

Report Brixham Bowling Club – Week 4

One of the joys of playing bowls is the variety of format of individual and team competitions you can take part in. One of the more imaginative team challenges is the Foxlands inter club knock out cup. Brixham Bowling Club was drawn against Babbacombe in the first round. Each club fielded 2 teams of 4. One team played a 21 end match at Brixham while the other played at Babbacombe. Both games started at the same time. The scores of the 2 teams were added together to decide who would win the match. In bowls playing at home and knowing how your rinks play is a great advantage. This format negates this advantage. Alan Parker's team lost their game at Babbacombe by 11 woods. They phoned through their score to Mike Friend whose team was just about to start their 20th end with a lead of 13 – Brixham 2 woods ahead with 2 ends remaining. Babbacombe picked up 1 shot on the 20th to go one behind. On the last end, Brixham were holding one shot with the Babbacombe skipper ready to bowl his last wood. He drew his shot into the jack and knocked the Brixham holding wood out to take two shots on the end. Brixham won this game by 10 shots but lost the overall match by just 1 wood. Another remarkable finish with the score phoned through to Babbacombe – a result received with mixed emotions. Ah well that's bowls!

Overall it was a mixed week for Brixham.

An enjoyable away day Bank Holiday trip resulted in defeat for Brixham in matches against Liskeard (94-132) and Bere Alston (91-131)

The B team received a lesson in bowling in their away fixture against Torbay Country Club losing heavily on all 4 rinks (aggregate score 44-102). Perhaps the beautiful Summer evening and the stunning setting at Oldway distracted the Brixham bowlers that evening.

On the positive side the Ladies team won their 4-3-2-1 Cup match against Dawlish Marina and will play Paignton or Marldon in the next round.

The Over 55 team beat Marldon to retain their unbeaten record and top position in the South Devon V Division. Fred Hoare's rink won their match 21-10 while Chris Dawes' rink picked up 3 shots on their last wood of the last end to turn a 14-12 deficit into a 15-14 win – Brixham are making a habit of dramatic finishes this season!

The Riviera Triples team shared the points in their match away match against Totnes. With David Stone's team winning their match 20-11 and Mo Wilmot's losing 19-15, it was the draw achieved by Roger Frost's team (17-17) that ensured the points were shared.