

# Yorkshire Bowling Association

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Hi Folks

Firstly I apologise for this being a few days late - I have been away in the warm sunshine. Well the sunshine was warm and the wind was wild!

I hope that whatever Easter means to you that it brought you rest, peace, love, joy and chocolate - don't forget the chocolate!

Things are warming up here now and this is the time we all look forward to our greens opening.

Lots of information for the beginning of the season. Certainly looks to be exciting times ahead.

Get those arms back and enjoy your bowling folks.

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## Affiliation to YBA and Bowls England

Clubs who affiliate with Bowls England receive several exclusive benefits, including those delivered by our development arm, the Bowls Development Alliance.

For example: Assistance with player recruitment and retention - Training and Development - Finance and Business - Governance - Facilities - Competitions - Club Support Network.

This is a heads-up that the "Club Return" for 2024 will be with you in early April. This annual document will explain the cost of affiliation per club member for 2024, where to return it and by when.

The Return is to be completed with details about your club, your current secretary and the number of male and female members within your club by **8th May at the latest**. From the Return an invoice will be created and sent to you as soon as possible.

Gayle Hartley (YBA Treasurer)

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## Upcoming Events

**April 8**

### Ladies' Spring Meeting

York & District IBC

Start time 12:30. This meeting is open to all ladies from affiliated clubs, please come along.

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## Announcement

We are hoping to run our own BE style Roadshow here in Yorkshire.

With the help of David Bolt, these will have a particular focus on recruitment initiatives, affiliation benefits and safeguarding.

More information will be sent to your club secretaries as soon as we have it.

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## Men's Section

**Inter County Player Nominations:** After a change to the nominations system this year, from group nominations via Club Secretaries, to individual nominations, we have seen a slight increase in the rate of submissions for the 2024 season. We are aware there are still a few players who represented the County last season who have yet to nominate for 2024. Even if you are a regular in the Yorkshire teams could you please submit the nomination form on the YBA Website.

**Nomination closing date:** Our Team Manager, Sam Winter, will be shortly looking at nominations and considering selection options for 2024. The closing date for nominations will be 1800hrs on Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup>. Please ensure you meet the closing date it really helps Sam and the admin team in planning for the upcoming season.

**Inter County Fixture:** The 2024 YBA Men's Inter County fixtures will be played as follows;

<b>Muras Trophy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 25<sup>th</sup> May (Blackhall BC, Durham)</li></ul>	<b>Alsop</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 8th June v Cumbria (Home)</li><li>• 29th June v Durham (Away)</li><li>• 13th July v Lancashire (Home)</li><li>• 20th v Northumberland (Away)</li></ul>
<b>Balcomb Trophy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 9th June v Durham (Away)</li><li>• 23rd June Regional Final (YRB&amp;SC)</li></ul>	<b>White Rose</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2nd June v Nottinghamshire (Away)</li><li>• 16th June Regional Finals (Dunnington BC)</li></ul>
<b>Middleton Cup</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1st June v Cumbria (Home)</li><li>• 15th June v Durham (Away)</li><li>• 6th July v Nottinghamshire (Home)</li></ul>	

**Men's County clothing:** There is now an area in the men's section of the YBA website, to order county shirts (both replacement or new).

Note - There is a gathering interest in 'hoodies' as a new item of County clothing - if you fancy one of these then please complete an online request so we can track numbers of interest.

### And Finally...

Arrangements are in hand for an early season County Squad event. More information will be available in due course.



## Level 1 Coaching Course

After long discussion with Coach Bowls we managed to squeeze in a Yorkshire based coaching course Feb/March 24. Unfortunately, the numbers receded dramatically from 14 who expressed interest to only 4 attending the practical day at New Earswick - the minimum number for these courses is normally 8! It goes without saying that this was a huge disappointment to those fighting our corner to hold such courses on our own turf and moving forwards we must do all we can to avoid a repeat of this disappointment.

Coach Bowls' courses are fully accredited and lead to a professional qualification underwritten by an awarding body. This means that there is coursework, planning, learning, homework and assessment. In return you gain knowledge, skills and proficiency to deliver quality coaching. Going forward we would encourage all potential applicants to be aware of the commitment these courses require.

## Word Search

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SUNSHINE	THUNDER	SHOWERS
HANDWARMER	STORMS	DARK
WATERPROOF	SUMMER	GLOVES
FRIENDS	RAFFLES	COLD
TEA	BISCUITS	SHIVER

As you can see - this month has a real 'start of the season' theme.

It's not always sunshine and daffodils is it? Hope Ma Nature is kind to us all during the season.



## UK Family Pairs Open!

The Yorkshire venue for this new competition is **Dunnington on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August**.

£22 per pair for entry. Played with 3 bowls each, 2 sets of 7 ends with a tie break end if required.

### A Message from Jason Parkinson

"I would like to announce that **Rink 66 Bowls Team Wear** is the Headline sponsor for the inaugural UK Family Pairs Open 2024. This amazing sponsorship will make sure each of the venue qualifiers will be supplied with specially bespoke shirts for the finals day, as well as minimum prize money of **£3000** (this amount will rise as entries pass 200 which I'm positive we will achieve 🤗)

Entries opened on Monday 25th March, you can enter at [www.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk) and search UK Family Pairs. We will not be able to offer refunds unless a venue is cancelled due to lack of entries.

The **Grand Final** venue (Loughborough area) and rules will be published soon. You must be blood relatives, step relatives, married or in a civil partnership to enter this year. (We will be looking into extending this for next year). Thanks all, JP"

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/.../2024.../09:30/t-avkapzv>

## Word Search Solution - How many did you find?

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## EBUA Markers Course

**York & District IBC - Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April, 10am - 4pm**

The course will be run over one day. There will be an attendance certificate issued. There is NO exam, but you will be required to complete all the measuring exercises.

The cost of the course is £15.00 which includes a Markers handbook. If you wish to go on to become a member of the EBUA as a Marker, then please talk to the officials after the course. It is the hope of the EBUA to have at least two trained Markers in every club.

For more information, or to apply to register, please contact: Maxine Groce

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