

Federation of Crown Green Bowls

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Federation v Civil Service

The annual challenge match between the Federation of Crown Green Bowls and the Civil Service Sports Club took place at Longton VM Sports and Social Club near Preston, the venue for this Season being the choice of the Civil Service whilst for 2015 the choice of venue will revert to the Federation.

In 2013 the Federation had a comfortable win by thirty-Three chinks (229 – 196) when the teams comprised twelve players but on this occasion fourteen players competed for each side. Alan Hill standing in for the indisposed Alan Eddie got the Civil Service off to the perfect start winning his game 21 – 09 but a quick reply came from Paul Saville with his 21 – 08 result and after four jacks the Federation had built up a nine chalk lead. Three consecutive winning cards from the Federation players including a strong performance from Paul Heap (21 – 11) piled pressure on the Civil Service but at number eight their David Waine redressed the balance somewhat with his 21 – 16 result and the luncheon break was reached with the Federation leading by twenty-four (148 – 124). Sadly the buffet luncheon had failed to arrive so play continued with hunger pangs starting to bite. The Civil Service were to win four of the remaining games with both Paul Whiteley and Peter Tilley conceding only thirteen to their opponents whilst Michael Koral, son of Chris, was the best for the Federation (21 – 11). During the latter stages the buffet arrived to loud cheers and was subsequently much enjoyed by the players and guests. The excellent facilities and interesting Green at Longton were appreciated by all the visitors. The final result a win for the Federation by just thirteen chinks, less than one chalk per player on average.

FEDERATION

Clive Austin (Halifax)	09 - 21	Alan Hill (Atherton)
Stewart Kenyon (Preston)	21 - 10	Tim Kenyon (Warrington)
Paul Saville (Wallasey)	21 - 08	Paul Taylor (Blackpool)
Chris Koral (Mid-Cheshire)	18 - 21	Steve Mellor (Oldham)
Roger Crowther (Colne Valley)	21 - 15	John Mitchell (Fleetwood)
Dave Smith (Leeds)	21 - 17	Dennis Foxtan (Blackpool)
Paul Heap (Middleton)	21 - 11	Jimmy Parsons (Blackpool)
Philip Brown (Nuneaton)	16 - 21	David Waine (Preston)
David Clarke (Doncaster)	15 - 21	Duncan Crabtree (Preston)
Michael Koral (Mid-Cheshire)	21 - 11	Stuart Ivers (Bolton)
Mark Barnett (Halifax)	21 - 17	Michael Bennett (Fleetwood)
Chris Barton (Wallasey)	18 - 21	Neil Bennett (Blackpool)
Steve Edwards (Preston)	13 - 21	Paul Whiteley (Blackpool)
Simon Cawley (Middleton)	13 - 21	Peter Tilley (Chorley)

CIVIL SERVICE

Final Total

249 – 236

Provisional arrangements have already been made for the 2015 match to be played at Elland C&BC, near to Halifax in West Yorkshire, on Friday 26 June.

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