



THE BLOCK

AT THE CENTRE OF SHORT MAT BOWLING IN DEVON

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I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and thank everyone for their co-operation during the year.
Irene

Once again I cannot believe where the year has gone! All the county competitions have been well attended this year but we would still like to see more people enter. We get lots of comments from people who enter for the first time saying how much their game improves from taking part so please encourage any new bowlers you may have to enter the County Competitions next year.. Entries for the Margaret Elliott Pairs and the Brian Medland Mixed Fours were higher this year and we had a waiting list and the under-18's Singles has the largest entry for several years.

Inter County Competitions

Both the Premier Team and the 'A' Team had a new look about them this year. The Premier Team lost some of their members for various reasons so there were a lot of new faces. The first game was a resounding win against Cornwall 36-4 but they were brought down to earth with a bump away to Dorset losing 32-8 and against Somerset losing 19-21. So there was all to play for in the second half of the round robin. They then played Dorset at home and found their form again winning 28-12 so are still in contention. The 'A' Team had an excellent start winning their first three games but then lost to Dorset 19-21 but are still looking to qualify. There are two games remaining, away to Cornwall and away to Somerset so it looks as though it will go to the wire before we know for sure if either team has qualified.

Don't forget - There is a list of Open Competitions on the web-site, so if your Club is running a tournament in 2014 and would like it listed please contact Richard Ivings (ivings_r@hotmail.com) or telephone 01392 210268. You can also send in a report and photographs to be published on the web-site or send to Irene Smith for inclusion in The Block.

News from the Clubs

The final of the Merton Short Mat Bowling Club's Charity League Cup was played at Halwill on 4th September 2013.

The match took place between Winkleigh and Merton, it was a very close game. Merton won the match 19 - 18.

The event was attended by Toni Kemeny, a volunteer for the Devon Air Ambulance Trust who accepted a cheque for £2,000 which has been collected from various fund-raising since the league's inception.

Thank you all for your support, also, thanks to all those who donated raffle prizes for the evening.

Julie Stacey, Merton SMBC

Let's hear more from your Club!!!

Marking matches

Singles matches always need a marker so it is helpful if new bowlers can be given some instruction. It is quite skilful to be a good marker, knowing what or what NOT to say when asked questions by the players. The marker is only there to answer any questions put to them by the players BUT should not give any other information unless requested and should not pass any comment. There is a section in the Rule Book explaining the duties in full.

County Competitions

The matches for those who had qualified started with the Singles on 24th November and after some excellent matches James Smith of Wonford SMBC was the winner beating Graham Heaman of Merton SMBC in the Final. This was followed on 30th November with the Pairs which was won by Bronagh Malone and Lee Toleman who beat Caroline and Eric Pavey, both teams had played extremely well all day.

Please send items for inclusion in the next issue to Irene Smith

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