

Brixham Bowling Club Report

For Brixham Bowling Club the serious bowling started last week with the Over 55s, Riviera League and A and B men's Mid Devon League fixtures kicking off. It was a good start to the season

The A team played two matches at home against Abrook Park and Bovey Tracey, winning 10 points to 4 in the first game and 12 points to 2 in the second.

Results v Abrook Park (MDL Division 1) – Brixham Bowling Club skips first

M Friend v M Busby lost 15-23 C Dawes v N Wilson won 22-14

A Parker v T Frampton won 27-15 H Riley v T Archer lost 12-20

Shots for 76 Against 72. Points 10-4 to Brixham

Results v Bovey Tracey

C Dawes v D Saunders won 25-12 H Riley v P Martin won 18-16

A Parker v T Ridgewell lost 17-24 M Friend v R Parker won 24-8

Shots for 84 Against 60. Points 12-2 to Brixham

The B team played 2 matches against Newton Abbot away and local rivals Brixham St Marys at home.

Against a very strong Newton Abbot team they were heavily defeated 11 points to 3 but recovered well the next day to win a remarkably close game which went to the last wood of the match. Against St Marys the scores in all four matches were close with the games swinging first one way and then the other. With one end to play on the final rink and the 3 other games completed, the home team were 1 point up. In the fading light all teams gathered round rink two watching with bated breath. On his second shot Brixham's David Bunnely put his wood right up to the jack. Still 12 shots to go, would the home team hang on. St Marys bowlers tried to shift the holding wood while their opponents bowled blockers to protect their lead. St Marys could not break through and David Taylor's team won 25-21 to ensure that Brixham Bowling Club won the match by two shots. A superb performance by both teams played in true sporting spirit. Bowls is truly a team game. The contribution of all 16 players on each side can be vital to the final outcome of a match as demonstrated in this remarkable contest.

Results v Newton Abbot – Brixham Bowling Club skips first

G Oakden v J Taylor won 28-7 B Guest v A King drew 20-20

D Taylor v T Ellis lost 5-41 D Stone v T Whitehead lost 6-29

Shots for 59 Against 109. Points 11 – 3 to Newton Abbot

Results v Brixham St Marys

B Guest v K Shaw lost 14 -22 D Taylor v A Hill won 25-21

G Oakden v R Houghton won 20-17 D Stone v K Henry won 24 -21

Shots for 83 Against 81. Points 12-2 to Brixham Bowling Club

The Ladies league programme starts this week.