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The AGM held in April passed smoothly with all matters dealt with satisfactorily. The Committee has a familiar look with most of the existing Committee standing again. There is a new Area Representative for the North Area and a full list of contacts is printed below. The Competitions Secretary has already published the Diary of Events for next season and this is available to view and print on the web site. The entry forms will be e-mailed to Secretaries or contacts and will also be available on the web-site. Please do contact any of the Committee if you have any queries on any matter and they will do their best to help.

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*Congratulations to Brab Hallows (Colyton), Richard Watson (Sidbury) and Evan Williams (Beer Mariners) who have all passed the necessary examinations to become Umpires.. Also to Ian Mclennan (Yarnscombe) who has now qualified as an ESMBA examiner.*

## *News from the Clubs*

### South Brent SMBC

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February we held our Annual Charity Tournament at South Brent SMBC. Twelve teams took part – Slapton, Stoke Fleming, Foxhole (Dartington), Ivybridge (2 teams), Landrake, Tothill, Wembury, Totnes Creameries, Buckfast, Diptford and Loddiswell. The winners were Totnes with Tothill taking second place. After a good days bowling and a wonderful raffle, thanks to everyone's help and generosity we managed to raise a sum of £500 for charity in aid of Cancer Research.

### Woolsery SMBA

The annual charity tournament sponsored by Albery & Shute Funeral Directors took place from 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> March., Thirty teams from North Devon and North Cornwall were involved in this triples event, which is continuing to grow in popularity. Preliminary rounds were hosted at five different venues on the Monday and Tuesday, culminating in a Grand Final at Woolsery on the Wednesday.

Successful teams through to the final were Braunton, Hartland, Winkleigh, Shebbear, Holsworthy and Westward Ho!. The evening was run as a round robin with two sets of three teams and emerging triumphant for the final match were Winkleigh (Jan Ovenden, Lorraine Axtell and Bill Brook) and Hartland (Len Beck, Nancy Johns and Eric Heard). After some skilled play, Winkleigh were the eventual winners. Many congratulations to them.

We would like to thank all the teams who took part in this friendly tournament and hope they enjoyed their matches. Special thanks, too, must go to those clubs (Fremington, Goodleigh, Hartland, Holsworthy and Westward Ho!) who generously offered their time, venues and equipment for the first round. With their help we were able to raise £351 for North Devon Hospice.

Sally O'Neill, Tournament Organiser.

### Winkleigh SMBC

The end of March saw 21 teams descend on Winkleigh for our seventh Flue and Chimney Specialist Tournament. Again this year the event was very popular and oversubscribed. The bowling was top notch and everybody seemed to really enjoy the whole day, whether bowling, spectating or cooking in the kitchen. The Trophy was won by Woolsery – Gordon Leonard, Sally O'Neill and John Richards, the runners-up were Upottery SMBC. Both teams having won all their matches and the winner decided on shot difference. The result was not known until the last couple of ends of the final round which made for an exciting finish. Congratulations to you and to all the players who made our day so successful. Thanks to the members of Winkleigh for their hard work and special thanks to Andrew Baker and all at Rangemoors Ltd. For their continued sponsorship of this event. We look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Winkleigh will be holding a Pairs Tournament on 21st September 2013.

Jan Ovenden

### Exeter Nomads SMBC

Exeter Nomads held their annual Ladies Pairs tournament on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April. As usual the number of entries was excellent. The morning saw most of the round robin matches played, with just a few after lunch. It was then on to the quarter finals when the matches were between Wonford 'A' and South Brent, Woodbury and Totnes, Moretonhampstead 'B' and Wonford 'B', and Shebbear and Anstey. In the semi-finals Shebbear played Totnes and Moretonhampstead played Wonford 'A'. After an excellent final Wonford 'A' proved just a little too strong for Shebbear so after a gap of two years the trophy returned to Maggie Smith and Marie Toleman from Wonford SMBC. Well done to everyone who played, it was a lovely day with a very friendly atmosphere. Thanks to everyone who helped cook and serve the excellent lunch of homemade soup and French bread, followed by cheese and biscuits and fruit. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year.

### Silverton SMBC

The 2013 Silverton Invitation Triples Competition took place in March following a successful competition last year. Our Committee decided to make the competition an Annual event. This year, twelve teams, playing in three groups of four took part. The group winners, runners-up and two best third place teams contested the quarter finals. This resulted in Anstey playing Sidbury in the semi-finals, despite a heavy score against them on one end, Sidbury fought back, however Anstey progressed to the Final. The other semi-final resulted in Wonford defeating Beer Mariners. The final produced some great bowls by both teams, with Anstey winning a close match to take the trophy. Silverton intend to hold next year's competition for the benefit of a charity. Daniel Gooding, Silverton SMBC

## County Competitions 2013/14

We look forward to lots of entries in the County competitions in the coming season. They are open to all registered members of the County and even if you are fairly new to bowling then you will still gain from the experience. Obviously there can only be one winner but if you play in the right spirit then you will enjoy the day.

Your Secretary will be informed of the dates when you are playing and should pass the information on to the players that have entered, but it is still your responsibility to make a note of these dates when you enter. The dates and contact numbers are all on the information sent out and are also on the web-site so please use these or telephone any members of the Committee if you have any problems. The Competitions Secretary works very hard to organise the day and when players do not turn up on the morning it presents a lot of problems for both the person running the competition and the other players on that day.

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