

**Charity Team Bowl – Sunday 24th September 2017**

**Littleport Leisure Centre – (Hosted by Cambridgeshire)**

This year's event was being hosted in the new Leisure Centre at Littleport that had only opened on the Monday preceding the event. All profits from the event would go to the chosen charity of East Anglian Air Ambulance.

The team chose to represent Hertfordshire was as follows;

**Singles**

H1	H2	H3	H4
Dave Smith	Jack Smalley	Roy Grethe	Ben Summerfield

**Pairs**

H1	H2	H3	H4
1. Harry Wilson 2. Craig Hearn	1. Thomas Ellis 2. Sandra Gammage	1. Marilyn Cook 2. Pete Cook	1. Stuart Palmer 2. Andy Cobbold

**Triples**

H1	H2	H3	H4
1. Mick Cook 2. Ron Hart 3. Jason Ellis	1. Audrey Joy 2. Gill Baraclough 3. Rebecca Hearn	1. Eunice Calnan 2. Mary Grethe 3. David Danby	1. Doreen Hart 2. Andrea Mckechnie 3. Rob Washbrook

**Session 1**

The singles were to play first and they were up against Norfolk. All four games were close and were undecided going into the final ends. As it happened the session was probably deservedly split with H1 and H2 winning 6-4 and 7-3 and H3 and H4 losing 3-7 and 3-5.

Session Score  
Herts 4-4 Norfolk

Match Score  
Herts 4-4 Norfolk

**Session 2**

The pairs were up next also against Norfolk. H4 got off to a disastrous start and were well beaten 19-1. H3 were also slow out of the blocks and lost their game 7-2. Better news for H1 and H2 who won 8-7 and 7-3 respectively. Another split session and it would be down to the triples to try and secure an overall win against Norfolk.

Session Score  
Herts 4-4 Norfolk

Match Score  
Herts 8-8 Norfolk

### Session 3

The triples would complete the set of games against Norfolk. All four games were quite close during the early/middle ends of the match. H1 eased away to a 7-2 win. This was followed up by H2 also securing a good win 10-5. H4 kept the good results coming with a 6-3 success. H3 looked like making it a clean sweep as they held a 5-2 lead with two ends to play but a two on the 6<sup>th</sup> end followed by two more on the final end for Norfolk and the match was lost 6-5.

Still a pleasing start with an overall 14-10 win.

Session Score  
Herts 6-2 Norfolk

Match Result  
Herts 14-10 Norfolk

### Session 4

Bedfordshire were our opponents in the second set of matches. Halfway through the set of matches things were not looking promising with only H1 in a strong position. They managed to continue there steady bowling and take the match 10-4. H3 never really got going in their match and fell to a 9-2 loss. Some strong late ends from H2 and H4 managed to turn what looked like being two losses into wins as they won 6-5 and 5-4 respectively.

Session Score  
Herts 6-2 Bedfordshire

Match Score  
Herts 6-2 Bedfordshire

### Session 5

The pairs were up next. H1, H3 and H4 always looked in control of their matches and they sealed three impressive wins 9-3, 10-2 and 12-5 respectively. On the other hand H2 were never in control of their game and had to battle back from a 5-0 deficit to rescue a 5-5 draw.

Session Score  
Herts 7-1 Bedfordshire

Match Score  
Herts 13-3 Bedfordshire

### Session 6

The triples would now look to follow up on their impressive first session. H1, high on confidence from their first match, controlled proceedings as they won 11-3. Things would not go so well in the other matches with H3 the only other team securing points with a 5-5 draw. H4 lost a close game 8-6 and H2 fell to a 9-3 loss.

A disappointed lost session, our first of the day, but a good overall 16-8 win which moved us up to second in the table just four points behind Suffolk.

Session Score  
Herts 3-5 Bedfordshire

Match Result  
Herts 16-8 Bedfordshire

## Session 7

Essex up next who were also having a good day and were just a few points behind us. H1 unable to follow up on their opening two wins fell to a 10-2 loss. More bad news followed as H3 looking for their first points fell to an 8-2 loss. Better news from the other two teams as H2 won their third straight game 6-5 and H4 backed up their win in the previous session with another 5-3.

Session Score  
Herts 4-4 Essex

Match Score  
Herts 4-4 Essex

## Session 8

H4 fell behind early and were never able to recover losing 10-6. The other three games were very close and looked like they could go either way. Fortunately, we managed to get the better of Essex in two of them with wins for H1 (6-4) and H3 (6-5). H2 just fell a little short losing 6-5.

Session Score  
Herts 4-4 Essex

Match Score  
Herts 8-8 Essex

## Session 9

With the match tied at 8-8, the triples would now look to secure an overall match win. Three of the games only ever looked like going one way with H1 winning 7-3, H3 winning 11-3 and H2 falling to a 4-10 loss. The final game couldn't have been much closer and we just shaded it 4-3.

A good performance by the triples to win three of the games and take an overall 14-10 win over Essex.

Session Score  
Herts 6-2 Essex

Match Result  
Herts 14-10 Essex

## Session 10

Cambridgeshire would be our penultimate opponents. H2 continued their good form, taking their 4<sup>th</sup> straight win 5-3. H4 won their 3<sup>rd</sup> straight game with another good performance 7-3. That was where the good news ended as H1 fell to a 9-3 loss and H3 also lost their game 8-3.

Session Score  
Herts 4-4 Cambs

Match Score  
Herts 4-4 Cambs

### **Session 11**

H1 suffered their first loss of the day 7-4, and with it went Harry's long unbeaten county record. H4 also suffered defeat 5-3. There was better news as far as H2 and H3 were concerned as they both secured wins, 9-2 and 8-3.

Session Score  
Herts 8-8 Cambs

Match Score  
Herts 8-8 Cambs

### **Session 12**

It would once again come down to the triples to try and secure an overall match win. H1 and H3 both had good wins 10-4 and 8-2. Unfortunately we were unable to gain the other point needed as H2 narrowly lost 5-4 and H4 also narrowly lost 6-4.

Normally an overall draw with Cambridgeshire would be seen as a good result, but they were not having one of their better days so this would have to be seen as points dropped.

Session Score  
Herts 4-4 Cambs

Match Result  
Herts 12-12 Cambs

### **Session 13**

We finished the day with matches against Suffolk. Despite only losing one of the twelve mini session we had played to this point, there had been too many draws and we trailed Suffolk by twelve points. Essex were six points adrift of us and with first place likely out of our reach our objective would be to gain enough points to hold off Essex.

H2 were unable to secure their 5<sup>th</sup> straight win as they fell to a 10-3 loss. Further defeats followed for H1 (8-2) and H3 (9-2). H4 won their fourth straight game and prevented an 8-0 session loss with a good 7-4 win.

Session Score  
Herts 2-6 Suffolk

Match Score  
Herts 2-6 Suffolk

### **Session 14**

Now trailing Suffolk by 16 points and with far inferior shots the title was gone, could the pairs help maintain our lead over Essex. H3 fell 5-0 behind early and despite getting back to 5-4 were chasing shots on the last end and lost 10-4. H4 kept their game close but were unable to do enough to earn any points as they lost 9-5. H1 always looked reasonably in control of their match and went on to secure a 10-4 win. H2 looked likely to suffer defeat but three shots on the final end secured a great 7-6 win.

Session Score  
Herts 4-4 Suffolk

Match Score  
Herts 6-10 Suffolk

## Session 15

Going into the final session we held a three point advantage over Essex, although we had inferior shots so could only allow Essex to outscore us by three points. Unfortunately, H1, H2 & H3 never got themselves into a position where they looked likely to pick up any points and lost 6-2, 11-1 and 13-5 respectively. News had filtered through the Essex had secured three points against Norfolk so we would need one point from the final game to secure 2<sup>nd</sup> spot. H4 held a 7-6 lead playing the final end and held shot with just one wood to come. Agonisingly, the Suffolk skip played a great wood to trail the jack and pick up two shots and take the game 8-7.

A disappointing end to what had been a good day. However, in an event that we have typically not done too well in we can take a lot of positives into the National Championships in November.

Session Score  
Herts 0-8 Suffolk

Match Result  
Herts 6-18 Suffolk

The final table is shown below. Congratulations to Suffolk who won the event for the fifth year in a row and eight of the last nine. The table had a close resemblance to the previous year with just Essex and Norfolk swapping positions

Position	Team	Points	Shots For	Shots Against
1.	Suffolk	86	446	282
2.	Essex	62	389	325
3.	Hertfordshire	62	335	358
4.	Cambridgeshire	53	342	365
5.	Norfolk	53	308	367
6.	Bedfordshire	44	298	421

The Hertfordshire team's performances on the day are shown below;

### Singles

	W	D	L	SF	SA	Pts
H1	2	0	3	23	35	4
H2	4	0	1	27	26	8
H3	0	0	5	11	41	0
H4	4	0	1	27	19	8

### Pairs

	W	D	L	SF	SA	Pts
H1	4	0	1	37	25	8
H2	3	1	1	33	22	7
H3	3	0	2	30	27	6
H4	1	0	4	27	48	2

### Triples

	W	D	L	SF	SA	Pts
H1	4	0	1	37	18	8
H2	1	0	4	22	44	2
H3	2	1	2	34	29	5
H4	2	0	3	27	28	4