

Challenge Match between Cotswold and District Alliance and Bristol and District Alliance

History and Guidance for the winning team captains.

This interleague match was established when Fay Galley was Chair of the BDLGA and it is played between the winners of the top division in both Leagues.

The two teams play for the Bath Aqua Challenge Bowl, the match to take place at the home club, alternating each year between the two Leagues and starting with the BDLGA club.

So, in 2017 the match was held at Cirencester (they hold the trophy at the moment) and in 2018 it will be held in BDLGA territory.

The home club arranges refreshments for the teams (and perhaps the representatives of both Alliances) as they would for a league match.

If occasion arises as it has in 2018 that a match has to play on the opposing team's course the original host should still arrange refreshments as they are the home club in reality.

So, in 2019 it will be Cotswold and District Alliance Champion who will host the event.

The two teams concerned should arrange the fixture for the beginning of the following year between February and April. As it is an interleague competition it is felt that representatives of both committees should attend, with the Home League Representative presenting the Bowl to the winning team. Therefore the date should be set with that in mind, ensuring that the committee representatives are included when fixing the date and time. It should not be arranged until after the AGM, when the winner is announced.

The rules from the BDLGA are to be followed. As both Cotswold League and BDLGA do not allow caddies in league matches then this should be adhered to for the Challenge match. Supporters are welcome but should stay clear of the matches so not to distract the players and only communicating when offering drinks at half way or when asked a question.

As with all league matches, buggies are allowed if required, supported by a medical certificate, but the opposing team captain should be informed in advance and try to arrange the buggy at members' rates.

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Chair, BDLGA

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