

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

**The Minutes of an Executive Committee Meeting of  
The Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association  
Held at Needham Market Community Centre  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2008.**

**The meeting commenced at 7.30pm**

**Those present:-** John Varden,(Chairman) Marion Brown,(Secretary) Keith Armes, (Vice Chairman) Mick Watkins, Keith Hull, Pat Lingley, Peter Jones, Jane Sago, Richard Sago, Margaret Southgate, Neil Jolly, (County Captain) Graham Robinson, Sally Goodrich, Jim Goodrich, Steven Cain.

- 1. Apologies for absence:-** Rita Daniels (Treasurer).
- 2. The minutes of the meeting of the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2008** -were confirmed by the meeting as a true record and signed.
- 3. Matters Arising:-** Junior Championships. Plans are going well, so far we have 8 entrants. The event this year will be held at Burstall Village Hall on the 27<sup>th</sup> April.

Charity Competition – Keith Hull is looking into possible sponsorship once again from Ipswich Plumbers. A provisional date has been set for the 27<sup>th</sup> July at East Bergholt Sports Centre. More details to follow after the next meeting.

- 4. Chairman's Report:-** The Suffolk v Heritage Match is scheduled for Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March away at Tunstall Village Hall, commencing at 11.00. This year Suffolk have approached Martlesham, Somersham, Copdock & Washbrook, Chelmondiston, Old Felixstowe and Tuddenham to field a team of four in what should prove to be a most enjoyable match. As members will know, Suffolk's teams will exclude current county players.

Yesterday's Suffolk Fours competition was staged at East Bergholt Sports Centre and was another well organised event run by Richard & Jane Sago and Keith & Lindsay Armes. I am sure all players would wish to join me in thanking them for all their hard work throughout the season running these events, together with those individuals who are prepared to bring the equipment without which these events would not be possible.

This years Junior Tournament will be held at Burstall village Hall on 27<sup>th</sup> April.  
**Why not pop in and support the youth of the County.**

Turning to this years AGM, may I remind clubs that nominations are required for office holders, in writing, by 19<sup>th</sup> May latest.

**5. Secretary's Report:-**

The Secretary reported that she had successfully found an insurance company offering the same cover as has been available to date at a drastically reduced cost. There will be no administration costs, it will work out less than half the price of last year. More details at the next meeting. We have been invited to give a demonstration at Ipswich Mencap in April and they wish to purchase equipment for their own use. Any club with equipment to sell or donate please contact Marion Brown.

**6. Match Secretary's Report:-**

a) Winter League/ Cup and Plate- Winter Leagues are progressing well and approaching the end of the season. The Cup and Plate are now in the Semi-final stages. The teams involved are the Chairmans Plate between Burstall and Claydon, Nayland and Brockley and the Joe Rice Cup between Stanningfield and Great Blakenham, Hundon and Hintlesham & Chattisham.  
b) Summer Leagues- To date there are 32 teams entered in the Summer League.

**7. Treasurer's Report:-** In the Treasurer's absence the Chairman distributed a full report on income and expenditure with a net balance of £5780.91

**8. County Business:-**

a) Closed Tournaments- The organisers of the Closed Tournaments are very happy with the progress of events. Thanks once again were extended to Burstall for all their efforts in arranging these competitions. The draw was made for the remaining matches to take place on Finals Day Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup>. at Needham Market Community Centre. A list of all qualifiers is enclosed with these minutes

Champion of Champions Competition- after discussion it was decided that in the event of the winners of these disciplines not being able to attend this competition the format *for this year only* would be as follows-Singles-the runner up to play . Pairs and Fours- one player can be replaced by another bowler from the same club that has not already taken part in that discipline. If more than one member were unable to play then the runners up would be approached to play. Neil Jolly and Steven Cain have undertaken to look at this for the new season.

b) Suffolk v Bedfordshire and Suffolk v Norfolk (see enclosed reports)

c) Suffolk v Durham Weekend- This event is planned for the weekend 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> August and is coming together well. Anybody or club wishing to have further Information please contact Neil Jolly or Margaret Southgate.

**9. Eastern Counties Carpet Bowls Association.:-** Peter Jones attended the meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> February. Peter reported that the subject of teams turning out without a full squad was discussed at length. After discussion it was decided that Suffolk would opt for – each player short, that county will play one of their rinks (blocks) with 3 players who will bowl all 8 woods in the order of 3,3,2. 25% of this teams shots would then be deducted at the end of each game to determine the winner of that game.

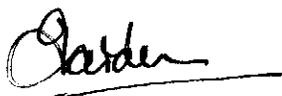
**10. English Carpet Bowls Association:-** Mick Watkins reported their could be changes in the “subsidies” received from the Norbreck Castle Hotel in future when events are held there. Also with regards to referees, there are also changes in the offing.

**11. Any Other Business:-**

Peter Jones has been approached by Babergh District Council with regards to the possibility of introducing Carpet Bowls into the school curriculum as an after school activity or possibly during school time.

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2008.

The meeting closed at 9.58pm

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Peter Jones", is written above a horizontal line.

**SUFFOLK CHAMPIONS 2007-2008****TRIPLES****Bramford, Jim & Margaret Southgate Diane Curran****Runners up****Gt Blakenham, Peter & Rita Runnacles Andy Pooley****SUFFOLK CHAMPIONSHIPS FINALISTS 2007-2008****SINGLES**

<b>Claydon</b> <b>Jeremy Brown</b>	<b>Claydon</b> <b>Trevor Girling</b>
<b>Somersham</b> <b>Belle Deaves</b>	<b>Cockfield</b> <b>Colin Fellingham</b>
<b>Chelmondiston</b> <b>Patrick Mann</b>	<b>Amber</b> <b>Ron Dean</b>
<b>Brockley</b> <b>Neil Jolly</b>	<b>Knodishall</b> <b>Ken Drane</b>

**SUFFOLK CHAMPIONSHIPS FINALISTS 2007-2008****PAIRS**

<b>Withersfield</b> <b>Lyn &amp; Tony Cooke</b>	<b>Kelsale</b> <b>Mike &amp; Paul Daniels</b>
<b>Belstead</b> <b>David &amp; Celia Cobbald</b>	<b>Barking</b> <b>Mick Watkins &amp; John Hayward</b>
<b>Cockfield</b> <b>Jane &amp; Michael Coulson</b>	<b>Brockley</b> <b>Neil &amp; Keith Jolly</b>
<b>Gt Blakenham</b> <b>Sam &amp; Tom Runnacles</b>	<b>Copdock</b> <b>Maureen &amp; Doug Howes</b>

**SUFFOLK CHAMPIONSHIPS FINALISTS 2007-2008****FOURS**

<b>Kelsale</b> <b>Rita, Paul &amp; Mike Daniels</b> <b>&amp; Mick Adams</b>	<b>Gt Blakenham A</b> <b>Heather, Trevor &amp; Steven Cain</b> <b>Dick Williamson</b>
<b>Gt Blakenham C</b> <b>Rita, Tom &amp; Sam Runnacles</b> <b>Andy Pooley</b>	<b>Somersham</b> <b>Belle &amp; Keith Deaves</b> <b>Sue Skinner, Rosemary Southgate</b>
<b>Martlesham</b> <b>Chris &amp; Doug Chamberlain</b> <b>Jean &amp; Peter Mullett</b>	<b>Barking B</b> <b>Jean Rodham, Angela Buxton</b> <b>Andrew Gibbons &amp; Roy Lonsborough</b>
<b>Bildeston</b> <b>Sue &amp; Paul Cousins</b> <b>John Bishop &amp; Geoff Farthing</b>	<b>Barking A</b> <b>Sue &amp; Andy Gilder</b> <b>Shirley &amp; Mick Watkins</b>

## Norfolk - v - Suffolk

On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2008 the Suffolk team travelled to Wortwell to play their final ECCBA league match of the 2007/08 season, against Norfolk.

Following their fantastic 34-2 win against Bedfordshire last month, Suffolk went into the match only one point behind the leaders Cambridgeshire. Whilst Cambridgeshire had the easier match, at home against Hertfordshire, another convincing win for Suffolk would give them a chance to retain the league title, if the leaders slipped up.

In the first session the three Suffolk rinks started well, mastering the away carpets quickly. However all of the games remained close, low scoring and were not decided until the final ends. In two of the games it was the Suffolk rinks that edged wins, 8-7 and 7-4. Unfortunately the other game was lost 8-4.

The second session started in a similar manner to the first, again the games would be undecided until the last ends. In the first game it was a superb final wood from the Suffolk skip that secured a 7-6 win. The second game was even closer, finishing in a 9-9 draw. The session was shared with Suffolk losing the other game, again 8-4.

In the third session the Suffolk rinks again started well. In two of the games slight early leads were taken and protected and Suffolk went on to win 11-9 and 9-6. However, again the third win eluded them, losing the other game 11-4.

At the halfway stage the overall match score was 11-7 to Suffolk. As expected Norfolk were proving to be stubborn opponents on their own mats and all of the games were tight, tactical and low scoring.

The fourth session turned out to be Suffolk's worst of the day, with the rinks only securing the one win, a comfortable 9-2. It could have been three Suffolk wins. However losing six shots on the final end proved very costly, Suffolk losing that game 11-9. The other game was unluckily lost 8-6 when the Norfolk skip had an outrageous piece of fortune with her last bowl.

In the penultimate session Suffolk bounced back. Again three wins looked possible, but unfortunately one game was lost on the last end 7-6. However the other two games were secured with 9-4 and 12-5 wins.

In the last session it was again Suffolk who controlled two of the games, but that third win was proving elusive. There were two comfortable wins for Suffolk 11-5 and 11-2, with the other game lost 10-5.

The final match score was Norfolk 15, Suffolk 21.

It had been a good performance by the Suffolk team to win the match, with Norfolk playing their own mats particularly well. Unfortunately Cambridgeshire, as expected had also won (26-10), winning the ECCBA league title, with Suffolk finishing in second.

Overall it had been a slightly disappointing league campaign for Suffolk, with the home defeat to Essex costing them the league title. The Suffolk team are now looking forward to the Six Counties Tournament at Soham on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2008.

Neil Jolly (County Captain)

Suffolk County Team: Supported by Portmak Joinery

## Suffolk - v - Bedfordshire

On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2008 the Suffolk team played their penultimate ECCBA league match of the 2007/08 season, at home against Bedfordshire, at Bildeston.

Following their disappointing 19-17 home defeat against Essex last month, Suffolk were now second in the league, eleven points behind Cambridgeshire. If Suffolk were to have any chance of retaining the league title, a convincing win against bottom of the league Bedfordshire was essential.

In the first session it was a nervous start by the three Suffolk rinks, with all of them behind after the first few ends. However as the games progressed there was an improvement in performance. By the end Suffolk had secured two wins, 7-6 when the opposition skip knocked the jack off with his last bowl and 14-5. In the other game it was the Bedfordshire rink that maintained their lead to win 9-5.

The second session started far better for the other three Suffolk rinks, with all of them taking early leads. In two of the games the home rinks increased their advantages to win 13-4 and convincingly 21-2. In the other game the score was level at 7-7 with an end to play, but the Suffolk rink held their nerve, scoring four shots to win 11-7.

After the first two sessions, following a shaky start Suffolk led overall by 10-2. They now needed to maintain their level of performance for the rest of the day.

In the third session it was again the Suffolk rinks that started the better. Early leads were taken and protected in all three games. Suffolk winning 14-8, 15-3 and 11-5.

At the halfway stage the overall match score was 16-2 to Suffolk. Could the Suffolk rinks continue to play this well and win all of the remaining games?

The fourth session followed a similar pattern to the previous one. Again the Suffolk rinks won all three games, 12-6, 11-4 and 9-4.

In the penultimate session all three games were much tighter. Despite Suffolk gaining early advantages the Bedfordshire rinks kept the scores close. However the momentum was with Suffolk and they held on to again win all three games, final scores of 9-7, 12-9 and 11-9.

In the last session there was no stopping the confident Suffolk rinks. Again three wins for the home team, 9-5, 16-7 and 15-3.

The final match score was Suffolk 34, Bedfordshire 2. (Shots: 215 – 103)

It had been a very impressive performance by the Suffolk team, with every bowler contributing to the win. Unfortunately Cambridgeshire had also won (24-12 away at Essex), but Suffolk were now just one point behind them in the league.

Whilst Cambridgeshire remain favourites for the league, Suffolk are now in a far stronger position to challenge for the title.

Suffolk's last league match is at away against Norfolk at Wortwell Village Hall on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2008.

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