

BRIXHAM BOWLING CLUB REPORT – WEEK 7

This week's highlight is the Men's A team Mid Devon Premier League match between Brixham and Newton Abbott played at Furzeham Green. It had everything – bowling of the highest quality on all four greens, the match score continually alternating in favour of one team and then the other and a stunning finale that will stay in the memory of all who took part for years to come. Four greens, teams of four on each green, 21 ends and the result of the match depending on the final wood to be bowled on the last match to finish. With two points going to the winners on each green and 6 points to the team gaining the highest aggregate score, there was so much at stake on that last end – it was pure drama! Brixham started well. After 7 ends they were 12 shots up but Newton Abbott began to fight back as they adjusted their game to the speed and turn on the home green. They went 1 shot ahead after 11 ends but Brixham had a 6 shot advantage after 15 ends. With 3 matches completed, Brixham had won on two greens and lost on one – the aggregate score was tied on 60-60. On the fourth green the score was 20-20 with 2 ends to go. In the gathering gloom everyone was gathered around the green in nervous anticipation of the result. The visitors picked up 4 shots on the next end, surely it was a match winning end! But no, Brixham were holding two shots with just the skippers to bowl on the last end. What pressure, the silence around the green was deafening. Over the years, Mike Friend has rescued Brixham from similar situations but on this occasion the grouping of the woods was too difficult to break through and Newton Abbott hung on to take the match and the valuable 6 bonus points. It was a match of high intensity played in excellent spirit – a credit to both teams.

Other highlights of the week include the Ladies B team securing their first win of the season beating Ivybridge 8-2 away from home. Congratulations also go to Graeme Davis and Chris Dawes who progressed to the 2nd round of the County Men's Pairs competition and David Moseby and Mo Penhaligon who progressed to the second round of the County Mixed Pairs competition

18 teams took part in the annual Brixham Doug Barnard Mixed Pairs competition. Each team played 3 one hour matches with the trophy being awarded to the team with the highest aggregate score. It went to Bill Gray and Jane Inett who finished 6 woods ahead of runners up Chris Dawes and Sybil Greatbatch.