

## Brixham Bowling Club – Week 9 Report

Bowlers are a hardy lot as demonstrated by the latest action packed week of fixtures. Playing in the full spectrum of weather conditions – hot and muggy to strong winds, heavy showers and the occasional electric storm they never let their enthusiasm wane for the game.

It was another very successful week for Brixham Bowling Club's Men's A team with two good wins to consolidate their challenge at the top of the MDL Division 1 League

Results Men's A Team v Starcross at home (MDL Division 1 – Brixham skips first).

Despite both teams winning 2 rinks, Brixham won by 10 points to 4 thanks to a win by a large margin by Mike Friend's rink ensuring his team won the match on aggregate score.

H Riley v S Whittle	lost	21-22
A Parker v S Hosgood	lost	10-21
M Friend v A Brook	won	30-8
C Dawes v S Ivan	won	22-19
Shots for 83 against 70 Points 10-4 to Brixham		

Result Men's A Team v Babbacombe at home

M Friend v D Deakin	won	20-13
A Parker v P Guppy	won	26-16
H Riley v R Levy	lost	18-22
R Moore v D Summers	won	19-17
Shots for 83 against 68 Points 12-2 to Brixham		

The Ladies A Team continued their run of good results in away matches against Dawlish Lawn and Victoria although they had a blip losing away to Chudleigh.

They took maximum points against Dawlish winning on all 3 rinks. Despite winning 2 of the 3 rinks against Chudleigh they lost the match 6-4 on aggregate score. Against Victoria they won 2 of the 3 rinks to win 8 points to 2. With just 4 matches to play they hold top place in the South Devon League Division 2 having won 6, tied one and lost just one match.

Result Ladies A Team v Victoria

J Moore v J Mason	won	23-10
M Thomas v R Cross	won	19-15
D Langford v R Lindow	lost	12-14
Shots for 53 against 39 Points 8-2 to Brixham		

The Men's B Team experienced another heavy defeat this time against local rivals Brixham St Marys. Despite a poor run of results, players continue to play positively with heads held high.

Results Men's B Team v Brixham St Marys at home.

G Oakden v K Henry	lost	17-19
J Bates v K Short	lost	12-18
B Vestey v A Hill	lost	21-25
D Taylor v J Heard	lost	12-18
Shots for 62 against 80 Points 14-0 to Brixham St Marys		

In 2 mixed friendly matches against touring sides, Brixham lost narrowly to Liskeard by 104 shots to 101 and then beat Bitterne from Southampton by 123 shots to 96.

The week finished on a high with the Riviera Triples team beating Paignton by 8 points to 2.

The highlights of the match include a remarkable battle of the 2 skippers on rink 3 as they sent the score going one way then the other as they found the gaps through to the woods or lined up remarkable wicks to take the lead. With two matches complete the score on the last end on rink 1 would decide who would get the 4 bonus points for best aggregate score. With the skips bowling their last woods Paignton were 2 shots up needing to pick up just one more to tie the match. Their Skipper Brooking tried to drop his last shot onto the wood but was just too heavy and knocked the jack onto the Brixham woods behind to take the lead on that end from 2 up to 5 down. To rub salt into the wound, Brixham skipper Bates then put his last wood into the cluster to put the home team 6 up to secure overall victory. Bowls can be a very cruel game!

Scores – Riviera Mixed Triples match v Paignton.

J Bates v G Brooking	won	25-13
K Parker v R Loyde	won	16-13
M Wilmott v R Abrahams	lost	15-21
Shots for 56 against 47. Points 8-2 to Brixham		