

**Bath Aqua Challenge Bowl Match between
Cotswold and District Alliance
and
Bristol and District Lady Golfers' Alliance**

History and Guidance for the winning team captains.

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

The two teams play for the Bath Aqua Challenge Bowl alternating each year between the two Leagues. In 2023 the match was played at a BDLGA club so in 2024 it will be played at a CDA club.

The home club arranges refreshments for the teams as they would for a league match.

If occasion arises 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.

The home team chooses the format of whether it be singles match play or foursomes match play and to be played in strict handicap order.

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 halfway or when asked a question.

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

**Erica Steed
Acting Chair, BDLGA**

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