret's
2009, 2011	Jennie Groves	ES Kingscroft
1987 to 1990	Dorothy Lewis	Oadby
1987, '88, '90	Pip Green	Oadby
1986-7	Ena Clarke	Countesthorpe
1981	Betty Newborn	Belgrave
1977-8	Allcock	Goodwood
1969-70, 1972-4	Mary Cox	Enderby
1961-2, 1964	Herbert	Oadby
1955-7, 1961-2	Grewcock	Earl Shilton
1951-5	Thompson	Brookfield
1953-5, 1957-8	Whitbread	Brookfield
1950-2, 1954-6, 1960	Rigby	Belgrave
1946-9, 1951-3	Carr	Western Park
1938	Stone	Ashby
1936	Simpson	Brookfield

1935-9	Furburrow	Brookfield
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National Championships and Competition Winners			
Year	Competition	Name(s)	Club
2017	2 Wood Singles Championship	Jamie-Lea Winch	Kingscroft
2016	Walker Cup (see following)	Bowls Leicestershire Ladies	
2016	Senior Pairs	Carole Inserra & Lynn Green	Wymeswold & New Lount
2014	Mixed Fours	Katie Smith (+ R Wigfield, D Child, J Walker, Northants)	New Lount
2014	Mixed Pairs	Katie Smith (+ J Walker, Northants)	New Lount
2012	Fours Championship	Pa Walker, Jan Everitt, Jennie Groves, Di Hurst	Birstall
2006	Singles Championship	Barbara Adams	Market Bosworth
2006	Under 25 Pairs Championship	Charlotte Yates & Emma Bass	Shepshed & Holwell
2006	Mixed Pairs	Elaine & Andy Irons	Blaby
2003	Patrons Cup	Phyllis Hubbard	
2000	Patrons Cup	Jane Draper	
1999	Patrons Cup	Ena Clarke	Countesthorpe
1998	Patrons Cup	Bette Powell	Countesthorpe
1996	Patrons Cup	Mary Butterworth	Earl Shilton, Kingscroft
1993	Johns Trophy (see following)	LLCBA	
1993	Patrons Cup	Doreen Russell	Blaby
1991	Patrons Cup	J Walsh	Leicester Banks
1989	Patrons Cup	Audrey Morrine	Blaby
1988	Patrons Cup	Marjorie Kilby	Oakham
1985	Pairs Championship	Pip Green, Dorothy Lewis	Oadby
1985	Singles Championship	Ena Clarke	Countesthorpe
1980	2 Wood Singles Championship	Betty Newborn	Belgrave

THE WALKER CUP 2016

Miss Alice M Walker was a very exceptional woman. She ran a very large and prosperous transport business in Blaby, Leicestershire. She was a committed bowler, being a member at Glen Hills BC which then became Blaby BC, and became President of English Womens Bowling Association (EWBA) in 1954. In 1958 she donated the Walker Cup to the EWBA who decided that a Double Rink National Competition commence the following bowling season and the Walker Cup be presented to the Winning Side. Miss Walker married quite late in life to a Labour Peer (staunchly Conservative herself) and became Lady Hall.

Leicestershire women were runners up in the Walker Cup 1960, quite early in its life, but had not achieved any further recognition until this eventful year of 2016.



WALKER CUP SQUAD 2016

Left to right (back): Lynn Green, Jacquie Watson, Carole Inserra, Kate Kyle, Jamie Winch, Anneyce Johnson BLL President 2016), Nicola Ash, Carol Dixon, Jan Everitt, Di Hurst, Jennie Groves and Sally-Ann Lewis-Wall (not present).

The progress through the competition in 2006 is detailed below.

June 26th 1st Round v. HERTFORDSHIRE at Welwyn & District, Herts.		WON 46-26	
SA Lewis Wall	N Ash		
C Dixon	J Everitt		
J.Groves	JL Winch		
D Hurst	L Green		
14 - 18	32 - 8		
July 17th Regional Semi-Final v. NORFOLK at Shire Park, Herts.		WON 48-38	
J Watson	C Inserra		
C Dixon	J Everitt		
J.Groves	JL Winch		
D Hurst	L Green		
18 - 23	30 - 15		
July 17th Regional Final v. CAMBRIDGESHIRE at Shire Park, Herts.		WON 42-39	
J Watson	C Inserra		
C Dixon	J Everitt		
J.Groves	JL Winch		
D Hurst	L Green		
23 - 22	19 - 17		
August 21st Nat'l Semi-Final v. KENT at Royal Leamington Spa.		WON 41-39	
C Inserra	N Ash		
C Dixon	J Everitt		
J.Groves	JL Winch		
D Hurst	L Green		
16 - 22	25 - 17		
August 21st Nat'l Final v. DEVON at Royal Leamington Spa.		WON 37-29	
J Watson	N Ash		
C Dixon	J Everitt		
J.Groves	JL Winch		
D Hurst	L Green		
22 - 11	15 - 18		

THE JOHNS TROPHY 1993

Leicestershire was really thrilled to win the Johns trophy in 1993 when May Handley from Goodwood was our County President. May wrote to us...

"Many thanks for the web site. I am sure it will prove very enjoyable. Please could you enter a picture of the Johns trophy winning team. RENE RILEY was so proud that year and quite a few of the team have sadly passed away. This could be a small tribute to one of the most exciting times for Leicestershire and our lovely President Clare, was one of the skips..... I still miss Leicestershire bowling."



JOHNS TROPHY TEAM 1993

Left to right (back): Clare Cheney, Rita Message, Marjorie Kilby, Netta Hutton, Joyce Needham, Pat Blair, Ena Clarke, Pam Sutton, Kath Fudger, Jean Hurst, Jenny Sutcliffe, Zoe Eisler, Pauline Richardson, Mary Hendry, Elsie Pegg, Sue Jones, Jean Cox, Julie Meakin, Lynn Green, Doreen Worster
(Front): Joan Haines, Mae McHowat, Rene Riley (County Secretary), May Handley (County President), Pip Green, Christine Percival, Shelagh Gardner

It is quite interesting to note that a few of these players are still playing for Leicestershire in 2018 (highlighted) and several are still engaged in supporting Leicestershire in various ways.

The progress through the competition in 1993 is detailed below.

May 25th 1st round v. NORFOLK at St. Neots

WON 122-121

L.Green	J.Hurst	K.Fudger	E.Pegg	M.Kilby	R.Message
N.Hutton	S.Jones	J.Haines	Z.Eisler	M.Handley	D.Worster
J.Meakin	P.M.Green	J.Sutcliffe	P.Sutton	M.McHowat	P.Blair
P.Richardson	S.Gardner	C.Percival	E.Clarke	J.Needham	C.Cheney
19 - 26	22 - 18	24 - 32	14 - 14	17 - 19	26 - 12

June 22nd 2nd round v. SUFFOLK at Brampton (Hunts)

WON 114-112

L.Green	J.Hurst	K.Fudger	E.Pegg	M.Kilby	R.Message
N.Hutton	S.Jones	J.Haines	Z.Eisler	M.Handley	D.Worster
J.Meakin	P.M.Green	J.Sutcliffe	P.Sutton	M.McHowat	P.Blair
P.Richardson	S.Gardner	C.Percival	E.Clarke	J.Needham	C.Cheney
19 - 19	14 - 20	17 - 21	20 - 15	14 - 27	30 - 10

July 13th Area Final v. WARWICKSHIRE at Daventry Town

WON 130-120

L.Green	J.Hurst	K.Fudger	J.Cox	M.Kilby	R.Message
N.Hutton	S.Jones	M.Toseland	Z.Eisler	M.Hendry	D.Worster
J.Meakin	P.M.Green	J.Sutcliffe	P.Sutton	M.Handley	P.Blair
P.Richardson	S.Gardner	C.Percival	E.Clarke	M.McHowat	C.Cheney
25 - 13	27 - 15	16 - 29	29 - 15	15 - 25	18 - 23

July 26th a.m. Semi – Final v. CORNWALL at Leamington National Finals

WON 132-104

L.Green	J.Hurst	K.Fudger	E.Pegg	M.Kilby	R.Message
N.Hutton	S.Jones	J.Sutcliffe	Z.Eisler	M.Handley	D.Worster
J.Meakin	P.M.Green	J.Haines	P.Sutton	J.Needham	P.Blair
P.Richardson	S.Gardner	C.Percival	E.Clarke	M.McHowat	C.Cheney
25 - 13	30 - 11	36 - 14	15 - 18	14 - 17	16 - 20

July 26th p.m. Final v. KENT at Leamington National Finals

WON 125-95

L.Green	J.Hurst	K.Fudger	E.Pegg	M.Kilby	R.Message
N.Hutton	S.Jones	J.Sutcliffe	Z.Eisler	M.Handley	D.Worster
J.Meakin	P.M.Green	J.Haines	P.Sutton	J.Needham	P.Blair
P.Richardson	S.Gardner	C.Percival	E.Clarke	M.McHowat	C.Cheney
24 - 12	30 - 21	13 - 15	20 - 16	19 - 15	19 - 16

ALTOGETHER AN HISTORIC RESULT!

THE EWBA & NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS/COMPETITIONS

Leicestershire Ladies County Bowling Association commenced discussions about EWBA membership in a meeting of November 4th 1931.

“Some discussion took place on the newly formed E.W.B.A. & it was decided not to become affiliated to same but on the proposal of Mrs Baldwin supported by Mrs German and Mrs Benskin that if Somerset, Essex and other properly constituted associations decided to form a National Association, that we would support them.”

Affiliation to the newly constituted EWBA did not take place until 1933 after consultation with clubs over the cost of affiliation to be born at club level. The AGM of 1933 records:

“The President explained that Affiliation fee to the above Association was £1.1s.0 (£1.05) plus 10s.6d (52p) annual sub from each club in the Association. It was felt that we ought as a County to affiliate & the delegates were asked to obtain the views of their members as their being able to pay the annual sub. The County Annual Subscription to remain as hitherto 5s.0d (25p)

After consultation with the clubs it is clear that the subscription level was amended before the LLCBA formally affiliated.

As far as competitions are concerned, in March 1934 there were only 4 entries from Leicestershire in the first National Competitions, two pairs and two singles. These four players were ALL from Brookfield: Mrs Furberrow & Mrs Whitbread, Mrs Lea & Miss Knight. At the same meeting Mrs Whitbread was elected as the first representative from LLCBA to serve on the first National Selection Committee.

On June 27th 1934 the County recorded an interesting piece of correspondence from Victoria Ladies Club (no longer existing)

“At a Special meeting held last night of the Victoria Ladies Club great dissatisfaction was shown by the members in the manner the names had been sent to the EWBA for selection in the International v Possibles.

They resent that 3 self appointed names were sent instead of 10 names asked by the EWBA from Leicestershire. My Committee consider this not only a great breach of etiquette but a very unfair proceeding as no selection meeting had been called of the County. They understand this action is resented by other clubs. My Committee therefore think that it is desirable that Leicestershire should not be represented at all this year.

My Committee would appreciate a reply.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Ellen Ravenston”

The first mention of the National Team trophies appear in January 1935 where club delegates are asked to send in the names of their best players who would be willing to enter.

“If twenty four names were sent in, Leicestershire would be able to enter the competition.”