

# NEWSLETTER

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*A review of the past month, a preview of the coming month and more*

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## **WE ARE RECRUITING FOR 2020**

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- ◆ **ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY**
- ◆ **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR READERS

Enjoy the festive season with your families and friends and we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year

## DECEMBER SPONSOR

Thankyou to Taylor Funeral Service for their generous support of the Newsletter. This month is the fourth of a six-month sponsorship commitment and we are grateful for their support.



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The HDVBA is thriving with a record number of teams and bowlers this year and a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary season looming. The biggest League in the Huddersfield area and we have good reason to believe that we are the biggest Veteran's League in the country. All this takes organising and your Management Committee is the body responsible for that. That Committee now needs replenishing with new ideas, new momentum and new individuals.

We currently have a number of vacancies we urgently need to fill to enable the League to continue to provide competitive bowling competitions for so many bowlers. A new Vice-President is needed for the coming 2020 season with that individual taking on the President's role in 2022. It is a four-year commitment for this key leadership role. You can put yourself forward for this position or nominate someone else but if you do that please check with them first that they are happy to be nominated.

John Hoyle is our General Secretary and has been for the last four years. He has also been Vice-President for the last two years and will move into the President's position for his two-year stint in our top position in February. We now need someone to support John through the busy Anniversary season and we are looking to recruit to the new position of Assistant General Secretary. This individual could then move into the General Secretary position at an agreed future date. It is a great opportunity to grow into the role working alongside John and using his experience of what is required.

Our League Bye-Laws state that the Management Committee should consist of eight members. For the last two years we have been operating with just five members and whilst that is OK it is not ideal and we are always looking for some new blood and ideas. The role is not overly demanding but is key to the well-being of the League. The Management Committee meets monthly for two hours on a Monday morning. Every member has a voice in our decisions which determine how the League is run. You should be a member of one of our clubs but apart from that all we look for is some commonsense and a will to contribute to the good running and success of our Leagues.

If you are interested in any of these roles then please get in touch with John Hoyle ([john.hoyle20@ntlworld.com](mailto:john.hoyle20@ntlworld.com) or 07541 413 642) or Jeff Jacklin ([jefftheref2000@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jefftheref2000@yahoo.co.uk) or 07968 171 197) for more details.

# ANNIVERSARY SEASON LAUNCH EVENT

We start the celebrations for our Anniversary Season of 2020 with a special Launch Event. This will follow on from the Annual General Meeting at Meltham S&SC on Monday 13 February 2020. A number of presentations are planned and there are also some speakers lined up to mark such a milestone date in the history of the Veterans Association. Two of those speakers are worth announcing today with a biography of each to introduce them to you.



**PETER MUFF**

Former Chief Sportswriter of the Huddersfield Daily Examiner, Peter covered more Huddersfield Merit finals than he cares to remember. He reported on forty consecutive Yorkshire Merit finals, Yorkshire county matches and wrote a Saturday night column for over twenty-five years. He also described many of the major tournaments at the Waterloo Hotel in Blackpool as well as the All-England finals up and down the country. Peter interviewed many top class athletes and sportsmen and women and you may get a glimpse of life in the limelight as he recalls some of his experiences over a lifetime in sports journalism. He retired from full-time journalism three-months early so that he would have a full season with the 'Vets' at Slaithwaite Cricket & Bowling Club.



**PETER ARMITAGE MBE**

Chairman of Hemplow Bowling Club and Marsden Cricket Club, Writer and Producer of over 20 Pantomimes for the Marsden Parish Church & Dramatic Society. The 84-year-old, whose son, Simon, is the current Poet Laureate, has penned and produced his last panto for the locally-infamous Colne Valley all-male performance troupe The Avalanche Dodgers. Peter, who lays claim to writing 32 pantos and eight reviews for the Dodgers, says the annual shows have raised more than £150,000 for good causes in Marsden. Over the years Peter has performed for Huddersfield-born Prime Minister Harold Wilson, shared a dressing room with Patrick Stewart and been for a pint with Ian McKellen, who he met at one of Simon's book launches.

# END OF SEASON REVIEW 2019

## 6-Man League

A great season in the 6-Man League with a record number of 30 teams contesting the competition and two of the Section titles going down to the final day and only one point separating the top two in the Section A final table. Great stuff! Then looking ahead it should be even a more gripping 2020 season as those two dominant teams from the past, Lockwood Con and Longwood, return to the top level where Netherton Con and Lindley Lib have taken over the top billing and look stronger for that experience. That top Section could even be stronger if Marsden Park get rewarded for their runaway success in Section C last season with a double promotion. That's for the future so before then let's take a look at what happened to every 6-man team in the 2019 season.

### SECTION A

	Pl	W	L	For	Pts
1 Netherton Con.	18	15	3	1678	94
2 Lindley Lib. A	18	16	2	1691	93
3 Shepley A	18	13	5	1675	86
4 Paddock I & C	18	8	10	1556	60
5 Brockholes A	18	6	12	1538	56
6 Milnsbridge BC	18	8	10	1493	55
7 Crosland Moor	18	8	10	1453	53
8 Thongsbridge B	18	6	12	1486	48
9 Oakfield T&BC	18	5	13	1395	43
10 Farnley Tyas	18	5	13	1408	42

**Netherton Con** and **Lindley Lib A** enjoyed an epic contest at the head of Section A right through the season with never much daylight between them with the Con hanging on to a one-point lead through the final weeks as the teams matched each other's scores on a regular basis. Despite losing one more match than their prime opponents the Con managed to retain their title. Both teams beat each other when having home advantage so have to look elsewhere for the deciding factors. Lindley Lib will rue their defeat at Paddock whilst Netherton Con were surprised to go down 2-5 at Milnsbridge. So whilst the Con collected their second Section A title Lindley Lib will be very satisfied with their first season at the top level and will no doubt have benefited from a season playing at this higher level.

**Shepley A** finished in the top three for a third consecutive season and a strong run-in saw them win their final five matches including the scalp of the Champions but earlier defeats at Milnsbridge and Crosland Moor cost them dearly. Always the

bridesmaid! Shepley are very strong on an individual front with no less than three of the top ten Singles bowlers in the League averages.

The top three teams were 26 points clear of the chasing pack led by **Paddock I&C** who came fourth for a second successive season. Paddock are the serial mid-tablers as they never finish in the top three of bottom three in Section A but just seem to always be there and have been appearing in the top Section, along with Shepley, as long as anyone.

**Brockholes A** and **Milnsbridge** finished locked together in mid-table for a second consecutive season with a gap of just a single point this time around whereas it was two points difference in 2018. Interestingly the Brockholes side had almost identical home and away records with three wins at home and on the road. The lack of home wins has obviously held them back this year which is unusual as they have been traditionally very strong at home. After joining the League in 2016 and winning the Section B title that year Milnsbridge have retained their Section A status ever since during which time they have never really threatened to get involved in events at the top or bottom regions of the table, this year was no different.

**Crosland Moor** got promoted to the top Section in 2017 when just four points behind the Section B Champions Netherton Con. Whereas the Con have gone on to win consecutive Section A titles since then, the Moor initially flattered to deceive by coming third last year but have dropped out of contention altogether this time around. **Thongsbridge B** are a perpetual bottom half of Section A team where they traditionally finish their season and with the reduced number of teams in the top Section this means that they are nearer to a relegation place than ever. With half of their points gained away from home this time around there has got to be concern about them retaining their top level status next year as the Section becomes even more competitive and the arrival of Longwood and Lockwood Con at the top table next season could threaten that position. Their one claim to fame last season was in claiming the Section's top Singles bowler in John Yalden.

**Oakfield T&BC** will be more concerned about their continuing existence than they will be about their immediate relegation back to Section B. Team raising problems may well lead to their withdrawal from the League with no new player announcements yet and they staggered through

the season using just nine bowlers and their continuing involvement is a constant worry.

After finishing fifth for the two seasons since their promotion in 2017, **Farnley Tyas** will be very disappointed to face relegation this year. The writing was really on the wall very early as losing the first eight matches of the season became a burden too heavy to overcome despite a much better second half of the season. They too will be very concerned about their future after losing four of their bowlers who have all transferred to new boys Honley in advance of the 2020 season. Recruitment will be key to their future both on and off the green.

#### SECTION B

		Pl	W	L	For	Pts
1	Lockwood Con	18	15	3	1703	95
2	Longwood	18	14	4	1684	91
3	Golcar C & BC	18	11	7	1599	76
4	Skel Windmill A	18	10	8	1471	66
5	Skel Windmill B	18	10	8	1589	61
6	Clayton West	18	9	9	1503	56
7	Primrose Hill Lib	18	5	13	1369	51
8	Golcar Lib.	18	6	12	1370	47
9	Holmfirth	18	5	13	1347	47
10	Almondbury Lib.	18	5	13	1429	40

**Lockwood Con** and **Longwood** seem to do everything together! Both withdrew from the League at the end of the 2017 season after filling the top two positions in Section A for the previous four years. Those withdrawals were to allow them to concentrate on promoting their new 10-man teams which they both duly did but then realised that some of their stalwart bowlers were not getting a lot of time on the green so both re-entered the League for the 2019 season specifically to ensure that their long-serving bowlers would get more games. With the new factor of Starred Bowlers to reduce their 6-man playing strength both teams were placed in Section B upon their re-entry so reigniting their long standing but respectful rivalry once again. Sitting in the top two all season and taking it in turn to lead the table with Lockwood Con just taking the honours on the final day of the season. That rivalry will continue once again at the top level next season when the emerging talents of Netherton and Lindley Lib will be waiting for them. Longwood's success in lifting the Julie Fuller Trophy indicates that they can once again expect to push for league honours at a higher level next year.

**Golcar C&BC** threatened to separate and frustrate the top two frequently during the course of the season Beating both the eventual top two on their own greens in an opening run of four

straight wins showed the potential of this team who had only joined the League the previous year. Made up of mostly new bowlers they are expected to improve even more in the future but will be well satisfied with progress to date and can be expected to be amongst the front-runners for promotion next year. However their captain, Mick Chapman, who topped the Section's Singles averages this year will be a Starred Bowler next season so unable to play in the 6-Man League at all which will be a major setback for their promotion aspirations.

The two **Skel Windmill** teams finished in alphabetic order in fourth and fifth positions separated by five points and they both won their 'away' games against each other. The B team actually had a better away record than home and neither managed to dent the records of the top two. The League reorganisation pitched **Clayton West** into the second tier for the first time for many years but that proved to be exactly right as they struggled to make any impact on the leading positions but were always well out of the way of any relegation threat.

**Primrose Hill Lib's** aversion from playing away from their home green is always going to hold them back and a solitary away win (at Golcar Lib) was scant reward for any team with designs on higher things. With two of the top six Pairs bowlers they have the potential to improve and may be capable of better next year when competing in what is likely to be a weaker competition than this year.

**Golcar Lib** only escaped relegation with a better Aggregate For total than Holmfirth and were really in free-fall in the second half of the season with the worst playing record of all ten teams in Section B. That kind of form will have to improve drastically if they are to consolidate their position for next season. With the lowest home points total over the season it is easy to see where the improvement has to come.

Quite the opposite for bottom team **Almondbury Lib** with a 0-9 away record over the season being the sole reason for their relegation. Their home record compared favorably with any mid-table team but that away record ensured a second consecutive relegation for the Lib. Going down with them are **Holmfirth**, who despite a much better second half of the season, still find themselves dropping through the trapdoor which is a surprise for any team that boasts the top two Pairs bowlers in that Section. The worst home record in the Section being the core of their problems and the fall from a safe mid-table position in 2018 a shock but probably indicative of the higher overall standard of bowling introduced into that Section this year.



## SECTION C

	Pl	W	L	For	Pts
1 Marsden Park	18	18	0	1753	106
2 Marsh United	18	15	3	1625	88
3 Greenhead Park	18	11	7	1586	76
4 Meltham	18	11	7	1563	70
5 Hemplow	18	8	10	1556	65
6 Marsh Lib	18	9	9	1466	56
7 Lindley Lib. B	18	8	10	1436	55
8 Thongsbridge A	18	6	12	1362	49
9 Shepley B	18	3	15	1178	35
10 Brockholes B	18	1	17	1272	30

A runaway Championship winning season for Six-Man League debutants **Marsden Park** as they went the full League season undefeated. In fact their only defeat of the season came in the Final of the Julie Fuller Trophy when Longwood's greater exposure to such situations held sway to take that title. No disgrace in losing to these serial trophy winners and they can take heart from beating two Section A teams on the way to the Final without having to resort to their handicap advantage. That League record is all the more emphatic when you realise that they weren't even pushed to a 4-3 win over any of their 18 league matches. That dominance is reflected in the Singles Averages where they fielded four of the top five bowlers. It is inevitable that the Management Committee will closely examine that record before determining which Section they will play in next season.

As well as losing both fixtures against Marsden Park the only other loss for runners-up **Marsh United** was away at Meltham to give them clear daylight ahead the rest and in any other season that would have been sufficient to secure the title but they will have to settle for promotion this time around. After finishing second to bottom of the bottom Section in 2017 **Greenhead Park** dropped out of the Six-Man League but reappeared this year to enjoy a much better experience and finish a creditable third. Only four of the 2017 team are still involved and the form of those four has been pivotal in the improvement of fortunes. Continuing that improvement will inevitably push them into contention for honours next year.

A September home win over promoted Marsh United for **Meltham** showed their potential although that was a sole win in the last four-weeks of the season. A strong opening with four wins in their first five fixtures promised much but losing both games against the top three teams showed that their final position was the maximum they could hope to attain and this proved to be their best final position over the past three seasons.

**Hemplow** had the top two Pairs bowlers in the Section with David Morrison and David Waterhouse well clear in the averages but that wasn't enough to turn the team into promotion candidates but was a satisfactory introductory season for the Six-Man League new boys. It could have been ever better but going down to a League double inflicted Marsh Lib damaged any such aspirations. **Marsh Lib** improved as the season progressed after a poor opening run of four defeats in their first five matches and by the time the season was drawing to a close they had moved into the top half with a finishing sprint of four wins in the last five.

Another gradual improving team was **Lindley Lib B** for, after a torrid introduction to the Six-Man League of six straight defeats, they didn't want the season to end on the back of a run of four concluding wins. Worryingly half of their ten losses were by the ultimate 0-7 scoreline, easily the worst record in the Section, and the art of picking up points when getting beaten is one not to be ignored. by

The **Thongsbridge A** side have finished in the bottom half of the bottom Section for a number of years but looked destined for greater times after an opening run of three straight wins, two of them away from home. They flattered to deceive however and a barren second half of the season resulted in their customary bottom half finish. Nothing wrong with that and these boys enjoy their bowling as much as anyone as do new team **Shepley B**. You have got to be stubborn to keep going after losing the first 10 games of the season but keep going they did to good effect to win three of their final eight fixtures and escape the bottom place which had seemed inevitable all season long. That spot was claimed by **Brockholes B** for a third consecutive season. Just one win all season but that was by the emphatic 7-0 scoreline over fellow strugglers Shepley B, a day to savour for the Badgers.

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Monday 13 February 2020  
2-30pm at Meltham S&SC**

**Followed by the  
ANNIVERSARY LAUNCH EVENT  
at 4.00pm**

**Attendance by invitation only**

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## SIX-MAN LEAGUE – HALF-SEASON LEAGUE TABLES 2019

FIRST HALF OF SEASON TABLES (April - June 2019)							END OF SEASON TABLES 2019							SECOND HALF OF SEASON TABLES (July - September 2019)						
		Pl	W	L	For	Pts			Pl	W	L	For	Pts			Pl	W	L	For	Pts
1	Lindley Lib. A	9	9	0	871	51	1	Netherton Con.	18	15	3	1678	94	1	Netherton Con.	9	7	2	838	46
2	Netherton Con.	9	8	1	840	48	2	Lindley Lib. A	18	16	2	1691	93	2	Shepley A	9	7	2	844	43
3	Shepley A	9	6	3	831	43	3	Shepley A	18	13	5	1675	86	3	Lindley Lib. A	9	7	2	820	42
4	Milnsbridge BC	9	5	4	786	32	4	Paddock I & C	18	8	10	1556	60	4	Brockholes A	9	3	6	767	30
5	Paddock I & C	9	4	5	790	31	5	Brockholes A	18	6	12	1538	56	5	Paddock I & C	9	4	5	766	29
6	Crosland Moor	9	4	5	740	28	6	Milnsbridge BC	18	8	10	1493	55	6	Farnley Tyas	9	4	5	731	27
7	Brockholes A	9	3	6	771	26	7	Crosland Moor	18	8	10	1453	53	7	Thongsbridge B	9	4	5	774	26
8	Thongsbridge B	9	2	7	712	22	8	Thongsbridge B	18	6	12	1486	48	8	Crosland Moor	9	4	5	713	25
9	Oakfield T&BC	9	3	6	666	19	9	Oakfield T&BC	18	5	13	1395	43	9	Oakfield T&BC	9	2	7	729	24
10	Farnley Tyas	9	1	8	677	15	10	Farnley Tyas	18	5	13	1408	42	10	Milnsbridge BC	9	3	6	707	23
		Pl	W	L	For	Pts			Pl	W	L	For	Pts			Pl	W	L	For	Pts
1	Lockwood Con	9	8	1	877	49	1	Lockwood Con	18	15	3	1703	95	1	Longwood	9	8	1	860	48
2	Longwood	9	6	3	824	43	2	Longwood	18	14	4	1684	91	2	Lockwood Con	9	7	2	826	46
3	Golcar C & BC	9	7	2	818	42	3	Golcar C & BC	18	11	7	1599	76	3	Golcar C & BC	9	4	5	781	34
4	Skel Windmill A	9	6	3	753	34	4	Skel Windmill A	18	10	8	1471	66	4	Skel Windmill A	9	4	5	718	32
5	Clayton West	9	4	5	756	29	5	Skel Windmill B	18	10	8	1589	61	5	Skel Windmill B	9	5	4	810	32
6	Skel Windmill B	9	5	4	779	29	6	Clayton West	18	9	9	1503	56	6	Clayton West	9	5	4	747	27
7	Primrose Hill Lib	9	3	6	651	26	7	Primrose Hill Lib	18	5	13	1369	51	7	Holmfirth	9	3	6	685	27
8	Golcar Lib.	9	3	6	703	25	8	Golcar Lib.	18	6	12	1370	47	8	Primrose Hill Lib	9	2	7	718	25
9	Holmfirth	9	2	7	662	20	9	Holmfirth	18	5	13	1347	47	9	Almondbury Lib.	9	4	5	699	22
10	Almondbury Lib.	9	1	8	730	18	10	Almondbury Lib.	18	5	13	1429	40	10	Golcar Lib.	9	3	6	667	22
		Pl	W	L	For	Pts			Pl	W	L	For	Pts			Pl	W	L	For	Pts
1	Marsden Park	9	9	0	854	52	1	Marsden Park	18	18	0	1753	106	1	Marsden Park	9	9	0	899	54
2	Marsh United	9	8	1	815	46	2	Marsh United	18	15	3	1625	88	2	Marsh United	9	7	2	810	42
3	Greenhead Park	9	6	3	775	37	3	Greenhead Park	18	11	7	1586	76	3	Greenhead Park	9	5	4	811	39
4	Hemplow	9	5	4	792	35	4	Meltham	18	11	7	1563	70	4	Meltham	9	6	3	787	37
5	Meltham	9	5	4	776	33	5	Hemplow	18	8	10	1556	65	5	Marsh Lib	9	5	4	726	31
6	Thongsbridge A	9	4	5	700	30	6	Marsh Lib	18	9	9	1466	56	6	Hemplow	9	3	6	764	30
7	Lindley Lib. B	9	3	6	695	26	7	Lindley Lib. B	18	8	10	1436	55	7	Lindley Lib. B	9	5	4	741	29
8	Marsh Lib	9	4	5	740	25	8	Thongsbridge A	18	6	12	1362	49	8	Shepley B	9	3	6	571	22
9	Brockholes B	9	1	8	650	18	9	Shepley B	18	3	15	1178	35	9	Thongsbridge A	9	2	7	662	19
10	Shepley B	9	0	9	607	13	10	Brockholes B	18	1	17	1272	30	10	Brockholes B	9	0	9	622	12

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If you need more than 16 words then consider the options for a bigger advertisement as below with rates starting from around £3.85 per month for a quarter-page advertisement.

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	6	£45
	12	£75
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	6	£90
	12	£150

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## PATRON SCHEME RAISES £500

We are very grateful to the growing list of Golden Jubilee Anniversary Patrons for their support of this scheme which has now raised exactly £500 which will all be used to help commemorate our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The latest supporters of this scheme being Alan Sharpe (Almondbury Lib), Alan Starkey (Meltham), the Competition Secretary and two new anonymous donors - Slawiter and Young Veteran being the latest contributors to join the list, thank you. All funds raised go directly towards commemorating the Anniversary milestone. Further contributions are most welcome with a minimum donation of £10 getting your name on the list which will be widely shared over the next 12 months.

The current list of 32 Patrons is below and you can add your name to this list and show your support by contacting the League Secretary.

### 2020 ANNIVERSARY PATRONS:

Peter & Judith Muff, David Sykes (Brockholes), Jeff Jacklin (Kirkheaton Con), Allan Dobson (Kirkheaton C&BC), Philip Walker (Lindley BC), Bob Swan (Cowcliffe), David Union (Outlane), Jeff & Ann Smith (Meltham), Paul Rushworth (Broad Oak), Ian Crawford (Longwood), David Blackburn (Thorpe Green), Brian Faichney (Canalside), Bill Blackburn (Lindley BC), Dougie Mellor (Lockwood Con), Tony Lockwood (Golcar C&BC), Derek Sykes (Marsden Park), Ray Tunnacliffe (Netherton Con), Graham Hall (Rastrick), John Townend (Paddock I&C), Colin Wood (Bradley & Colne), Tony Clegg (Crosland Moor), Malcolm Wragg (Outlane), Graham Howe (Netherton Con), Alan Sharpe (Almondbury Lib), Alan Starkey (Meltham) as well as four who prefer to remain anonymous but wish to be known as a Life Member, a Milnsbridge Veteran, a Young Veteran and a Slawiter. Thank you to you all for your generous support.

### 50th ANNIVERSARY BOOK

Meanwhile work continues on compiling the 50th Anniversary book and any articles or photographs of veterans teams from our clubs are still very welcome. There will be at least a page devoted to each member club and it would be great if each club contributed to that with current team photographs especially welcome. I am very grateful for the many items and photos received but there are still a number of gaps that it would be good to fill. How will you feel if your club has a only small section in the final book when you know that it has a rich history that has never been shared?