



# *Suffolk* **Carpet Bowls** *Association*

The Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association  
held at Needham Market Community Centre on Monday 3rd April 2000

The Meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

Those present:- Trevor Girling (Chairman), Margaret Southgate (Vice Chairman)  
Marion Brown (Secretary), Paul Goulding (Treasurer), Mick Adams, Derek Brown, Rita Daniels, Arvon Evans,  
Mervyn Farthing, John Hayward, Judith Longman, David Mittell, Richard Sago and Tony Webber.

1. Apologies were received from Keith Armes.
2. The Minutes of the previous last meeting were approved and signed.
3. **Matters Arising.**
  - (a) Arvon Evans made the point that all committee members had been expected to attend the County Closed Championship day to assist with the preparation of the equipment and also to stay to clear it away. He went on to point out that very few were there in time in the morning to do this.
  - (b) It was pointed out that two groups of triples who had qualified for the finals had been omitted from the list in the previous minutes.
4. **The Chairman's Report.**

The Chairman thanked those concerned with the running of the Closed Championships on the previous day and also thanked all who had run the two venues throughout the season for the qualifying rounds.
5. **Secretary's Report.**
  - (a) A Letter had been received from Tithes Barn asking if Suffolk C.B.A would kindly donate a draw prize for the County Charity Tournament to be held at Hadleigh Leisure Centre on 21st May 2000. This was agreed and Margaret Southgate would make this purchase.
  - (b) Notification of the Annual Meeting of the Federation of Eastern Sports on 15th April 2000 had been received but no representative would attend as this is to take place on the same weekend as the English Pairs Championships.
  - (c) A letter had been received from Offton & Willisham C.B.C regarding league teams playing with less numbers than they were expected to play whilst having members at fixtures who were spectating. It was pointed out that whilst no rule was being broken it was felt that a solution needed to be found to discourage clubs from doing this. Various suggestions were put forward and it was suggested that a sub-committee be formed to look into this matter. This committee would consist of Sally Goodrich, John Hayward and Tony Webber.
  - (d) A letter had been received from Tuddenham St Martin regarding a match with Stratford St Mary.
  - (e) Awards for All application for grant. Notification had been received stating that all applications were being dealt with and the results should be known shortly.
  - (f) A notelet had been received from Joel Fisk from Leiston St Margaret's C.B.C thanking all those who organised the Junior Championships and thanking them for a very enjoyable day.
  - (g) A short note of apology had been received from David Streeter for the late arrival of their Juniors at the Junior Championships. Sadly, these young players who, mostly had no experience of the game were asked not to compete as a re-draw had already been made on the assumption that they would not be attending due to their late arrival.

6. **The Press Officer's Report:-**

(a) Sally pointed out that some clubs are taking up to two weeks to send their results to her. She pointed out that, especially at the end of the season this was inconvenient to say the least and that in future asked that CLUBS SEND THESE TO HER WITHIN 5 DAYS OF THEIR MATCHES.

(B) Final League positions are as follows:-

East - Division One	Tuddenham St Martin
Runner Up	Claydon

Division Two	Bramford
Runner Up	Burstall

Division Three	Orford
Runner Up	Hadleigh

West - Division One	Brockley
Runner Up	Barking

Division Two	Hitcham
Runner Up	Ixworth

Joe Rice Cup final will be between Brockley and Barking and the Chairman's Plate between Barrow and Needham Market.

7. **Treasurer's Report**

The balance at the date of the meeting was as follows:-

Community Account	£1703.53
High Interest Account	<u>£3324.29</u>
	£5027.82

8. **County Captain's Report**

a) Tony's reports are included with minutes.

b) **COUNTY TRIALS DAY**

THIS WILL NOW TAKE PLACE ON 3RD SEPTEMBER 2000 at Needham Market Community Centre.

c) Durham Weekend to take place on 5th/6th August, so far 41 persons have booked to go.

9. **Eastern Counties C.B.A Report:-**

Margaret Southgate reported the following:-

a) There had been no meeting since the previous County Committee meeting. The next one will be held on 8th June at New Astley.

b) The entry fee for the Eastern Counties Champion of Champions is due by 10th May 2000.

10. **English Carpet Bowls Association**

a) Champions of Champions to be held at Rotherham on 3rd/4th June 2000. Entry Fees for these will be paid for by the Suffolk C.B.A. Richard Sago reported that the timing for this event was discussed at length but the format will remain as it has been in previous years.

b) Competitors were asked to wear Club or County colours.

It was decided that the players representing Suffolk would wear their Club Colours and that NO denim jeans, track suits, jogger or shell suits would be worn.

c) The Annual General Meeting of the E.C.B.A would be held at Hemsby during the English Pairs weekend.

11. **Suffolk Junior Championships**

a) The winner was Richard Mittell from Somersham and the runner-up Ben Morgan from the Amber Club in Leiston. Congratulations were extended to all who had entered, especially on their behaviour and standard of play during this competition.

12. **Winter League Finals Day**

- a) This will be held on 14th May 2000 at Needham Market Community Centre. The trophies have been ordered.
- b) The following will be asked to provide equipment:- Needham Market 2 sets, Bramford 1 and Brockley 1. The first games to be played will be the Joe Rice Cup and Chairman's Plate. The scoring and organisation on the day will be in the hands of Margaret Southgate and Derek Brown. The raffle will be organised by Judith Longman and Rita Daniels will provide the refreshments Shirley Watkins to be asked to attend to take photographs of the winners.
- c) Rules/Etiquette:- A plea was launched by some Clubs who had loaned carpets throughout the season asking that players respect the equipment which is on loan and that in particular, players in future are asked NOT TO WALK OR STAND ON CARPETS and unless this practice is discontinued they will refuse to supply these in future and are prepared to pull out of the competitions if necessary. It was agreed that a poster campaign would be launched next season reminding players of this!

13. **Any Other Business**

- a) Rita Daniels wished to thank all those who had purchased refreshments during the season at Hadleigh and at events held at Needham Market.
- b) A query had been raised with regard to paying to play in a tournament should this person "fill in" for a player who did not or could not attend and who had already paid. It was agreed that no monies would be re-funded to those unable to play and that the person who filled in at the last moment would not be expected to pay. However, players willing to play in places not previously paid for i.e. to make up a group, then those players would be expected to pay.
- c) Again the question of the loaning of carpets was raised and it was agreed that as a pilot scheme Judith Longman would co-ordinate a system where carpets are collected, delivered and returned in a hire van to see if this would work.
- d) This then raised a further question of the possibility of purchasing carpets. It was felt that the rest of the equipment would not be a problem to transport and these could still be loaned by Clubs. Tony Webber would enquire as to the sort of deal that could be found. Storage would have to be found for Carpets and the Secretary would make enquiries as the possibility of Storage at Hadleigh and Needham Market.
- e) A suggestion was made with regard to using one venue only for the triples and fours next season. Some members of the committee felt that we should look more closely at the possibility of having more rather than less qualifying venues. After much discussion it was decided that these should be run in the four district council areas and this would be looked into.
- f) Stanningfield C.B.C are interested in a set of woods, please contact Stephen Mayhew on 01284 828655

14. Date of next executive meeting 8th May, 2000

15. There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.22 p.m.

Correspondence from East Bergholt received:-

East Bergholt C.B.C will not be holding their Open Triples Championship this year and wish to thank all those clubs who have supported it over the years. The Funds we have raised have enabled us to build our Outdoor Green and develop splendid facilities for our members. We are now close to finishing our front extension which is the last phase of our current programme. We will always be grateful to Carpet Bowls for the part it has played in our Green Development.

# SUFFOLK CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION WINTER LEAGUES

Over the years the committee has had many requests to examine the reasons for clubs playing matches with less than 16 players.

Whilst we accept that a few clubs may do this intentionally, the fact remains that they are not breaking the rules.

However, we also accept that many clubs have difficulty in fielding 16 players. With this in mind we have suggested the following format, which we think would help both the larger and smaller clubs and also penalise those that might deliberately play short.

## **PROPOSAL**

### **To play 6 games of Triples (Currently 4 games of Rinks)**

In each match a team can comprise of any number of players between 10 and 18  
No player will be allowed to play twice in the first two sessions. Any drawn out player will play in the third session.

Any team consisting of 12 or more players will incur no penalty.

## **Method**

1<sup>st</sup> Session :- Captains fill in the result sheet as normal with players names,  
i.e. 2 Triples in playing order.

2<sup>nd</sup> Session :- Captains fill in the result sheet with 6 names differing from those in the first session, i.e. 2 Triples in playing order.

If a team has less than 12 players available it will play the session short, using the given formula.

11 players :- 1 Triple and 1 Pair (4 woods).

10 players :- 1 Triple and 1 game forfeit.

3<sup>rd</sup> Session :- Captains fill in the result sheet as normal with players names,  
i.e. 2 Triples in playing order. All players in Session 3 are to be drawn from all available players by the opposing captain before the start of the match.

Players playing twice must play on different mats and in a different position.

A team with between 12 and 18 players (inclusive) will fill in the result sheet as above but need only draw names if less than 18 players are available. They will play all 6 Triples with the correct number of players.

**QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**  
**A GUIDE FOR TEAM CAPTAINS**

Q. How many players do I need ?

A. You need 12 players to avoid a forfeit in Session 2, but a match can be played by any number of players between 10 and 18.

Q. How many players do I draw ?

A. If you have 12 or more players available, draw the correct number required to make 18. If you have 11 players available you must draw 6 names. If you have 10 players available you must draw 5 names, and in both these cases you must play the 2<sup>nd</sup> Session short. i. e. :- a forfeit.

Q. When do I draw the names of players ?

A. Before the start of the match and prior to writing out the 1<sup>st</sup> Session's Triples

Q. How do I draw the names ?

A. The opposing Captain draws the named cards (not numbers) from all available players

Q. What happens if a team arrives with 11 players ?

A. That team would play short in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Session with 1 Triple and 1 Pair ( 4 woods), and the opposing Captain would draw 6 names.

Q. What happens if a team arrives with 10 players ?

A. That team would play short in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Session with 1 Triple and forfeit the other game. The opposing Captain would draw 5 names to enable the 10<sup>th</sup> player to join them in a Triple.

Q. How many ends do we play ?

A. We hope to continue with 11 end games.

Q. What points system are we using ?

A. In each game, 2 points for a win, 1 point for a draw plus 1 bonus point per Session for highest shots. Making 15 points per match.

Q. What will be scored for a forfeit game ?

A. To be decided

Q. Is it possible for a pair to play a pair ?

A. Yes, if both teams had only 11 players available. Then each player would bowl 3 woods.

Q. What would be the bowling order in a Triple versus a Pair game.

A. Triple winning toss or end.

Pair winning toss or end.

1) T1

1) P1

2) P1

2) T1

3) T1

3) P1

4) T2

4) T1

5) P1

5) T2

6) T2

6) P. Skip

7) P. Skip

7) T2

8) T. Skip

8) T. Skip

9) P. Skip

9) P. Skip

10) T. Skip

10) T. Skip