

Brixham Bowling Club – Week 3 Report

After a mixed start to the season, Brixham Bowling Club members began to show the rewards of their dedicated practice sessions on the greens with a highly successful week of results.

The ladies A team bounced back from a heavy defeat by 8 points to 2 at Bitton Park in the South Devon League with an excellent performance at home against Kings to win by an identical score. Both matches were closer than the points scores suggest. The home team will always have the advantage in matches with bowling greens varying so much in pace and smoothness of wood movement. To start off the season with 10 points in the opening two matches bodes well for the rest of the season.

The team then went on to beat Totnes in the first round of the Grace Matthews County Knockout Competition. This competition involves games on 5 rinks all of different composition. The team that wins the most rinks goes through to the next round. Brixham won the Triples and 4 wood singles matches while Totnes won the 4x 2 wood and 2 wood singles matches. All square with just the pairs match to finish. It was close, very close! Honours were even as they approached the final end. Everyone was gathered round the rink, the pressure was intense. Who would hold their nerve? Dot Langford and Sally Hoare saw Brixham home to complete a famous victory – but spare a thought for the Totnes team who ran them so close!

After their thrashing by Bitton Park the previous week, the Men's B team were up against local rivals St Marys at home for the second game of the season. The improvement in their play was remarkable. They won 3 of the 4 rinks to take the match 12 points to two. This will provide a big boost to their confidence which had taken such a battering.

With wins in Friendly matches against Avonmouth and Devon Patrons, the Brixham season has finally lifted off and spirits are high. Let's hope the fine weather continues.