

## Brixham Bowling Club – Report Number 10

We are now getting to the sharp end of the season when league results are becoming critical to clubs. With The Men's and Ladies A, and the Over 55s teams all challenging at the top, and the Men's and Ladies B, and the Riviera Triples teams all fighting to pull away from the bottom of their respective leagues, members of Brixham Bowling Club are fighting hard to up their games to earn as many points as possible.

The Men's A Team took on Marldon in a crucial top of the table clash. In difficult cold and windy conditions at Brixham it was Marldon who adapted better to the conditions. Both teams won two matches but Marldon took the 6 bonus points for winning on aggregate score. Mike Friend's team scraped home in a very close match. The game was locked at 12-12 after 17 ends but Brixham scored 4 shots on the 18<sup>th</sup> end to shake off the Marldon challenge. Those 2 points gained may be vital at the end of the season.

Results, Brixham v Marldon Division 1 game played at Brixham (Brixham skips first)

M Friend v J Phillips	won 18-13
C Dawes v G Routledge	lost 13-23
A Parker v K Davey	won 29-17
H Riley v A Routledge	lost 13-31

Shots for 73 Against 84 Points 10-4 to Marldon.

The Ladies B team received a great boost after gaining maximum points against Torbay Country Club in a closely contested match. With Pauline Parker's team 14-4 down at half time, they got their game together after tea to run out 22-19 winners. The other 2 matches were also very close with Mo Wilmot and Linda Oakden eventually leading their teams to victory. These 10 vital points will lift Brixham away from the basement area in the B League.

Results v Torquay Country Club - Ladies B League (Triples)

P Parker v V Perrret	won 22-19
L Oakden v B Beedwell	won 19-12
M Wilmot v P Grant	won 16-14

Shots for 57 Against 45 Points 10-0 to Brixham

The Riviera Triples team beat Totnes Bowls Club by 8 points to 2 in a closely contested match. They won 2 of their 3 matches and won on aggregate by just 2 points. They still hold an outside chance of escaping from the bottom of the league

Not such good news for the Men's B Team. They gained only 2 points playing away against Totnes B. Two matches were very close with David Taylor's team coming from 14 – 8 behind at half time to win a tense match 19-17 while Graham Oakden's team one shot up with one end to go, lost 20-19.

Result v Totnes B played at Totnes

B Vestey v R Pocock	lost 15-24
D Taylor v J Stevens	won 19-17
G Oakden v P Davis	lost 19-20
D Stone v M Willetts	lost 13-21

Shots for 66 Against 82 Points 12-2 to Totnes.

In their match against Bitton Park they fared slightly better winning on two greens but again losing on aggregate

Result v Bitton Park B played at Brixham

J Bates v A Roberts	won 19-18
G Oakden v C Crowther	won 19-13
R Frost v A Davies	lost 13-19
B Vestey v D Pope	lost 7-34

Shots for 58 Against 64 Points 10-4 to Bitton Park

Every year Brixham play a match against their local rivals Brixham St Marys for the Rose Bowl Trophy. It is made up of 4 men's and 2 ladies rinks. Brixham won all 6 rinks to retain their grip on the trophy for another year.

Finally congratulations to Mo Penhaligon and Linda Oakden who were presented with their Devon County Badges at the Torbay Country Club last week

