

Suffolk **Carpet Bowls** *Association*

**The Minutes of an Executive Committee Meeting of
The Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association
Held at Needham Market Community Centre
On Monday 19th September 2005**

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

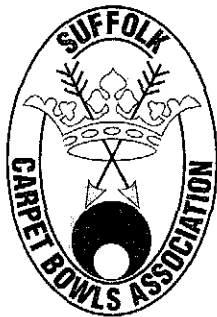
Those present: John Varden, (Chairman) Jim Goodrich, Richard Sago, Keith Hull, Mick Watkins, Margaret Southgate (Vice Chairman), Sally Goodrich, David Cobbold, Derek Brown, Paul Goulding (Treasurer), Marion Brown (Secretary), Steven Cain, Rita Daniels, Tony Webber

1. Apologies for absence:- Carl Buckle, Keith Armes.
2. Keith Hull seconded by Margaret Southgate proposed that the minutes of the meeting of 18th July 2005 were confirmed by the meeting as a true record with the addition of the words ' the proviso that venue selection must be a matter for the Committee' at the end of 9.a)
3. Matters Arising from 2 - Item 5 -The Association did not attend the Needham Market Community Centre 25th Anniversary
Item 13 – Registration of members - The Secretary and Chairman would draft a letter to go out to clubs for consideration at the next meeting.
4. Chairman's Report: -
Durham visit August
This was my first official function as Chairman of Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association and what an honour it proved to be, to play a small part in such a great weekend. All the arrangements went like clockwork, from the friendly tournament on Saturday afternoon to the evening dinner at the Holiday Inn Hotel and then on to the County Match on Sunday.
I would like to officially thank Marion Brown (Hon. Sec.) for undertaking all the organisation of accommodation & the evening dinner, Rita Daniels for her catering and Tony Webber (County Captain) for organizing the Saturday afternoon tournament and county match on the Sunday.
Also I would like to thank those who assisted with the setting up, clearing away and running of the raffle. It was good to see everyone pulling together.
Whilst Suffolk dominated the county match and retained the Ray White Trophy established in 1990, the spirit in which the match was played was exemplary so all in all it was a great weekend and well done to all involved.
Winter League
At the AGM, a wide range of views were voiced with regard to the proposed changes to the Winter League Rules, which left the new County Executive Committee somewhere between a rock and a hard place. I am grateful to all clubs for their patience and understanding in accepting the revised rules which, whilst they may not be perfect, have addressed the main issues.
5. Secretary's Report: - We have 105 clubs registered as members with Cratfield and Kirtling & Upland joining. Horringer will be joining to make 106.
6. Match Secretary's Report:- The immediate past Summer Leagues were discussed and agreement reached that invitation papers would go out earlier next season.

7. Treasurer's Report: - Our two accounts total was £6132.57 and a brief comparison of some of the major differences in income and expenditure over 2004 and 2005 was circulated by the Treasurer. A balance of £30 was agreed to be added to the Raffle Fund to match the amount collected from clubs.
8. County Business:-
- a) County Trials – Tony Webber reported that 28 members trialed, it was a good day and the results would be a useful guide to selectors. The selectors would discuss a possible October date for next year to avoid holiday clashes
 - b) Closed Tournaments - Richard Sago - The triples closing date was looming and many clubs had not yet responded but this was not unusual.
 - c) Durham Weekend – A full report is circulated with these minutes. Suffolk hosted the event which was a great advert for Carpet Bowls with Suffolk winning the Ray White Shield by 36 points to 12. The 2006 match will take place at Durham during the first weekend in August. A full and open discussion took place on selection and invitations for future weekends.
 - d) Summer League Finals Day – A great day for winners Nayland and a full report accompanies the minutes.
 - e) SCBA Charity Tournament – July 16th 2006 was fixed for this event. Paul Daniels and Rita Daniels confirmed their willingness to undertake the administration – enquiries about possible sponsors and the choice of a charity will result in a discussion at the next meeting in November.
 - f) It was proposed by Rita Daniels and seconded by Richard Sago that support for the National Championships would be the same as last year £30 per player plus team Captain and two selectors (unless they were playing)
9. Eastern Counties Carpet Bowls Association – There had been no meeting but Felixstowe was suggested as the venue for the Six Counties Championship next April. The Chairman undertook to make enquiries.
10. English Carpet Bowls Association:- There had been no meeting but there was a Referees course at Colchester on 15th October and anyone interested could contact Margaret Southgate.
11. Any Other Business:-
- a) Nayland had raised a query about players who were unable to attend the start of a match.. The Committee confirmed that rule 2. xvi applied.
 - b) The cut off date of August 31st and age 16 for Juniors for the Juniors/Seniors competition was confirmed. The Committee is committed to encourage young players and welcomed all the help and work by members but felt that the present limits should be kept to.
 - c) The Committee agreed to the Suffolk carpets being used for the Chairman's Invitation event.
 - d) An omission from the recently published Rules for Winter League was at 2.1. In order to reflect the decision of the AGM to abolish the Boxes it should now read: -
2. Matches/Games
- i) All matches shall be played to the ECBA Rules as amended under the terms of the SCBA constitution (rule 1.9 jacks may be between 8 and 16 ozs, rule 1.3 the delivery space shall be 18 ins wide and 2 inches deep, rule 1.4 re Boxes does not apply, rule 9.2 the requirement to release the ball in the delivery space has been removed)

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm. The next meeting is on Monday 28th November 2005

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SUFFOLK v DURHAM

It was the turn of Suffolk to host the annual competition between Suffolk & Durham for 2005 and it took place during the weekend of 6th to 7th of August at the Needham Market Community Centre. The weekend consists of two separate competitions. The first competition being for Pairs, where a bowler from Durham partners a bowler from Suffolk, the second is for the two County Squads going head to head for the Ray White Shield. Both of these competitions have been played each year since 1990 so there is plenty of pride to be played for.

The Saturday Pairs competition is played in groups of four, with each pair playing three games of 7 ends. The Group winners then go into the knock-out rounds, eventually arriving at two pairs to contest the final game. After some close and hard fought games, the eight group winners who went on to contest the knock-outs were : -- Sue Jones & Neil Ridley, Blanch Barnett & Mick Watkins, Sally Goodrich & Carl Pearson, Oscar Mew & Tom Haram, Danny Morgan & Colin Page, Vince Miller & Derek Brown, Mary Guy & Mike Daniels, Joyce Woodward & Paul Daniels. During the next two rounds, numbers were whittled down and the pairings for the final were Joyce Woodward & Paul Daniels against Vince Miller & Derek Brown. With Joyce & Paul being so strong and going on to win the competition.

Following the competition, everyone went off to the Holiday Inn Hotel where a meal had been laid on, allowing all the players and families to get together and renew acquaintances which is what this weekend is all about.

The County match on the Sunday was a very serious affair, as Durham were out to avenge the defeat they suffered last year on their home ground. This Match is played on four mats over six sessions with 48 points being available. The first session was all Suffolk as Durham lost all four games. (8 - 0 to Suffolk)

Session two was also a disaster for Durham as they only managed to take one point for a drawn game (7 - 1 to Suffolk)

In session three Durham managed to win one game and draw a second but Suffolk were playing too well and were not in the mood to let Durham back in the match. (5 - 3 to Suffolk)

The fourth and fifth sessions were both won by Suffolk by 6 points to 2. Durham were still fighting but the Suffolk rinks were playing so well and there was very little that Durham could do about it.

The final session was the closest of all, with both teams winning two games. (4 points each)

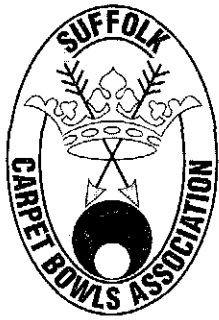
The overall scores really tells the story : -- Suffolk 36 Points and 246 Shots

Durham 12 Points and 149 Shots

Unfortunately for Durham they came up against a Suffolk team who were on top of their game. As well as they played, they were no match for a squad that had no weaknesses and never allowed the opposition into the match.

To sum up : -- the weekend was a great advert for carpet bowls and the way it should be played, as well as reinforcing the friendship between our two counties. In 2006 the match will take place in Durham during the first weekend in August. Make a note in your diaries, you will have a great time.

Tony Webber



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SIX COUNTIES CHARITY TEAM BOWL 2005 IN AID OF THE AIR AMBULANCE

The six Eastern Counties carpet bowls squads descended on the Braintree Leisure Centre on Sunday 25th September to fight out for The Team Bowl. This is an event where each County fields a squad of 28 bowlers divided in to four teams of 7 bowlers. Each team has a Single a Pair and Rink of 4 bowlers, who play against their equivalent from the other Counties. This means that there are 120 points available to each team over the course of the day and that players have to hold their concentration and form from the start at 9 – 30 am till about 6 – 15 pm, not an easy task.

The first task for Suffolk came in the shape of Norfolk. Suffolk won 3 of the Singles, 2 of the Pairs and 3 of the rinks. Claiming 16 of the 24 points available.

Hertfordshire came next and could do very little against Suffolk who won 3 Singles, all 4 Pairs and 3 Rinks. 20 points from the 24 available

The third team for the treatment was Bedfordshire and it was even harder for them as Suffolk managed to win 3 Singles, all 4 Pairs and all 4 rinks. 22 points from the 24.

Essex were the next opponents and pretty well held their own but were not able to defeat a rampant Suffolk side. Suffolk won 2 Singles, 3 Pairs and 2 rinks. 14 points from 24.

Suffolk's final opponents were Cambridgeshire and even though Suffolk had a healthy lead with 72 points it was mathematically possible that Cambridgeshire with 63 points could catch up. The Suffolk players were well aware of the position and were in no mood to let their advantage slip. The Singles were halved each team getting 4 points. Now the Suffolk pairs needed to win just 2 games and the cup was coming to Suffolk. This is exactly what happened, Suffolk won 2 pairs leaving the rinks to rub salt into the wound by winning 3 of their final games. 14 points from 24.

A superb display of bowling from the Suffolk team who thoroughly deserved their victory by winning 43 games out of 60.

FINAL RESULT

	Points	Shots For	Shots Agst
SUFFOLK	86	452	303
CAMBRIDGESHIRE	73	431	302
ESSEX	69	405	307
NORFOLK	60	357	390
BEDFORDSHIRE	41	254	450
HERTFORDSHIRE	31	287	423

SUFFOLK CARPET BOWLS SUMMER LEAGUES 05 FINAL TABLES

GROUP A	PLYD	WON	LOST	DRAWN	SH/F	SH/A	PNTS	AVGE%
NAYLAND	12	9	3	0	671	398	84	7
MARTLESHAM	12	5	7	0	491	473	70	5.83
BILDESTON	12	7	5	0	515	454	67	5.58
HADLEIGH --- A	12	7	5	0	491	488	60	5
STRATFORD ST MARY	12	6	6	0	515	492	54	4.5
BENTLEY	12	4	7	1	416	536	47	3.91
TATTINGSTONE	12	3	8	1	404	572	38	3.16
GROUP B	PLYD	WON	LOST	DRAWN	SH/F	SH/A	PNTS	AVGE%
KELSALE	12	10	1	1	581	373	86	7.16
TITHE BARN	12	6	6	0	439	469	66	5.5
CHELMONDISTON	12	7	5	0	500	434	64	5.33
OFFTON & WILLISHAM	12	6	6	0	394	443	61	5.08
OLD FELIXSTOWE	12	6	5	1	441	474	56	4.66
CLAYDON	12	4	8	0	425	499	56	4.66
BURSTALL	12	2	10	0	395	584	31	2.58
GROUP C	PLYD	WON	LOST	DRAWN	SH/F	SH/A	PNTS	AVGE%
BARKING	12	12	0	0	654	342	101	8.41
STUTTON	12	8	4	0	490	434	73	6.08
BRANTHAM	12	6	6	0	465	472	63	5.25
BELSTEAD	12	4	8	0	473	466	53	4.41
HARKSTEAD	12	4	8	0	421	572	47	3.91
EAST BERGHOLT	12	4	8	0	399	515	45	3.75
SHOTLEY	12	4	8	0	403	504	38	3.16
GROUP D	PLYD	WON	LOST	DRAWN	SH/F	SH/A	PNTS	AVGE%
BROCKLEY	10	8	2	0	517	307	77	7.7
BRAMFORD	10	7	3	0	441	332	62	6.2
TOSTOCK	10	6	4	0	412	433	51	5.1
WOOLPIT	10	5	5	0	367	382	48	4.8
BARROW	10	3	7	0	358	428	42	4.2
WYVERSTONE	10	1	9	0	303	502	20	2
GROUP E	PLYD	WON	LOST	DRAWN	SH/F	SH/A	PNTS	AVGE%
GREAT BLAKENHAM	12	9	3	0	624	380	93	7.75
SOMERSHAM	12	7	4	1	494	482	69	5.75
ELMSETT	12	5	6	1	509	450	66	5.5
POLSTEAD	12	7	5	0	503	485	59	4.91
HITCHAM	12	4	7	1	454	544	53	4.41
HADLEIGH --- B	12	4	7	1	447	510	46	3.83
WHATFIELD	12	4	8	0	404	596	34	2.83
GROUP F	PLYD	WON	LOST	DRAWN	SH/F	SH/A	PNTS	AVGE%
STANNINGFIELD	6	4	2	0	260	204	36	6
HOGGARDS GREEN	6	2	3	1	233	234	34	5.66
HUNDON	6	4	2	0	255	226	31	5.16
OLD NEWTON	6	1	4	1	196	280	19	3.16