

Charity Team Bowl – Sunday 27^h September 2015

Littleport Leisure Centre – (Hosted by Hertfordshire)

Hertfordshire were hosts as we started the season with the Charity Team Bowl at Littleport Leisure Centre, our chosen charity was Hastings & Bexhill Mencap and £455 was raised on the day.

The team chose to represent Hertfordshire was as follows;

Singles

H1	H2	H3	H4
Dave Smith	Rob Washbrook	Andy Cobbold	Alan Bull

Pairs

H1	H2	H3	H4
1. Martin Jenness 2. Jason Ellis	1. Philip Cox 2. Pau; Harris	1. Ben Summerfield 2. Sandra Gammage	1. Thomas Ellis 2. Marilyn Cook

Triples

H1	H2	H3	H4
1. Shirley Davidson 2. Mary Cobbold 3. Mick Cook	1. Jonathon Carter 2. Ian Carter 3. David Danby	1. Jacqui Harris 2. Gill Baraclough 3. Jackie Harden	1. Leah Graves 2. Roy Harden 3. Pete Cook

Session 1

The singles were to play first and they had a difficult start up against Cambridgeshire. Dave was involved in a close game but was unable to get the better of his opponent and lost 6-3. Andy never got into his game, fell behind early and was well beaten 11-2. It was a similar story for Alan, he couldn't get into the game and lost 10-4. Rob prevented the worst possible start by scoring two on the final end to draw his match 5-5. One point from the first session was a disappointing start

Session 2

The pairs up next and they would hope to do better than the singles. H1 were behind from the start and eventually well beaten 10-1. It was a similar story for H2 although their score was a little closer at 10-4. It was better news for H3, Ben making his county debut with Sandra, won their match 7-2. H4 trailed 4-3 going into the final end but managed to secure two shots to take a 5-4 win. A split session 4-4 was a vast improvement; could the triples continue the momentum?

Session 3

H1 got off to a steady start on their game but were unable to carry that form on throughout the game and lost 9-4. H2, our National Champions, got off to a strong start and always looked in control of their match and they won 8-5. H3 competed in their game but fell a little short as they lost 8-3. H4 played well in their match and deserved their 5-3 win. Another 4-4 session which meant an overall 15-9 defeat. Probably a result we would have taken after the 7-1 loss in the singles.

Session 4

The defending champions Suffolk were next up for our singles players, all looking for their first win. H1 had a much better performance and fell to a narrow loss 7-6. H3 stayed competitive in their game but come up a little short as they lost 5-3. H2 maintained their unbeaten start to the day, following up the draw with Cambs with a narrow 7-6 win. H4 were always in their match but could not secure the win as they lost 8-6. Four very close games and we could count ourselves a little unlucky to only pick up two points.

Session 5

The pairs were up next. H1 had a much improved performance but could not secure any points as - they lost narrowly 7-6. H2 also suffered a 2nd straight defeat as they lost their match 9-3. H3 were unable to win their second straight game as they lost by the narrowest margin 5-4. H4 were unable to prevent the clean sweep of defeats as they were well beaten 12-2. Four defeats in that session and just 2/16 points on offer. A very disappointing start, we have shown last year that we could compete. We would have to improve for the rest of the day to finish in a respectable position.

Session 6

H1 got the session off to a positive start. They led 6-2 and very nearly blew it on the last end but the last wood cut the count down from four to three and a narrow 6-5 win was secured. H2 were unable to follow up their opening win with another as they lost a close game 5-4. A great performance from H3 as they built a good early lead and protected it to win 10-5. H4 were level at 4-4 going in to the final end but a poor last end and they dropped four shots to lose 8-4. A split session was a positive way to finish, overall an 18-6 loss. Improvement was needed.

Session 7

Norfolk were the next opposition, they were having a good day and would be high on confidence. H3 secured an important 7-5 win. Unfortunately that was as good as it got as H1, H2 and H4 lost 7-5, 6-4 and 12-3 respectively. Just two points from the session and the pairs would have to play catch up again.

Session 8

The pairs who lost all four games to Suffolk suffered the same fate against Norfolk. H4 didnt win an end as they lost 8-0, H3 battled hard and were a little unfortunate to lose 6-5. H1 and H2 also battled hard but they went down to 7-2 and 7-5 losses. The triples would need a strong session now to gain a little respectability to the overall score.

Session 9

Going in to the final few ends we were in a position where all four games could be won. H4 played some consistent bowls, protecting an early lead to win 7-4. H1 secured the narrowest of wins 5-4 and H2 done well to secure a 6-6 draw. H3 were unable to secure Herts their first unbeaten session of the

day as they narrowly lost 6-5. Five points from the session meant an overall 17-7 loss to Norfolk. It would now be a battle to avoid finishing last.

Session 10

A crucial match with Bedfordshire now for the singles. In what was easily their best session of the day they were able to secure three wins. H4 were the only team to lose, they went down to a 7-6 defeat. H1 and H2 both won their matches 7-4. It was a little more comfortable for H3 as they won 8-3. Six points from the session, the pairs would look to build on this.

Session 11

H1 secured their first points of the day coming out on the right side of a 5-3 score line. H4 also won their match by a score of 7-3. It wasn't as good news for the other two teams as H2 lost 10-5 and H3 lost 9-3. A drawn session, the triples would now need at least three points to secure an overall win.

Session 12

In by far their best session of the day all four triples performed to a good standard and secured four vital wins. H1 (12-2) , H2 (10-2) and H4 (9-3) all secured fairly comfortable wins. H3 were made to work a little harder but also secured a win 6-4. A vital eight points that took us well clear of Bedfordshire and level with Essex in 4th place. Essex would be our opponents in the final session so achieving 4th place was in our own hands

Session 13

The singles got us off to a steady start, despite H1 going down to a 9-2 defeat the other three games were very close. H2 secured a 5-4 win and H3 and H4 both drew their games 4-4. Essex stayed above us as they had superior shots.

Session 14

The pairs kept us in the hunt for 4th place with two more wins. They were achieved by H3 (8-6) and H4 (7-4). H1 were comfortably beaten 10-4 and H2 lost a tight game 6-4. This meant that the triples would need to secure five of the eight points on offer to pip Essex to fourth place.

Session 15

Five points was looking unlikely as H1 and H3 had both fallen 7-0 behind in their games. H2 were involved in a tight match and H4 looked reasonably in control of their match. H4 went on to secure a 8-2 win, however our hopes looked to have ended as H2 lost the close game 7-6. However, H1 and H3 were showing real character and fighting back in their games. H3 trailed 7-6 going into the last end. The Herts skip trailed the jack through to pick up two shots and secure an unlikely 8-7 win. H1 had battled back to 7-5 down going into the last end and held the two shots needed to gain a draw and 4th place. However, with the last wood of the game the Essex skip played a good shot to secure a dead end and a 7-5 win and with it 4th place.

A 5th place finish and 52 points. Same position as last year but an improvement of 7th points. After the slow start to the day it was encouraging to finish strongly with a win over Bedfordshire and a draw with Essex. Our next competition is the National Championships at Potters in November.

Congratulations to Suffolk who were the deserved winners on the day, taking the title by 13 points (one more than last year) and won the title for the 3rd year in a row and 6th time in the last seven years.

Position	Team	Points	Shots For	Shots Against
1.	Suffolk	83	412	289
2.	Cambridgeshire	70	391	315
3.	Norfolk	70	366	339
4.	Essex	52	340	353
5.	Hertfordshire	52	314	366
6.	Bedfordshire	33	271	432

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

Singles

	W	D	L	SF	SA	Pts
H1	1	0	4	21	32	2
H2	3	1	1	28	25	7
H3	2	1	2	24	28	5
H4	0	1	4	23	41	1

Pairs

	W	D	L	SF	SA	Pts
H1	1	0	4	18	37	2
H2	0	0	5	21	42	0
H3	2	0	3	27	28	4
H4	3	0	2	21	31	6

Triples

	W	D	L	SF	SA	Pts
H1	3	0	2	32	27	6
H2	2	1	2	34	25	5
H3	3	0	2	32	30	6
H4	4	0	1	33	20	8