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Another season has ended and there have been some excellent matches in all the leagues, County Competitions and Open Competitions and I am sure that there will have been some very enjoyable friendlies. The web-site has been very useful in giving the results of matches and keeping everyone up-to-date and our thanks go to Richard Ivings who has made this possible. If you have not had a look yet then log-on and get up-to date with what is going on in the County. The County competitions will start once again in September, and the entry forms will go out in early Summer with a closing date in July. Why not enter - it would be great to see some new faces. See details attached.

## Inter-County Competitions

The County Teams have had some memorable matches this season. The Premier Team qualified in top place after the round-robin stages and in the quarter finals the Premier team beat Norfolk 23-17.

The 'A' Team could not match last year's winning ways when they won the 'A' Team Cup, but after a mixed set of games in the round robin they did go on to play in the Consolation Cup and won their preliminary match against Suffolk 23-17, they then had a fantastic win against Gloucester 34-6 in the quarter-final.. The wins continued when on 2<sup>nd</sup> March the 'A' Team won their semi-final against Hertfordshire 23-17 and the following day the Premier Team beat Essex 22-18. The finals were held on 10<sup>th</sup> March when the Premier Team played Cheshire and the 'A' team played Hampshire. The Premier Team made a good start and by lunchtime were ahead by a small margin, however Cheshire who have won it for the last six years went up a gear and Devon lost 23-17. The 'A' Team did not make such a good start but rallied in the afternoon session but could not quite make it and also lost 23-17. This is the end of our Inter-County season now so we have to look forward to next year and fight once again.

All of the matches after the round robin games take place in Northampton so the players had some long journeys to make. Our thanks go to all the wives, girlfriends, family and friends who came to support us, it really does help to hear the support from the side of the mat.

We have added a new page to the web-site under the heading **Club Tournaments**. If you would like your Club Competition added to the list please contact Richard Ivings or Irene Smith. We hope this will help Clubs to plan tournaments and avoid clashes with other local Clubs.

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## Results of County Competitions

Singles – Lee Toleman (Wonford)

Pairs – Michael Ivings and James Smith (Exeter Nomads/Wonford)

Triples – Michael Ivings, Paul Pomeroy, James Trott (Exeter Nomads/Musbury)

Fours–Michael Ivings, Philip Warr, Paul Pomeroy, James Trott (Nomads/Wonford/Musbury)

Under 18's – Matthew Avery (Yarnscombe)

Champion of Champions – David Summers (Tavistock)

County Tens – Yarnscombe

Margaret Elliot Pairs – Brab Hallowes and Peter Morgan (Colyton)

Brian Medland Mixed Fours – Grenville Gerry, Yvonne Lester, Rita Lacey, and Richard Whiterow (Shebbear)

The following teams will be representing Devon at the Nationals in early April:-

Singles – Lee Toleman and Tony Main

Pairs – Michael Ivings/James Smith, Tony Main/Paul Pomeroy, Bronagh Malone/Lee Toleman

Triples Michael Ivings/Paul Pomeroy/James Trott

Marie Toleman/Bronagh Malone/Lee Toleman

Fours – Michael Ivings/Philip Warr/Paul Pomeroy/James Trott

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*Good luck to all players*

### *Who puts the mats away at your Club?*

I expect everyone will say “the same people every week”. The same problem arises at County Competitions. A lot of organisation goes into preparing the competitions so that they run smoothly but help is needed to put the mats and equipment out and put it away at the end of the day. This year we have had a mixed response to the help we have asked for. On some days people have been only too willing to help but on other days it has been hard to get players to make a contribution, which does make it difficult for whoever is organising the competition. There are people who think it is all done “by magic” but I can assure you it is not. Are you one of the players that disappears for a coffee or to the cloakroom at a crucial moment? If you enter a competition you should go in hoping to win and that would mean being there all day, so why do so many players leave and not give support to those that qualify? A lot of effort goes into organising the days so please can we ask for your support in the future.

**A.G.M.** – This will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 at 2p.m.

at The Isca Bowling Centre, Summer Lane, Exeter, EX4 8NT.

## News from the Clubs

*Welcome* to High Bickington Short Mat Bowls Club who have just formed a new Club in North Devon. The contact, if you wish to invite them for a friendly or competitions is Mrs Millie Campion 01769 5602209.

*Congratulations* to Moretonhampstead Short Mat Bowling Club who have just celebrated their 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The celebration cake published on the web-site looked excellent.

The Merton Short Mat Bowling Club's 2012 Winter Tournament was held at the Clinton Hall on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December and was sponsored by Clinton Gates in association with W.H. Bond. The winners were Langtree who were leading throughout, eventually winning all four of their games and amassing a points total of 49. Second place went to Bishops Nympton who again all their games and gained 21 points. Being a relatively new club, this was very encouraging. Thank you to all, both members and visitors, who helped to make this an enjoyable day.

Notes for your diary - our next tournament, The Summer Triples will be on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2013 and our Winter Tournament Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2013.

Julie Stacey, Merton SMBC

Tavistock Short Mat Bowls Club are now into their second year with students from Tavistock College. The involvement was rewarded at Christmas when members who had helped were invited down to the School for a Christmas Meal.

Every Thursday in term time 4 mats are laid down in the gym and up to 8 Tavistock SMBC members help instruct up to 25 students per session. Morning and afternoon sessions are compulsory but there is also a lunch-time club where about 10 students come to see what goes on. We try to involve the teachers and the youngsters really like this competitive element and of course will try their hardest to beat 'Sir or Miss'. Occasionally we have seen the "special needs" group attend which is very rewarding, albeit hard work. The involvement of the Club has meant two 14 year olds asking their father to join them. All are now regular members and similar aged youngsters are expressing an interest to join.

**For Sale:-** 3 x 42ft mats and 3 score boards. Contact:- Bill Moule 01769 579590

**Wanted:-** Set of Size 1 bowls (light or medium weight)

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# County Competitions

Every year the County holds Competitions at Isca Bowling Centre. These consist of Singles, Pairs, Triples, Fours, and 10's Team competition.

**Everyone is eligible to enter these.**

You can enter with any registered player from within Devon

Even if you are a fairly new bowler you will gain lots of experience.

Under 18's also have their own competition but they can still enter all of the above.

There are also other competitions:-

**Champion of Champions** (where the Club can send either their Singles Champion or a representative)

**Margaret Elliot Pairs (for non-county players)**

**Brian Medland Mixed Fours**

Entry Forms are sent to the Club Secretaries in the Summer so if you don't see them ask for details. They are also published on the Devon web-site. The closing date is in July.

[www.devonshortmat.co.uk](http://www.devonshortmat.co.uk)

