

Brixham Bowling Club – Report 13

Another bowls season comes to an end for Brixham – where has the time gone! It has been a mixed season for the club

The Ladies A Team led by Sally Hoare finished as South Devon Division 2 League champions having won 9, drawn 1 and lost 2 matches.

David Hayden's Men's A Team gained promotion to the Premier league in a dramatic end to the season. They just managed to finish as Mid Devon League runners up behind Kingsteignton, beating off the challenge of Marldon who were unable to pick up enough points in their last match to overtake them. The men's team won 11 and lost 5 matches over the season.

The story for the Ladies and Men's B teams was a different story. The Ladies team were relegated while the Men's team finished bottom of their league. Captains Jenny Hopkins and David Moseby were philosophical about their team's performances while praising their positive team spirit – the only way is up for next season!

Last year the Men's Over 55 team won the South Devon League for the first time in the Club's history. The league is split into 4 divisions of 10 clubs. Each division winner plays in a finals day to decide the overall champions. Playing in the V division, 3 clubs were in contention with the last match to play. To stand any chance of finishing in top place, Brixham needed to take all 8 points in their match against Babbacombe. On Rink 1 David Taylor, Roy Moore and Paul Harris won their match quite easily. In a tense encounter on rink 2 David Moseby, David Farley and Bill Gray won their match by the narrowest of margins on the final end by 12 shots to 11 to secure maximum points and keep Brixham's hopes alive. Results in other matches went their way and they finished as champions. Finals day, in which all 4 division holders compete, is on Wednesday 13th September at Babbacombe. The 2 semi finals start at 10am while the final starts at 2pm.

After 7 years, David Stone has decided to stand down as captain of the Riviera Mixed Triple team for next year. His team did him proud in the last game of the season. Against Babbacombe at home, Brixham took all 10 points winning by 63 shots to 39. It enabled David to celebrate in style as the club Ladies produced a post match mini banquet in his honour – was there a tear in his eye as he stepped down to the ranks?

Results v Babbacombe at Brixham (Riviera Mixed Triples) – Brixham skips first

R Frost v D Hallam	won 24-15
K Parker v H Sherwood	won 20-11
J Bolland v D Lane	won 19-13 (David Stone played number 2)

Shots for 63 Against 39 Points 10-0 to Brixham

Players can now look forward to their 4 day tour to Bath before returning for the Club Internal Competition Finals Day on Saturday 16th September.