

District 23 West District Meeting.

Introduction.

The annual district meeting was held in Partick BC on Monday, 16th March 2015 and commenced at 7:00pm. The meeting was chaired by Douglas Johnstone.

Top Table.

Person	Organisation.
Douglas Johnstone	Vice President, BowlsScotland
Bill Lamont	GBA President and Umpire
Jim Ryan	GBA Secretary
Richard Glassford	Coaching Supervisor

BowlsScotland Capitation Fees and Competitions.

Douglas informed the members that all clubs within the district had paid their capitation fees prior to the draws, a unique state since he became district secretary in 1994.

Junior Successes within the district.

Callum Taggart (Hyndland) won the Scottish Junior title at the National championships at Northfield, Ayr. We also have two other nominees for Scottish junior caps.

BowlsScotland Competitions.

There are no changes to the competition format for 2015. This year the district finals will take place at Anniesland BC on Thursday, 18th June. First rounds will commence Thursday, 21st May.

Mixed pairs commence 31st May with finals on 21st June at Anniesland.

National Championships at Ayr.

Northfield competitions week - Tuesday, 28th July – 02 August. Dress code is white trousers and shoes.

International competitions.

British Isles Bowling Championships (BIBC) will take place at Eddlewood BC, Hamilton from 24th - 28th June.

Junior Internationals at Partick on Sunday, 07th June.

Galbraith Trophy.

The Galbraith Trophy will be played on Friday, 01st May.

Changes to the laws of the Sport – 2015.

The main changes which affect players relate to rink games and in particular, management of scorecards. The **Second** in a rink, (Pairs, triples or Fours) will now be responsible for marking the card. This is a reversion to traditional duties.

Development News.

Super Series

BowlsScotland carried out a number of surveys and audits during the last 12 months. Glasgow West had the highest response rate in Scotland.

Criteria for Player Selection

BowlsScotland has introduced a number of changes to the national team development procedures. The new ranking system will be a new credit / points based system with various qualifying competitions. These will include :

Competition	Precedence	Comments
Super Series	A	New high performance competition
National Championships	B	National Club Competition
Hamilton Trophy	C	County Championships
Personal CV	D	Only last 5 years performance

Selectors will target players rather than full group performance. Every club bowler has the opportunity to enter the Super Series and compete. Selectors have the option to nominate/ invite players at future rounds

Bowls Scotland Super Series 2015 Competition Dates:

Singles Regional Qualifiers - 15th & 16th August 2015

Pairs Regional Qualifiers - 22nd & 23rd August 2015

Pairs Grand Final - 29th & 30th August 2015

Singles Grand Final - 5th & 6th September 2015

Prior to this selection procedure, the only route to higher level competitions was via County representation in Andrew Hamilton Trophy.

County Championships.

The format for the Andrew Hamilton Trophy is being reviewed. The new format will consist of two stages, a local round robin format with two qualifiers being nominated to the second knockout stage. The final details are still under discussion.

Glasgow Bowling Association (GBA)

This year Glasgow West district has been honoured with the election of both Glasgow presidents from the directorate. President Bill Lamont (Yarrow) and Vice President Ian Gavin (Victoria Park) were elected at the GBA AGM at St. Vincent BC in December.

GBA Competition rule changes.

Due to the deterioration in conduct at GBA ties, the directorate has had to introduce a number of changes in the constitution. These will affect all GBA competitions and side games.

Consumption of Alcohol on Green.

No players will be permitted to consume alcohol during play. Any players(s) who are seen to be consuming alcohol will be warned by the umpires or officials.

Abuse to officials.

There were a number of incidents of verbal and physical abuse to officials and umpires at last years competitions. This will not be tolerated. Any player who verbally abuses umpires or other officials will initially be warned and may be disqualified from GBA competitions.

Accommodating GBA Ties.

The GBA have asked member clubs to facilitate upto three (previously two) ties during afternoon games. This change is to accommodate the hosting of neutral ties within districts. This request is due to the loss and closure of greens within the GBA districts.

Dress Code.

The recommended dress code for GBA competitions has been adjusted to facilitate presentation and press coverage.

	Rounds	Finals
On Green	Grey or Black Trousers White Dress shirt and Tie or Registered Club Shirt	Grey or Black Trousers White Dress shirt and Tie or Registered Club Shirt
Shoes	Grey, Brown , White or Black bowling shoes	Grey, Brown , White or Black bowling shoes
Blazers		Compulsory on arrival

Side Games.

A side game is where multiple rinks from the one club play each other. The main side games are the Top Singles, Top 10 and Milenium Triples. All sides are expected to dress the same during play on the green. These games are calculated on a points and aggregate shots score over all games

within the round, therefore it is essential that play continues across the green.

Substitutions and Re-instatement.

Substitutions and Re-instatements will be allowed for all rink competitions upto the finals. Players who have been defeated within a rinks or singles may not be re-instated. This does not

Championship Dates.

Date	Venue	Rounds
Wed 13 th May	Various	Prelim Start
04 th July	Yarrow	GBA Championships Finals

Date	Venue	Rounds	Finals
Wed 24 th June	Various	Milenium Triples	Kelvindale
07 th July	Various	GBA Top 10	
		Top 5	Crofoot

Coaching and Development.

Richard Glassford advised the meeting of the progress and development of the new coaching structures. The first level Introduction to Bowling awards were introduced in April 2014. The next award (Coaching Level 1) is still being developed.

Details of all coaching and associated CPD is now available online at

<http://www.bowlsScotland.com/coaching/coach-education-courses>

There are a number of additional courses and events being managed by BowlsScotland as part of the Commonwealth Games Legacy project. Details of these events can be found on the BowlsScotland website.

Umpiring.

The umpire certification and licence is a national and not club level award. There is now a shortage of umpires within the Glasgow and West Dumbartonshire Districts. Delegates were asked to advise Douglas Johnstone or Bill Lamont of any potential nominees from their clubs.

Umpires assist the administration and adjudication of competitions on behalf of all controlling bodies within Scotland. International umpires are managed under the World Bowls federation and are classed as International Technical Officers (ITO).

Guest Spealer – Tom Hamilton.

Tom Hamilton is the leader of the GlasBowl Project for Active Schools Bowling within the district. I have been supporting his work and development since its inception. The project provides bowling activities for primary age children as part of their regular physical Education.

In addition, we now support Glasgow Sport and BowlsScotland with the promotion of the sport accross Glasgow.

Tom uses Social Media to publisise this work on Facebook and Twitter. This work has now been recognised by BowlsScotland with his appointment as Communications Director.

Tom introduced some of the New Age Bowls equipment which we use inside the schools and to support young children.

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References and Links.

BowlsScotland (2015) Super Series available at

<http://www.bowlsscotland.com/component/content/article/4-latest-news/577-johnston-and-anderson-unveil-new-scottish-super-series-competition->

BowlsScotland (2015) Coaching available at

<http://www.bowlsscotland.com/coaching/coach-education-courses>