



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 February 2003

The Meeting commenced at 7.30-p.m.

Those present:- John Hayward (Chairman), Margaret Southgate (Vice Chairman),
Marion Brown (Secretary), Paul Goulding (Treasurer), Keith Armes, Derek Brown,
Rita Daniels, Arvon Evans, Jim Goodrich, Sally Goodrich, Richard Sago,
John Varden and Tony Webber.

1. Apologies were received from David Cask, Paul Cousins, and Steven Cain.
2. The Minutes of the previous Committee meeting were approved and signed.
3. Matters Arising:-
 - a) It was pointed out that item 10b should have been 9b as this was an Eastern Counties C.B.A. matter and not an English C.B.A.
4. The Chairman's Report.

The Chairman made no report as his only comments would relate to recent County games and the County Captain would cover these matters in his reports.
5. Secretary's report:-
 - a) Marion asked for assistance with clarifying a matter relating to the Suffolk C.B.A. insurance. Keith Armes offered to take the file to pursue and will liaise with Marion on this matter.
6. Press Officer's Report.
 - a) Sally reported that all games were going to plan and that the Cup and Plate games were now down to the final eight games.
 - b) Sally said that she would like to remind Clubs that league results are only sent to Clubs who submit stamped addressed envelopes so as a request from her when you send in your results please put in a stamped addressed envelope.
 - c) Results, which will be as up to date as possible and because it was felt that most Clubs would have at least one member with access to the internet will appear on the web site which has been set up with information mostly relating to the Heritage Coast Carpet Bowls Leagues. If members log on to www.carpetbowls.org/suffolk this will take you directly to the Suffolk results.
7. The Treasurer's report:-

Community Account	£2840.00
High Interest Account	<u>£2572.11</u>
	£5412.11
8. County Business:-

Captain's Report:-
Reports on the Suffolk Leagues v Heritage Leagues, the County game against Cambridge and the Charity team bowl organised by Herts are enclosed with these minutes.

8 (1) County Closed Championships:-

- a) Juniors:- 18 entries have been received and this will take place on Sunday 2nd March 2003 at Needham Market Community Centre.
WHY NOT COME ALONG AND GIVE OUR YOUNGSTERS SOME SUPPORT.
- b) Closed Fours:- Entries close for this on 8th February.
- c) CHANGE OF VENUE:- Closed finals day will now be held at Needham Market Community Centre on April 6th 2003.

9. Eastern Counties Carpet Bowls Association Report

There had been no meeting since the previous meeting but Margaret Southgate reported that the amount raised at the E.C.C.B.A. Charity Tournament organised by Herts for the Lister Kidney Foundation was £750.00.

10. English Carpet Bowls Association Report
report enclosed

11. County Trophies:-

- a) Most of the trophies owned by the County have been collected by Marion and had been brought to the meeting for inspection. It was of the opinion of most members, that they, on the whole, would be happy to accept the trophies in the condition they are.
The primary reason given was that the history of Suffolk Carpet Bowls is held on these trophies. However, the S.C.B.A. Bowls Championship shield which has been filled with winners names will be adjusted by placing the older winners engravings on the reverse to accommodate future winners on the front.
- b) The Division Two Runners up trophy, a bowling wood mounted on a plinth which had been donated by a member. A comment had been received from a member remarking on the condition of the trophy but the meeting felt this was in keeping with the game and should be retained and would be placed on a further plinth to accommodate more room for the future.
- c) County Singles Trophy:- This trophy is showing signs of having been polished frequently and was losing some of its silver. This would be taken for assessment to establish if it would be possible to 'dip it'. However, for the same reason, the committee felt it should be retained for the history of the Championship.

12. Any other business

- a) Charity Pairs:- A Suffolk Club is showing interest in running this but to date this has not been confirmed.
 - b) Margaret Southgate pointed out that the updated constitution following the A.G.M. had not been sent to members Clubs. It was discussed as to the correct positioning of this clause and these will be distributed with the next set of minutes.
 - c) Derek Brown asked permission for the purchase of the prizes for the forthcoming County Closed Finals Championships and the League, Cup and Plate.
13. There being no further business the meeting closed at 09.45p.m.

Date of next meeting 24th March 2003.

Enc: Summer League Entry Form
Updated Constitution

Paul Goulding has moved to:-

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EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE 2003 SUFFOLK v CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Suffolk's second match of the 2003/2004 season, was played on Sunday 19th January at the Needham Market Community Centre. The opponents were Cambridgeshire who are always difficult to beat, as they have proved many times in the past.

Suffolk were full of confidence, being the current National Champions, but this did not count for much as the outcome was to prove.

Cambridgeshire got off to a flying start, as their bowlers came to terms with the mats very quickly and closed down the games with their early bowlers being very accurate. Any mistakes by the Suffolk team were punished severely as the match went on. Taken all round the Cambridgeshire team bowled very well against a below par Suffolk team.

The match was played on 4 mats over 5 sessions, with each County fielding a team of 24 bowlers in 6 rinks.

The first session set the scene for the rest of the match with Cambridgeshire winning all 4 games and getting 46 shots to 24.

Session Two was much better as Suffolk managed to win 3 of the 4 games with the shots being 37 to 32 in favour of Suffolk.

Session Three went the way of Suffolk by 3 points to 1 and 18 shots to 16. This was the end of the points scoring for the Suffolk team, as we were unable to win another game in either of the last 2 sessions.

A disappointing result for Suffolk and one we are not used to. We must now pick ourselves up for our next match, something I am sure we will do.

Final Result.

Cambridgeshire 27 Points and 172 Shots
Suffolk 9 Points and 119 Shots

Report of ECBA Committee Meeting held at Rotherham on Saturday 11th January 2003.

Richard Sago was unable to attend due to a pulled muscle in his back, so at less than 24 hours notice Margaret Southgate agreed to act as Suffolk Delegate with the approval of the Chairman.

All 9 Counties were represented at the meeting, the minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed. Both the Chairman and Secretary thanked Cambs and Suffolk for supplying the equipment and Norfolk for the Raffle at the National Championships last November as well as thanking Angela Ashman and Richard Sago for the administration over the weekend. The Secretary spoke of a tournament held in Kirkby in Ashfield which she attended with Rob Washbrook, the Vice Chairman, she is also on contact with a lady from Croydon who is looking to start Carpet Bowls at her short mat club. There will be different arrangements for seating in the restaurant at Seacroft this year because of EU regulations on working times for the staff but these will be explained at the time. The Secretary also informed the meeting that MELD would not be holding the English Pairs at Seacroft in 2004, she has spoken to David Schofield and assured him that ECBA would not hold an event in 2004 in competition with MELD.

The Treasurer reported that we had £12,808.25 in the bank which was slightly up on last year but this is only due to the increase in commission from Seacroft and the profit made on the ECBA Rinks and Triples.

The Referee stated that we now have Trainers in the Eastern Counties and Richard Sago is qualified to train anyone who wishes to become a Referee, there is a charge of £10 for this course for member counties or £20 for non members. The ECBA will purchase 12 sets of equipment for measuring, the Referee is going to take a further look at foul bowling.

Under development for the future a discussion took place on the possibility of more than 9 counties playing at the National Championships, if this were to happen it was decided that with 10 teams the games would stay at 11 ends but if the number increased to 11 or more the ends would be reduced to 9, untimed. This went to a vote with 8 in favour and 1 against.

we now have a Web Site with our domain name and at the moment it will be run by Jason the Cambs delegate. we are looking to purchase a new Computer as the current one has no access to the Internet which does not make sense if we have our own web site.

The Chairman had received a letter from an individual stating that he wished to set up a new County Assn. probably to be called Sunderland City and asked for our comments. South Tyneside immediately said that this person would be taking 10 or 11 of their players if this happened and they would then have to leave the Assn. as they would no longer be able to field a team. A long discussion took place with the delegates much against the prospect of losing a founder member and asked the chairman to go back to the letter writer for more information regarding the make up of this new county.

It has been decided after a proposal by Herts. that in future instead of a random draw for the team numbers at Champion of Champions and National Championships we will operate the same system as used in ECCBA and have a rota and this will run as from now.

The subject of Beds entitlement to play in the Inter League play off on Friday night was discussed again and it was eventually decided that any County who won their league would be entitled to play with the proviso that they must stay at Seacroft for the complete weekend.

Player behaviour was the last subject of the day and it was stated that counties would be expected to discipline their players but of necessary the ECBA would take action after any investigation with the possible banning of a player from the tournament.

The next meeting is on 5th April at Rotherham, and the meeting closed at 5pm.

SUFFOLK CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

EASTERN COUNTIES CHARITY TEAM BOWL 2003

The 2003 Team bowl was organised by Hertfordshire and was held at Chancellors School Brookmans Park, near Potters Bar on Sunday 26th January.

The format calls for each of the Six Counties 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.

The first 3 sessions were against Bedfordshire and Suffolk were off to a flying start with the Singles taking all 8 Points, the Pairs 4 Points and the Rinks taking a further 6 Points. **18 Points total.**

The Second County to be played was Essex, who had played Cambridgeshire in the previous group of games and had scored very well against them. It looked as though it might be difficult for Suffolk, but this was a different Suffolk from the one that was beaten in the League by Cambridgeshire the previous week. This time the team were determined to make up for that defeat. The Singles started the ball rolling again by winning 3 and halving the other game. The Pairs managed 4 Points and the Rinks scored 5 Points. The Essex pairs played very well and were aided by the ex –chairman of Suffolk who has now nailed his colours to the Essex mast. **16 Points total.**

The Trophy holders Cambridgeshire were next, and this time the Singles struggled, managing to pick up just 2 Points, the Pairs won 4 Points and the rinks took 6 Points. Making the honours even with each County winning a **12 Points total.**

Next came Norfolk, and the Singles were back on course again taking 5 of the 8 Points available. The Pairs and the Rinks both managed 4 Points each. **13 Points total.**

The final County was Hertfordshire, who at times can be a difficult team to beat. This time however Suffolk were not about to let anything slip even though it looked as though they were pretty sure of the overall win. The Singles again went in with 6 Points the Pairs and Rinks both got the maximum 8 Points. **22 Points total.**

This was a good all round performance by the Suffolk team, with all three disciplines scoring well. Out of a possible 40 points for each discipline the scores were, Singles – 28 points, Pairs – 24 points, Rinks – 29 points.

This meant that Suffolk brought the trophy home for the fourth time in seven years with a clear cut victory, not losing to any of the other five county teams.

Final positions.

Suffolk	81 Points
Cambridgeshire	68 Points
Essex	64 Points
Norfolk	60 Points
Hertfordshire	51 Points
Bedfordshire	36 Points

SUFFOLK CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE 2002 / 2003

SUFFOLK v NORFOLK

The final match of the season for Suffolk was played at Needham Market Community Centre, and this year was against the team from Norfolk. The matches against Norfolk are always a very tight, and this one carried an extra element as Suffolk were 8 points behind Norfolk in the table. With Cambridgeshire a further 12 points ahead. This meant that the title was almost certainly going to Cambridgeshire, who were playing against Hertfordshire in their final match. Leaving Norfolk and Suffolk contesting second place.

In the first session the scene was pretty well set as Norfolk won two of the games by the narrowest of margins at 8 shots to 7 with Suffolk taking the other two at 9 shots to 5. ---- 4 points each, with the shots at 32 to 27.

Session two was almost a repeat with each team winning two games again. --- 4 points each, and the shots again close at 34 to 31

The third session looked better as Suffolk won both games, even though the shots were still tight. ---- Suffolk 4 points with shots at 17 to 10.

Session four went to Suffolk by 3 games to 1, with the shots being 34 to 19 in favour of Suffolk.

In the final session Suffolk needed a good win, unfortunately this was not to be as Norfolk won 2 games and halved 1 game. Once again the shots were very tight. Suffolk 3 points, Norfolk 5 points. With the shots still going to Suffolk by 31 to 30.

The final scores were Suffolk 21 points and 148 shots.

Norfolk 15 points and 117 shots.

While Norfolk and Suffolk were fighting it out in this fixture, Cambridgeshire were playing against Hertfordshire and winning by 26 points to 10 and Essex were defeating Bedfordshire 20 points to 16.

This meant that the final table for 2002 / 2003 was

	Points	Shots For	Shots Agst
Cambridgeshire	127	852	594
Norfolk	104	747	653
Suffolk	102	791	626
Essex	79	668	759
Hertfordshire	69	621	817
Bedfordshire	59	612	843

Once again the table shows up the strange scoring system, as Norfolk lost 2 matches but still finished up ahead of Suffolk who only lost 1 match.

EASTERN COUNTIES INTER COUNTY
LEAGUE RESULTS 2002/2003

24.11.02	CAMBS	31	5	BEDS	196	100
	SUFFOLK	29	7	HERTS	200	97
	ESSEX	13	23	NORFOLK	121	160

19.01.03	HERTS	14	22	ESSEX	124	155
	SUFFOLK	9	27	CAMBS	119	172
	NORFOLK	29	7	BEDS	184	123

16.02..03	NORFOLK	21	15	CAMBS	150	122
	BEDS	18	18	HERTS	145	147
	ESSEX	16	20	SUFFOLK	126	164

16.03.03	BEDS	13	23	SUFFOLK	114	160
	HERTS	20	16	NORFOLK	139	136
	CAMBS	28	8	ESSEX	181	111

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SUFFOLK CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION
EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE 2002 / 2003

SUFFOLK v ESSEX

After their defeat by Cambridgeshire, Suffolk were keen to get back on track with the match against Essex. It was not going to be easy as Essex are a much improved team this season. This was borne out by their performance in the Six Counties Team Bowl, plus the fact that the fixture last year was a very close one and could have gone to either team.

The 2003 match took place at the Braintree Leisure Centre and was played using just three carpets, instead of the normal four carpet set up. This means that there are 6 sessions instead of 5, but makes for a very pleasant competition.

The day started off very well for Suffolk, as all three games in the first session went their way and by a comfortable margin. Suffolk 6 points, with 36 shots to 11.

Session two was much tighter as Essex fought back to take two of the games, with the shots being very close. Suffolk 2 points with 26 shots. Essex 4 points and 24 shots.

The third session also went to Essex by 4 points to 2, but with Suffolk getting the shots again by 30 to 23.

Session four was even closer with each county winning one game and halving the other. Suffolk 3 points and 24 shots. Essex 3 points and 26 shots.

Both counties were aware at the start that the match could well be close, but this was too close for comfort as either side could still take the victory.

Session five went much the same as the previous one with the scores being even at 3 points each. With the shots favouring Suffolk 24 to 20.

In the final session with the scores standing at 16 points to Suffolk and 14 points to Essex both teams had all to play for. Essex started off strongly and things looked black for Suffolk but they fought back to win two games getting four points and edging the shots by 24 to 22 this meant that Suffolk won the day by 20 points to 16 and with 164 shots to 126.

It was a great nailbiting match, which could have gone either way. Both teams seem to be making a habit of these close games. They are good to watch but not too good for the nerves.

SUFFOLK CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION
EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE 2002 / 2003
SUFFOLK v BEDFORDSHIRE

This season's match was played at the Putteridge Centre in Luton. A venue that we have been to before, but not in the actual hall that was used for this match. The floor was not of the best and turned out to be unpredictable, owing to the odd bump or two in the surface. It is of course the same for both teams and as the saying goes you have to beat the mat before you can beat the opposition. Bedfordshire are an improving side and the conditions made for a much closer competition.

The match was played to the normal format of 5 sessions on 4 mats and in the first session things were very even with 4 points going to each team. The shots were slightly in favour of Suffolk by 32 to 27.

Session 2 was better for Suffolk although the shots were still tight. Suffolk took the session 6 points to 2 and by 36 shots to 23.

Session 3 was shared with each team winning 1 game and the shots going to Suffolk 19 to 11.

In session 4 Suffolk came on a bit stronger and for the second time took a session by 6 points to 2. The shots were also better at 41 to 24.

The final session again went to Suffolk, this time by 5 points to 3 and with the shots being 32 to 29.

The final result was a win for Suffolk with 23 points to 13 and the shots being 160 to 114. Not quite the result Suffolk would have liked, but still a win.

There was a lot of good bowling on the day and many of the Bedfordshire team managed to raise their game a great deal. This coupled with a difficult surface made for a really good competition.

The final match of the season is on April 13th against Norfolk at Needham Market.