

## Brixham Bowling Club – Report 12

It was the week when most of the promotion and relegation issues would be decided for bowls clubs across the county. For Brixham Bowling Club, several matches would have great significance for the level at which teams would be playing next season.

The Men's A team were sitting in second place in the MDL Division 1. If they could maintain that position then Premier League bowls would be the reward for next season. Marlton were breathing down their necks.

The week started badly at Starcross as they lost by 6 shots in a closely contested match. On all 4 rinks the scores were close but Brixham lost on 2 of them and lost the 6 bonus points awarded for best aggregate score thus gaining only 4 of the 14 points on offer

Results A Team v Starcross away (MDL Division1) – Brixham skips first

M Friend v A Brook	won 20-18
K Penhaligon v S Ivan	lost 18-21
C Dawes v S Hosgood	won 20-19
A Parker v S Whittle	lost 15-21

Shots for 73 Against 79 Points 10-4 to Starcross

It was vital that Brixham obtained as many points as possible in their last league match away at Stoke Fleming. Playing conditions were awful. With grey skies, a constant drizzle and a thick mist descending in the latter part of the match, the green was heavy but both teams played with determination not to let their spirits be dampened. Brixham coped better with the conditions to win 3 of the 4 rinks to win 12 points to 2. Would this victory be enough to gain promotion? A 3 day wait followed before Marlton played their last game at Kings. It was a tense day on Thursday with Marlton needing all 14 points to get the runners up place and achieve promotion. They went for it and got close winning 10-4. This ensured that Brixham gained promotion to the Premier League. The celebrations went on well into the night!

Results v Stoke Fleming away

C Dawes v T Andrew	lost 15-23
K Penhaligon v J Jordan	won 20-16
M Friend v P Lobb	won 34-17
A Parker v M Hyde	won 24-13

Shots for 93 Against 69 Points 12-2 to Brixham

Also challenging for promotion, the Brixham Ladies A team also had a mixed set of results. After winning away at Shaldon to obtain 8 points, they were well beaten at home against Dawlish Lawn losing by 8 points to 2. This was good enough to ensure that they also gained promotion to end a very satisfying week for the club

Results – Ladies A Team v Shaldon away (Brixham skips first)

J Moore v S Fallon	won 17-13
M Thomas v M Legget	lost 16-18
D Langford v A Milford	won 19-12

Shots for 52 Against 43 Points 8- 2 to Brixham

Results v Dawlish Lawn at home.

J Moore v L Symonds	lost 10-14
M Thomas v C Cross	won 17-12
D Langford v S Brockington	lost 8-17

Shots for 35 Against 53 Points 8-2 to Dawlish lawn

The fate of the club's B teams and the over 55s team will be revealed next week.