



# Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association

The Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the  
Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association  
held at Needham Market Community Centre  
on Monday 4th February 2002

The Meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

Those present:- John Hayward (Chairman), Marion Brown (Secretary), Paul Goulding (Treasurer), Keith Armes, Derek Brown, Steven Cain, Rita Daniels, Arvon Evans, Andy Gilder, Richard Sago, Margaret Southgate, and John Varden.

1. Apologies were received from Sally Goodrich, and Tony Webber.
2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.
3. Matters Arising:-  
The company with whom the Committee were having discussions regarding sponsorship for the County Squad have decided to withdraw their initial interest in this therefore any sponsorship deal will have to commence again when a new company can be found.
4. The Chairman's Report.  
The Chairman reported that he wished to thank all those who helped in any way with the running of the Eastern Counties Charity Team Bowl held at Hadleigh on 27th January 2002.
5. Secretary's report:-  
Marion reported that some changes to Club contact personnel had taken place and any amendments will be included at the end of these minutes.
6. Press Officer's Report.
  - a) In Sally's absence Marion reported that Sally had suggested that could clubs who register with her the contacts of persons responsible for sending in information to her regarding fixtures etc., sometimes these are different from the contact list.
  - b) Information relating to the Summer Leagues will be enclosed with these minutes.
  - c) The following Clubs have reached the 2nd round of the Joe Rice Cup:-  
Barrow v Kesgrave. Belstead v Brockley. Tuddenham v Claydon. Barking v Polstead. The 2nd round of the Chairman's Plate will be East Bergholt v Chelmondiston. Martlesham v Tithe Barn. Orford v Gt. Blakenham. Bramford v Somersham.
7. The Treasurer's report:-

Community Account	£3704.71
High Interest Account	<u>£1146.56</u>
	£4851.27

It was agreed that £1,400 would be transferred to the High Interest Account from the Community Account.
8. County Business:-

Captain's Report:- Reports are enclosed with these minutes.  
Durham visit: Margaret had received a quote from Mil-Ken coaches for £500.

9. Eastern Counties Carpet Bowls Association Report  
There had been no meeting since the previous meeting of this committee.
10. English Carpet Bowls Association Report
- a) At the time of this meeting the constitutions of Suffolk and North Tyneside had still not arrived.
  - b) Correspondence had been received from Cambridgeshire regarding the profit made at the English Triples asking if the organising County should receive a share of this. The meeting decided that all profit would be held by them as they would be responsible for covering any loss should this occur in the future.
  - c) The ECBA Secretary reported that Carpet Bowls demonstrations had taken place in Oxfordshire and Yorkshire and further enquiries are still arriving.
  - d) The date for this organisations A.G.M. was announced as being on the Friday evening of the Champion of Champions meeting on the weekend 8th/9th June 2002.
  - e) It was brought to the attention of this committee that consent forms and a code of practice should be put into place regarding Junior members of Carpet Bowls Clubs. The Suffolk Committee briefly discussed this at this meeting and pointed out that any organisations with Junior members have a code of practice to follow and that ideally parents or a family member should be in attendance.
11. Junior/Senior Competition.  
Andy Gilder reported that he had received 8 replies with 18 juniors interested in entering such an event.  
In the light of this response a competition will be held on 1st September 2002 when one junior player will partner one senior player. Those who have registered an interest will be contacted by Andy at a later date.
12. Any other business
- a) Arvon Evans enquired of the profit made at the Eastern Counties Team Bowl, Margaret Southgate and Marion Brown suggested it should be in the region of £400. This would be forwarded to the SCBA to be added to any monies made at the Charity Pairs on 2nd June 2002.
  - b) The date for the Chairman's Triples was announced as being the 20th October, 2002 and would be held at Risby Village Hall.
  - c) It was reported that 211 players had entered the Suffolk Singles to be played on 10th February, 25 entries down on the previous year.
  - d) Paul Goulding expressed, with great feeling, his sincere thanks to all who had sent messages of sympathy to him and his family on the very sad loss of his wife Joan, over 200 messages of sympathy had been received. Paul also thanked all who had attended Joan's funeral and had gone back to Hundon Village Hall afterwards.
13. There being no further business the meeting closed at 09.10p.m.

Date of next meeting 25th March 2002.

Enc: Summer League Entry Form  
Dates of Interest update

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## SUFFOLK LEAGUES v HERITAGE LEAGUES

The annual tussle between the Leagues took place on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January at Needham Market. Twelve rinks attended the competition, six from each of the Leagues. The Clubs involved were, Wenhaston, Walpole & Cookley, Kelsale, St. Margaret's F.C., Snape and Leiston St. Margaret's from the Heritage League. With Brockley, Belstead, Offton & Willisham, Tuddenham, Woolpit and Orford from the Suffolk League.

The competition was played on four mats over five sessions, with each team playing three games.

The first session got under way at 11 o'clock and it was soon clear that the Suffolk rinks were in for a fight if they were to hold on to the Trophy they won last year. At the end of the session there was very little in it, as the scores pretty even. Points were 4 each, Shots were 43 to 30 in favour of Suffolk.

Session two was a different story, as the Heritage rinks romped away to a 4 – 0 win.

Points :- 8 – 0 to Heritage. Shots were 40 to 20 in favour of Heritage.

In the third session only two games are played and the Heritage rinks won both of them. Suffolk were really struggling and with only 16 Points left in the competition they were 12 points behind. Points :- 4 – 0, Shots 19 to 17.

How would things go for Suffolk in session four. The answer was not very well. Although the play was tight the Heritage rinks managed to win three of the four games and clinch the victory with a session to spare.

Points :- 6 – 2 to Heritage. Shots 30 – 25.

The final session was academic and it may be that the Heritage rinks relaxed. Whatever it was, the Suffolk rinks at last came good to win all four games.

Points :- 8 – 0. Shots 46 – 19.

The final scores were Heritage Leagues 22 Points and 138 Shots

Suffolk Leagues 14 Points and 151 Shots

It was a great day, with the bowls played hard, but in the right spirit and victory went to the better team which is how it should be. The Suffolk leagues rinks will need to get their act together before the next match comes along if they are to regain the Trophy.

# SUFFOLK CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

## EASTERN COUNTIES CHARITY TEAM BOWL 2002

Each year the Suffolk Association chooses a Charity to support for the year. For 2002 the Charity will be the East Anglian Air Ambulance, which is ideal because this year Suffolk were the host County for the Eastern Counties Team Bowl.

The competition was held on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January at the Hadleigh Leisure Centre. The format calls for each County to send four teams of seven bowlers, 1 Single, 1 Pair and 1 rink of four, making 27 players in all.

Play takes place on 12 mats over 15 sessions with each discipline playing 5 games against their equivalents from the other counties.

Session 1 was for the Singles and Suffolk's first opponents were Hertfordshire. Normally our singles are really strong and set the tone for the rest of the day. This time however we won 2 and lost 2 in this session.

Session 2 brought on the Pairs for their first game this time against Norfolk. Once again honours were even with 2 games each.

The rinks were on show for the first time in session 3 and Essex were the opposition. In this batch of games Suffolk struggled to get 3 Points.

With each discipline having had 1 session each Suffolk had picked up 11 Points out of a possible 24

During the next 3 sessions Suffolk gathered 13 Points from Essex, Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire. Luckily the other Counties were also struggling to get points because the bowling standard was very high, particularly from the Counties that are usually considered to be weak.

The third group of three games brought Suffolk against Essex, Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire in that order. Once again Suffolk managed to get 11 Points

The next 3 Counties that Suffolk were to play were, Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire in the three disciplines. This time the points won were 14 our best effort to date.

The final three sessions were to be against Bedfordshire – Singles, Hertfordshire – Pairs and Norfolk in the rinks. As a final effort Suffolk gathered 12 Points, bringing the total to 61 Points and Shots to 391 for and 345 against.

As we were worrying about our points score, so were the other Counties because they were dropping games that they thought they should have won.

It all made for a wonderfully tight competition where anyone could have been the victor.

### FINAL SCORES

	Points	Shots for	Shots Against
Cambridgeshire	65	398	328
Suffolk	61	391	345
Norfolk	61	372	357
Essex	60	382	369
Hertfordshire	60	310	395
Bedfordshire	53	354	413

While the main Competition was being fought out in the main hall, a Pairs competition was being played in the Gymnasium. This was for the supporters who were not in the County teams but wanted a game. The competition was organised by the Stanningfield club as was the Raffle, with all the proceeds going to this year's Charity. After a hard day's bowling a pair from the organising club beat a pair from Barking in the final.

All in all a good day for everyone, helped along by good organisation, a good venue, decent equipment and not least by a good selection of food being available.

At this moment I do not know how much money has been raised, but I am sure once all the sums have been done we will be told.

Tony Webber

Captain

## EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE 2001 – 2002

### SUFFOLK v HERTFORDSHIRE

This year's encounter took place at Chancellors School, Brookmans Park which is close to Potters Bar in Hertfordshire.

After an initial panic and various phone calls, because the team coach had not turned up to transport us to the match, we set off. Was this an omen that the day was to go against us, we certainly hoped not. The problem is that all the County teams are getting better and there are no games that you can be sure of winning. Hertfordshire in particular are a much improved team and can spring surprises on their day.

The competition was run to the usual format, on four mats and over five sessions.

The first session was a tightly played affair with Suffolk winning 2 games and halving a third. Hertfordshire won 1 game and halved the other.

Points :-- 5 – 3 to Suffolk Shots :-- 32 – 29 to Suffolk.

The second session went a bit easier as Suffolk took it by 3 games to 1, and a wider margin on shots.

Points :-- 6 – 2 to Suffolk Shots :-- 38 – 29 to Suffolk.

In the third session with just two games to play Suffolk won 1 game and halved the other

Points :-- 3 – 1 to Suffolk Shots :-- 17 – 12 to Hertfordshire

Session four saw Suffolk really put pressure on the home side by winning all 4 games, and putting the match out of their reach.

Points :-- 8 – 0 to Suffolk Shots :-- 39 – 25 to Suffolk

In the final session the home side continued to fight and their heads didn't drop, even though they had been beaten. Suffolk however had no intention of easing up, as every point is important if you wish to win the league.

This time Suffolk took the session by 3 games to 1

Points :-- 6 – 2 to Suffolk Shots :-- 29 – 21 to Suffolk

Final Score :-- SUFFOLK 26 Points and 150 Shots.

HERTS, 10 Points and 120 Shots.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable day in spite of the dodgy start. With the bowls played in the right spirit by both teams. Hertfordshire are to be congratulated on their efforts with only a few clubs to select from.

Tony Webber

Captain