

Brixham Bowling Club – Week 5 Report

A whole new set of challenges confronted bowlers last wet and blustery week as players had to adapt their play to wet and then rapidly drying greens as well as strong winds which made the path of the woods difficult to control.

The annual visit of the Monmouth Ramblers touring team. In the difficult conditions bowling at times became a lottery as sudden gusts of wind would take potentially good shots off course. Despite finishing ahead on 4 of the rinks, Brixham lost heavily on the other two to lose the match overall by two shots (112 to 114)

The ladies A team finally got their league season underway with two good home wins against Shaldon in a howling gale and then Totnes later in the week.

Results v Shaldon (South Devon League) – Brixham Bowling Club skips first

M Thomas v C Sliney lost 15-16 J Moore v A Milford won 45 – 5

B Harvey v M Leggett lost 13-23

Shots for 73 Against 44 Points 6-4 to Brixham

Results v Totnes

M Thomas v B Cawthorn won 23-6 J Moore v P Tully won 26-16

D Langford v A Huxtable won 21-13

Shots for 70 Against 35 Points 10 – 0 to Brixham

One of the highlights of the club season is the Doug Barnard mixed pairs competition.

48 members took part. Each pair played 3 one hour games over the course of the day. At the end of the bright and blustery afternoon the number of shots won by each pair was added up. The winner of the competition with 58 shots was Fred Hoare and Margaret Watters, 11 ahead of David Taylor and Jane Inett with Brian Gumm and Sue Dawes finishing third on 46 shots.

Fortunately the weather has changed dramatically in recent days.

The Riviera Triples team took on Victoria Bowls Club at their delightful green on the sea front in Torquay. On a cloudless bright and sunny morning the view of the Bay with the sun glistening on the sea and hotels and the Big Wheel in the distance, the Brixham team enjoyed the setting. Perhaps they were distracted by the view as they were comprehensively beaten by their hosts, losing all 3 rinks and the match by 78 shots to 27.

The man's A team travelled to Kingsteignton where they struggled to adapt their play to their artificial green.

Results (MDL Division 1) – Brixham Bowling Club skips first.

A Parker v J Perry lost 15-27 C Dawes v B Landon won 21-17

M Friend v K Taylor lost 25-27 K Penhaligon v K Martin lost 8-38

Shots for 69 Against 109, Points 12 – 2 to Kingsteignton

Finally, Brixham entertained Widchurch from Cardiff. Against the very friendly

Visitors, 2 mixed rinks played out a fine game of bowls. Quoting the Brixham captain, 'results did not matter in this friendly as the game was played in the right spirit and everyone enjoyed it.' (Brixham lost!)