



THE BLOCK

AT THE CENTRE OF SHORT MAT BOWLING IN DEVON

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The Summer is here again and those of you play outdoors will be enjoying the early sunshine. The AGM went off smoothly and we enjoyed some excellent bowling in the morning when the finals were played. The names of the winners are listed below and I am enclosing a Diary of Events for next season. The competition entry forms will be sent to Club Secretaries during the next few weeks and we look forward to seeing lots of new faces as well as the usual ones at our new venue.

Devon County Short Mat Bowling Association Committee

The following members were elected to the County Committee at the Annual General Meeting:-

Chairman - Andy Crane (Totnes Creameries SMBC)

Vice-Chairman - Vacant

Secretary - Irene Smith (Exeter Nomads SMBC)

Treasurer - Robert Bartlett (Upottery SMBC)

County Competitions Secretary - Richard Ivings (Exeter Nomads SMBC)

Area Representative (East) - Eric Pavey (Sidbury SMBC)

Area Representative (North) - Vacant

Area Representative South - John Steer (Totnes Creameries SMBC)

Committee Member - Rose Morrison (Totnes Creameries SMBC)

County Team Co-ordinator - Bill Brook (Winkleigh SMBC)

'A' Team Manager - Robert Ivings (Exeter Nomads SMBC)

The County Committee work very hard to make all your bowling enjoyable and are very willing to help if you need it - you just have to ask. Your Club Secretary has a list of contact numbers.

County Competition Winners 2010/11

Singles - Tony Main (Yarnscombe SMBC)

Pairs - Mark Pavey and Eric Pavey (Sidbury SMBC)

Triples - Colin Tims, Geoff Stone, Peter Sydenham (Beer Mariners SMBC)

Fours - Elliot James George Main, Mike Avery and Tony Main (Yarnscombe SMBC)

Under 18's - Elliot James (Yarnscombe SMBC)

Champion of Champions - James Trott (Musbury SMBC)

County Tens - Totnes Creameries SMBC

Margaret Elliott Pairs - Sue Cockerham and Maurice Kibby (Bow SMBC)

Area Challenge -East Area

For Sale

1 Mat in reasonable condition. Price £60. Contact Mary Biederman 01271 373416 or e-mail marybiederman84@btinternet.com.

News from the Clubs

Albery and Shute Tournament

The prestigious Sports and Community Hall at Woolsery saw the culmination of a 3-day short mat bowling tournament on Wednesday 16th March, when teams from Westward Ho!, Winkleigh, Yarnsombe, South Molton and two from Merton came to the grand final.

Thirty-six teams from North Devon and North Cornwall had battled it out earlier in the week. Preliminary rounds were held at six different venues, with six teams at each, the winners of each round coming together for Wednesday's event.

Spectators were treated to some excellent bowling from all teams, but Winkleigh and Merton each won both their round robin matches and so went head to head in the final match. Although they played an excellent game, Merton (Doreen Tolley, Larry Bignell and Graham Heaman) could not quite match Winkleigh's form and so Jan Ovenden, Lorraine Axtell and Bill Brook went on to win the shield.

This annual charity event is sponsored by Albery & Shute, Funeral Directors of Woolsery. Our thanks go to David Albery and all the bowlers who took part, including clubs who kindly hosted the preliminary rounds. With their help, around £350 was raised for the North Devon Hospice.

Sally O'Neill, Tournament Organiser

Slapton S.M.B.C. Charity Day

On their Charity Day on March 20th Slapton Bowls Club raised £1,000. £500 went to Chemotherapy Outreach (Kingsbridge) and £500 to Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research. Thanks to everyone for their support.

Cathy Bowles, Slapton SMBC

Winkleigh Triples Competition

The last Saturday in March saw 21 teams arrive at Winkleigh Sports Centre for the fifth Winkleigh Short Mat Bowling Club Flue and Chimney Specialist Tournament. The teams came from all over the County and as in previous years the Tournament was heavily oversubscribed. A most enjoyable day was had by all and a delicious meal of steak and kidney pie was served by Winkleigh Club members and very well received by all.

Each team played four games and the eventual winners were Margaret Smith, Shirley and John Parnell from Wonford who won all their games to narrowly beat Exeter Nomads on shot difference. They were presented with their trophy by a representative from Rangemoors, Flue and Chimney Specialist.

We are very grateful to Rangemoors for their continued support of our Club and this Tournament. Thank you to all the competitors and the hard working club members who helped to make the day such a success. We look forward to seeing you all again next year. Jan Ovenden, Winkleigh SMBC

Exeter Nomads Ladies Pairs

This was held on 17th April and we had more teams than ever attending this year. 24 teams took part in a round robin in 6 groups of four teams. The winners of each group and the two highest runners up went on to play the knockout rounds and after some excellent bowling the final was between Pam Readhead and Di Milford from Ottery St. Mary and Margaret Neal and Tricia Tarr from West Hill. Tricia and Margaret were worthy winners and were presented with the trophy by the Chairman of Exeter Nomads Angela Mullerworth. Thanks to all at Nomads who put on a superb lunch of homemade soup, cheese and biscuits and fruit and helped in so many other ways.

Irene Smith, Exeter Nomads SMBC

The Terry Trott Fours at Donyatt

This was held on 2nd April 2011 and the Terry Trott Trophy has returned to Devon after a year in Dorset!

64 pairs from 20 clubs came to Donyatt to compete in the East Devon and District Open Pairs Event; 28 from Clubs which play in the league teams, but the county split was 27 Devon, 33 Somerset and 4 from Dorset. The morning saw the round robin games with the winners and runners-up from the 16 groups going on to the knock-out stages.

Over the years this event has been run, the overall winner has most frequently been won by a pair which had been a "runner-up" in the round robin stage. This year the last 16 included 7 "runners-up", the quarter finals included 3. Last year's winners reached the last 16 and Dorset interest reached the quarter finals which included, besides the one Dorset pair, three from Devon and the other 4 from Somerset.

Beer "Trouble" won through against the Sidford 'Shooters', the Colyton B pair against the Crewkerne 'Tryers' and two East Coker pairs progressed, the 'Lurkers' against Cerne Abbas 'Slow and Stretch', the DJS against 'Oake's' Bowling Greens'. The semi-finals were both Devon v Somerset - both from East Coker; in close games Beer 'Trouble' narrowly prevented the 'DJs' making it an all East Coker, Somerset final after the 'Lurkers' just overcame Ken spiller and Peter Barnes. In the Final Peter Sydenham and Geoff Stone combined well to find the mat and established an early lead and while George Dudden and Viv MacClauchlan came back well to challenge hard in the later closely fought ends, Peter and Geoff defended their early lead. Once again runners-up had won the event.

'Trouble's' other half in the Fours Event were the 'Mariner's' who won their initial group but did not make their customary progress in the knock-out stages. Their combined efforts succeeded in winning the Terry Trott trophy and we were pleased that Terry himself could be there to present his trophies to deserving winners.

Congratulations to all the competitors, but especially to the four who provided us with a well fought final.

Chris Young, Upottery SMBC

Devon Web-site

This is going from strength to strength with lots of information about League results, County and National results, ESMBA and lots more. Send items to Richard Ivings 01392 210268 or e-mail him at ivings_r@hotmail.com. The Devon web-site address is www.devonshortmat.co.uk

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